

### Implementation Update

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#### Construction Update:

The Wheel Gulch rehabilitation project downstream of Junction City is 90% complete as of the first week of September. Currently all earthwork has been completed and the split flow channel and the low flow side channel areas have been successfully connected back to the main river. The only outstanding construction item is the revegetation/seeding, which will take place at the end of October. The contractor, T.L. Peterson (Red Bluff) has done an excellent job this year controlling the turbidity and maintaining a clean separation of the off-channel construction features with the Trinity River mainstem area. All wood structures and woody debris have been installed and fish are already using the site for habitat. Hats off to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) engineer, Scott Kennedy, for the development of a well designed project and his collaboration throughout the lengthy process. The RIG team should also be commended for the successful implementation of the first Phase II project site and for keeping the project on-budget, ahead of schedule, development of successful landowner negotiations/relations, and for maintaining turbidity levels well below the permit requirements.

#### Design Team/Short Term Implementation Plan (2012):

The Design Team convened in August and gained its momentum back as strong and solid team ready for new challenges in the upcoming fiscal year. The Design Team also had the opportunity to tour the recent 2010 project sites (Lowden Ranch, Trinity House Gulch, and Reading Creek) and were able to document observations of the dramatic evolution that has taken place at these sites since the 11,000 cfs high flow release. The Design Team discussed and gained consensus to move forward into Phase II implementation while applying new lessons learned from the recent high flows. The Design Team has developed a "Short Term Implementation Plan" to move forward into 2012 and have selected Upper Junction City (UJC) and Lower Steiner Flat (LSF) as its primary sites to construct next year. Upper Rush Creek (Phase I site that has been on-hold due to landowner constraints) has been reconsidered as a backup project if landowner negotiations can be established.

#### Phase I Review Update

During the TMC teleconference on 8-18-11 there was concern expressed that the Phase I Review process was not moving forward at the rate and priority level necessary. The TRRP program office heard the TMC's concern and aggressively acted upon their recommendation to move this forward and gain some momentum. We have drafted a planning and guidance document that has been discussed with the SAB. The members of the SAB have given us full commitment that they will oversee and take on responsibility for this endeavor and will begin by developing a draft scope of work that will be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Once the SAB formulates/designs a draft scope of work, the TRRP program partners will have opportunity to review and provide input from each organization. The program office is now in the final contracting stages with an independent "support contractor" to provide technical assistance support to the SAB. This contractor will provide all necessary evaluation, and analysis to carry out the scope of work determined by the SAB in coordination with the TRRP program partners.

#### Float Trip with the Guides

A group from Trinity River Guide Association and TRRP program partners (13 total) floated together from Lewiston (Diversion Pool/New Bridge) area to Steel Bridge on 8-22-11. There has been a four page document of notes developed on observation, questions, and discussion items that is currently out for review to participants.