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Mr. Michael Long  
Chairman, Trinity Management Council  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1655 Heindon Road  
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Subject: Trinity River Restoration Program Funding Support

Dear Mr. Long:

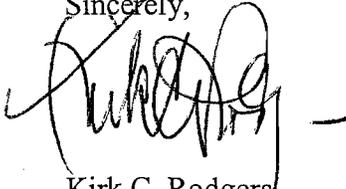
Thank you for your July 27, 2006, letter concerning the fiscal year 2007 budget for the Trinity River Restoration Program (Program). It has been very gratifying for both of us over the past many years to support the outstanding restoration work of the Program, and we have been pleased to note its many achievements thus far. We are aware that additional funding would allow us to more rapidly achieve the goals of the Program. Nonetheless, in the face of competing national priorities for Federal dollars, we believe the high level of funding received by the Program demonstrates the Administration's commitment to the Program's continued progress.

Your letter specifically requests that \$2 million from the fiscal year 2007 Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund be provided to the Program. Restoration Fund dollars are used for a variety of important restoration projects, many of which, unlike the Program, do not receive other Federal appropriations. While the Program could certainly put additional funds to excellent use, we must ensure that other critical restoration work in California is accomplished as well. We will give further consideration to your request for Restoration Fund dollars, but because the demands on the Restoration Fund far outstrip its resources, we respectfully advise the Trinity Management Council to proceed with the appropriate allocation of funding levels included in the President's fiscal year 2007 budget.

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Again, thank you for keeping us abreast of the Program's status. We remain committed to maintaining Program funding at as high a level as other budget constraints allow because of the excellent work being accomplished by the Program.

Sincerely,



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Regional Director  
Mid-Pacific Region  
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