

Summary of the 7/27/04 Minutes of the Trinity Management Council

Location: Conference Call

Purpose: Review and Approve High Priority First Quarter FY 2005 Projects

Irma Lagomarsino moved that Doug should contact GSA and start the process to expand the office. Tom Stokely seconded the motion. Approval was 6-0.

Neil M. moved to approve these six items (Tribal harvest survey (\$150,000); Angler harvest (\$100,000); Run size estimates/weirs (\$510,000); Carcass/redd surveys (\$150,000); scale analysis (\$90,000); tag decoding (\$16,000). including the increase for the carcass surveys (total of \$1,061,000)). Dave Hillemeier seconded the motion. Approval was 6-0.

Tom Stokely moved to approve stream gauging (\$322,000); sediment monitoring (\$250,000); hydrology study (\$50,000); HEC-RAS model (\$145,000); Pilot LIDAR (\$100,000) - (these last three are needed for floodplain structure inventory/planning/design leading to corrective action prior to ROD flows); Hamilton Pond O&M/dredging (\$50,000 winter storms only) for a total of \$1,917,000. Neil Manji seconded. Approved 6-0 with one abstention (George Kautsky dialed in late and abstained since he didn't hear the full discussion).

Tom Stokely moved to approve the other Herpetological and Avian species monitoring projects (total of \$255,000). Neil Manji seconded. Approval was 6-1, with Kautsky for HVT voting no, meeting the by-law requirements for 6 affirmative votes when 7 are present.

The TMC decided to have a conference call/meeting on August 2, 2004 at 2 pm to on the August 15-September 15 flow schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Minutes of the 7/27/04 Trinity Management Council Meeting

Date: July 27, 2004

Location: Conference Call and TRRP Conference Room

Purpose: Review and Approve High Priority First Quarter FY 2005 Projects

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, prior to the call Mary Ellen Mueller requested that Doug facilitate the discussion. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by facilitator Doug Schleusner. A roll call resulted in the following:

TMC Members Participating: Russell Smith for Mike Ryan (Chair, BOR), Irma Lagomarsino (NOAA Fisheries), Sharon Heywood (USFS), George Kautsky for Mike Orcutt (Hoopa Valley Tribe) (later in the meeting), Dave Hillemeier for Troy Fletcher (Yurok Tribe), Neil Manji (State of California) and Tom Stokely for Ralph Modine, Trinity County.

Others Participating: Doug Schleusner, Andreas Krause, Robert Sullivan, Priscilla Henson, and Scott Crawford, TRRP Staff; with Arnold Whitridge and Curtis Anderson calling in.

Doug asked what the objectives are for the meeting, what is the TMC trying to accomplish?

Neil Manji said the conference call is necessary for 1st quarter projects need to get started, including office expansion. He's willing to go forward on that.

There are \$7.8 million in 1st quarter requests, with a projected budget of approximately \$11 million. Doug reviewed responses from TMC and staff regarding top priority 1st quarter projects/tasks as shown in the spreadsheet prepared by Priscilla. Review and action on the list was primary purpose of the call, not that financial agreements would actually be executed on October 1, but TMC approval is needed to provide assurance so that partners can make firm plans to hire field crews, etc. for the October - December field season.

Hillemeier said there was more on the list than what he had envisioned at last meeting. Maybe he wasn't clear in his request.

It was noted that many costs will go for the entire year, not just the first quarter. For inriver work, redd surveys, etc., you have to have crews staffed up and ready to go when the fish are there.

Doug pointed out need to move quickly on office expansion (for additional TMAG staff) due to recent activity in the complex, and only one space remaining. Question was asked about cost. Estimate is very preliminary until GSA initiates formal action, but build out (one-time cost) should be \$50,000 to \$100,000 with annual lease costs of \$20,000 to \$30,000. **Irma Lagomarsino moved that Doug should contact GSA and start the process to expand the office. Tom Stokely seconded the motion. Approval was 6-0.**

Dave Hillemeier. stated "don't hold back" on any actions needed to complete bridge mods and other infrastructure issues should proceed. There was no formal vote, but the general sentiment of the group was affirmative.

There was a discussion about personnel costs and the 3 new proposed positions, TMC program participation, the ESSA database, etc. that may not be as urgent as other items. Tom Stokely and several others suggested that this should wait until the Sept. 29-30 TMC meeting.

Most projects of concern seemed to revolve around the fall-run tasks, including: Tribal harvest survey (\$150,000); Angler harvest (\$100,000); Run size estimates/weirs (\$510,000); Carcass/redd surveys (\$150,000); scale analysis (\$90,000); tag decoding (\$16,000). Several commented on need to bring carcass survey budget item up to FY04 level of \$195,000. **Neil M. moved to approve these six items including the increase for the carcass surveys (total of \$1,061,000). Dave Hillemeier seconded the motion. Approval was 6-0.**

Andreas pointed out the need to also consider other non-fish 1st quarter tasks, such as sediment monitoring (winter storm events, etc.). He reviewed the following items: stream gauging (\$322,000); sediment monitoring (\$250,000); hydrology study (\$50,000); HEC-RAS model (\$145,000); Pilot LIDAR (\$100,000) - (these last three are needed for floodplain structure inventory/planning/design leading to corrective action prior to ROD flows); Hamilton Pond O&M/dredging (\$50,000 winter storms only). These tasks add up to \$917,000. Subsequent discussion focused on other RIG items related to bridges: contract mods for Salt Flat/Biggers (\$100,000); balance of contract for Poker Bar/Bucktail (\$900,000). **Tom Stokely moved to approve all of the above (total of \$1,917,000). Neil Manji seconded. Approved 6-0 with one abstention (George Kautsky. dialed in late and abstained since he didn't hear the full discussion).**

Motion passes.

It was decided not to deal with personnel until the September meeting.

Bob Sullivan reviewed three items he believed necessary for 1st quarter action: riparian recruitment model (\$65,000); avian sp. monitoring (\$155,000); Herp sp. monitoring (\$100,000). These last two are needed for NEPA/CEQA compliance and rehab site pre-construction monitoring. Following discussion, the group felt action on the riparian recruitment model could wait until the September meeting. **Tom Stokely moved to approve the other Herpetological and Avian species monitoring projects (total of \$255,000). Neil Manji seconded. Approval was 6-1, with Kautsky for HVT voting no, meeting the by-law requirements for 6 affirmative votes when 7 are present.**

Motion passes.

Hillemeier said the TMC needs to talk more about in September about baseline issues on birds and riparian vegetation.

The total of all tasks approved = \$3,303,000 (includes estimate of \$70,000 for office expansion). This total does not include other RIG and TMAG tasks that could wait until later in the fiscal year, or Program Adm costs such as staff salary, TMC program participation, TAMWG support, etc.

Doug said he has adequate direction needed for budget purposes. The other item pending is scheduling a conference call to consider recommendations on fall flows.

Andreas said BOR is working on an EA for the fall flows. Water (24,000 af) has already been purchased and there is 13,000 AF carried over from the previous year. There is a meeting on Thursday (7/29) of fisheries biologists and tech reps. of the TMC, agencies and TAMWG members to develop recommendations for fall flows.

There was a general discussion of Trinity and Klamath releases for the August 15- September 15 period. The Trinity flows must drop back to base flows by Sept. 15 so that spring chinook do not spawn in areas which would be dewatered after flows go down.

It was determined that August 2 would be best, with an afternoon session. The Conference call will start at 2 pm. Background information will be sent out ahead of time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.