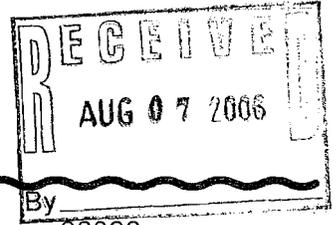




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Dear Sirs:

The Trinity Management Council (TMC) is appreciative of the funding and support that we receive from your agencies to implement the 2000 Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program (Program). This support has helped us make substantial progress toward implementing the ROD per the Secretary of the Interior's directive. The ROD recognized full implementation of the Program would be subject to funding appropriations, and in fact, budget constraints have caused the time frame for implementation of the ROD to fall behind the schedule that was envisioned by the Secretary in 2000. Projections for the FY07 budget would exacerbate this delay.

At our June 2006 meeting, the TMC was challenged with developing a budget for FY07 that falls short of what is necessary to meet the implementation schedule described in the ROD. At projected funding levels it is simply not possible to maintain all aspects of the Program, such as implementation of channel restoration sites, completion of floodplain infrastructure modifications, watershed and tributary restoration, and implementation of the science framework necessary for an Adaptive Environmental Assessment Program. The TMC has postponed the adoption of the FY07 budget with the hope that additional funding will be found to sustain the recent progress that has been made by the Program.

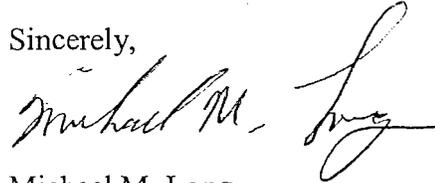
While the Program received \$2 million of Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Funds during FY2006, it appears that there are currently no FY07 CVPIA funds targeted for the Program. Given that a substantial portion of the CVPIA Restoration Fund is generated from Trinity River water, this seems to be an excellent source of funding to restore the Trinity River.

During our June meeting, the TMC considered a motion to write a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation and the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) requesting support for full implementation of the Program as envisioned by the schedule in the ROD. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Reclamation was absent, and the Service abstained). Therefore, on behalf of the TMC I respectfully submit this letter to you requesting your support to fully fund the implementation of the ROD. In particular, the TMC requests your support for funding of the

Program in FY07 at the level identified in the FY06 President's budget for Reclamation and the Service, including \$2 million from the FY07 Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Funds.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you and your staff as we seek to ensure the full implementation of the 2000 ROD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael M. Long". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Michael M. Long
Chairman, TMC

cc: Exec. Dir., Trinity River Restoration Program, Weaverville, CA