



Trinity River Restoration Program

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Ms. Elizabeth Hadley, Chair
Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group
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Subject: Response to your June 2015 letter

Dear Chairwoman Hadley,

Thank you for your June 22, 2015 letter to the Trinity Management Council (TMC) summarizing the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group's (TAMWG) June 16-17, 2015 meeting. I enjoyed joining you on June 16 to meet new TAMWG members and answer questions from the group.

Each recommendation from your letter is paraphrased below in italics, followed by our response:

1. *...recommends that the TMC update the definition of TAMWG to reflect the language from the TAMWG Charter.*

The TMC reviewed the changes to the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) communication guidelines during the June TMC meeting. The TMC is comfortable with the change of the definition of TAMWG in the guidelines and the group did not feel it was necessary to revote on approval of the guidelines. It is my understanding that Justin Day of your staff has updated the language and provided a new copy of the communication guidelines to the TMC and TAMWG.

2. *...recommends that the TMC not hold closed executive sessions unless they adopt the Brown Act criteria as part of their bylaws.*

While the TMC understands that TAMWG recommends the TMC should follow the Brown Act, legal advice from counsel of the State of California and NOAA Fisheries indicates that the TMC is not bound by the Brown Act. The TMC is unlikely to constrain itself to the Brown Act given that legal advice. As I stated at your June 16, 2015 meeting, and reiterated at the August 13, 2015 Joint TAMWG/TMC meeting, the TMC would take steps such as making subject matter for any

closed door sessions available to the public, not take any votes during closed door sessions, and report on any outcomes. Several TMC members feel issues of a sensitive nature can arise from time to time which could be more effectively addressed in a smaller, more focused closed door setting. At the TMC's June meeting, consensus was not reached on appropriate language in the TMC bylaws to allow for closed door meetings, but the matter will be taken up at a future TMC meeting.

3. *...requests that the TMC obtain and share the latest water year forecast.*

I assume the TAMWG meant "*operational forecast*," not "*water year forecast*," as the final water year forecasts are made in April by Reclamation based on the forecasted Trinity River basin yield upstream of Trinity Dam by California Department of Water Resources. On July 28, 2015 I forwarded several documents to both you and Tom Stokely via email regarding the latest model runs from Reclamation on Trinity Reservoir cold water pool availability and temperature modeling, as well as a discussion about 2015 Reclamation operations for the Trinity River Division.

4. *...recommends that the TMC recommend that the Bureau of Reclamation limit Trinity River diversions to the Sacramento River this year to minimum amounts necessary in order to meet Trinity River Basin temperature objectives.*

Several TMC members share the concern of the majority opinion of TAMWG regarding temperature issues in the Trinity River. To that end, at the March 2015 TMC meeting, the TMC passed a motion stating in part- "...The TMC further urges the BOR to pursue all other options to preserve the cold water pool to meet Trinity River temperature objectives for the remainder of the year."

The TMC was glad to have the opportunity at the August 13, 2015 joint TMC/TAMWG meeting to see familiar TAMWG members, meet new TAMWG members and individuals from the public, tour and discuss the design features at the lower Junction City site, and look for ways to improve our communication process. The TMC looks forward to more collaboration with TAMWG in the future on these and other important topics.

Sincerely,



Seth Naman, Chair
Trinity Management Council