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December 13, 2011

Brian Person, Chair
Trinity Management Council
c/o Trinity River Restoration Program office
P.O. Box 1300, Weaverville CA 96093

Dear Mr. Person and TMC members,

On December 9, after extensive discussion of the channel rehabilitation projects proposed for implementation in 2012, the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group passed a motion recommending that the TMC

direct the Trinity River Restoration Program to proceed with the 2012 projects (Lower Steiner Flat, Upper Junction City and Indian Creek) after consultation with concerned stakeholders. The TRRP should continue with Phase I review as planned, while publicly providing the timeline for the review now, a status update by March, and to be completed in July. This does not include a decision on gravel injections as the TAMWG asks that the results of the gravel analysis be brought before them before any gravel injections are performed.

This motion passed with unanimous support. It differs from an earlier unsuccessful motion by the inclusion of the recommended consultation, which was understood at the time of the vote to mean: a meeting. In the discussions, some members indicated support for further adjusting gravel amounts, side-channel lengths, and/or the use of large wood, but the group ended up agreeing to refrain from trying to prescribe design features. All members expect that channel projects for 2013 and beyond will be designed in conformance with the findings and recommendations of a completed Phase 1 review.

Also on December 9, the TAMWG approved a recommendation that the TMC request a written solicitor's opinion on TRRP's liabilities and responsibilities with regard to public safety issues that may be associated with program use or management of large wood in the river channel.

Finally, the TAMWG passed a motion recommending that the TMC and the Executive Director provide timely written responses to written communications from stakeholders and from the public, giving, at a minimum, a timeline for the expected substantive response.

As usual, I'll be happy to further discuss TAMWG's views on these topics at your upcoming December 14-15 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arnold Whitridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Arnold Whitridge
TAMWG chair