

POTABLE WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out the form by typing or printing clearly. Use as many supplemental sheets as necessary if you cannot fill out the information directly on the application form.

- Applicant Name and Address:** Please be sure to clearly fill out this section out and provide as much information as possible. If you are an **authorized agent**, please check the box and attach the signed agent's authorization form, but also include all landowners' signatures in the item below.
- Ownership Information:** Please include all information about property ownership. If you do NOT own the property and are not authorized to apply on behalf of the property owner, your application will be considered ineligible.
- Assistance Applied For:** Please indicate if you are applying for assistance for a potable water system, sewage disposal system, or both.

Please fill out information on applicable system and include as much information as possible. **If facilities are not located adjacent to the river or not on your property, please be sure to include proof of water right, easement, use permit, etc. to document legal use of property and/or water.** Use additional sheets, if necessary.

- Describe how your system has been or will be adversely affected by increased flow releases in the Trinity River that began on May 3, 2006, for fishery restoration purposes:** This section is extremely important in evaluating your application to determine program eligibility. In particular, you should clearly identify how your potable water or sewage disposal system was damaged by fishery flow releases. If you have not yet been, but feel that you are at risk of being adversely affected by future fishery flows, please thoroughly explain your reasons. Please use additional sheets, photographs, etc. if necessary.
- Prior Financial Assistance:** Please indicate if you have received prior financial assistance from the Trinity River Restoration Program for repairs/replacement of you potable water or sewage disposal system.
- Signatures:** Please have all property owners sign the application form. They may add additional comments below, or on a supplemental sheet of paper.
- Special Guidelines/Information:** If you are eligible for the program and determined to be qualified, you will be asked to sign and allow recordation of a document on your property title that indemnifies the federal government of any future liability related to your potable water and/or sewage disposal system. A sample "*Agreement, Accord and Satisfaction*" is attached for your information.

See attached Definitions for additional information.

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DEFINITIONS

Eligible: You are considered eligible upon receipt of written notification from the Trinity County Planning Department Natural Resources Division.

Qualified: If you are determined eligible, in order to qualify, you must submit to the Trinity County Grant Administrator (GA) a conceptual design and cost estimate signed by a licensed contractor or licensed engineer. Designs and cost estimates will be reviewed by the GA and a designated representative of the United States for conformance with the intent of the program and to ensure funding availability. Applicants will be informed in writing by Trinity County if and/or when they are deemed qualified for financial assistance. This correspondence will contain further instructions for the applicant. The date that the applicant is determined as “qualified” will be used to establish the basis for “first come-first served”

Reimbursement: The United States will reimburse qualified applicants up to the limit of their qualified cost estimate based on paid invoices provided by the applicant. Paid invoices will be submitted to Trinity County for final review within 12 months from the date Trinity County notifies the applicant, in writing, that the applicant is qualified for financial assistance. In the event a qualified applicant fails to provide paid invoices within 12 months, financial assistance may be forfeited and given to another qualified applicant. All items in a cost estimate may not qualify for reimbursement. Reimbursement may take up to 60 days to process.

Waiver of Liability: In order for paid invoices to be reimbursed, the applicant must sign a waiver of liability document (Agreement, Accord and Satisfaction) relieving the United States of any future liability associated with the potable water system and/or sewage disposal system for the affected parcel. Once executed, this document will be recorded with the Trinity County Recorder’s Office and shall become a public record, applicable to the property and all future owners.

Permit Requirements: Applicants must obtain and comply with all local, state and federal permitting requirements for the work to be completed. Applicants who do not comply with all permit requirements will not be reimbursed for financial assistance under this program, even if previously determined eligible and qualified.

Fishery Flow Releases: The releases from Lewiston Dam made in accordance with the December 2000 Record of Decision for the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration EA/EIR for the purpose of restoring the anadromous fishery of the Trinity River. These releases generally occur between the months of April through July of each year based upon water year type. They are separate and apart from Safety-of-Dams releases which may occur at any time for water management purposes associated with dam facility protection and/or flood control.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Purpose:

To allow landowners to receive financial assistance to relocate, replace, modify, or otherwise improve their private potable water and sewage disposal systems, required as a result of implementation of restoration flows associated with the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP).

POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS: Up to a maximum of \$10,000 per each improved parcel

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS: Up to a maximum of \$5,000 per each improved parcel

Potable Water Systems:

To be eligible for potable water system financial assistance, applicants must:

- be U.S. Citizens or legal residents.
- own land in fee simple in Trinity County upon which they own and operate an existing potable water system (water suitable for drinking and cooking) that utilizes surface or subsurface waters of the Trinity River.
- have legal access to the water source demonstrated through fee simple ownership or a long-term lease (10 years or longer) of the water extraction site and conveyance lands, and/or a deeded easement, and/or use permit(s).
- be legally-permitted according to Trinity County's Building and Planning requirements to operate the potable water system.

This program is limited to potable water systems adjacent to and/or that divert surface or subsurface waters of the Trinity River between River Mile 111.8 (downstream of Lewiston Dam) and River Mile 72.6 (upstream of the confluence with the North Fork Trinity River). Applicants must:

- certify that their potable water system was constructed prior to January 1, 2005.
- certify that their potable water system was operational during the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.
- demonstrate that their potable water system will be or has been adversely affected by increased flows released for fishery restoration purposes beginning on April 22, 2006 from Lewiston Dam in accordance with the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report signed by the Secretary of the Interior December 19, 2000.

Sewage Disposal Systems:

To be eligible for sewage disposal system financial assistance, applicants must:

- be U.S. Citizens or legal residents.
- own land in fee simple in Trinity County upon which they own and operate an existing sewage disposal system (which may be composed of, but not limited to, septic tank, leach field and appurtenant pump, piping and valves); or
- have all or a portion of their sewage disposal system on adjacent lands with a long-term lease (10 or more years), deeded easement and/or use permit.
- be legally-permitted according to Trinity County's Building and Planning requirements to operate the sewage disposal system.

This program is limited to sewage disposal systems located on land within the Trinity River floodplain between River Mile 111.8 (downstream of Lewiston Dam) and River Mile 72.6 (upstream of the confluence with the North Fork Trinity River), where the bottom of the sewage disposal system leach field trench is within five (5) vertical feet of the Extremely Wet Fishery Flow water surface elevation with 10 year tributary inflows (11,000 cubic feet per second plus 10 year tributaries); and/or the leach field is within one hundred (100) horizontal feet of the Extremely Wet Fishery Flow with 10 year tributary inflows (11,000 cubic feet per second plus 10 year tributaries) per the requirements of the "*Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*" by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Applicants must:

- certify that their sewage disposal system was obtained, installed and operated under all necessary permits from Trinity County prior to January 1, 2005.
- certify that their sewage disposal system was operational during the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.
- demonstrate that their sewage disposal system will be or has been adversely affected by increased flows released for fishery restoration purposes beginning on April 22, 2006 from Lewiston Dam in accordance with the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report signed by the Secretary of the Interior December 19, 2000.

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Applicants may receive financial assistance only one time per system for capital improvements.

This Assistance Program is being administered by Trinity County with funds appropriated by the United States Department of Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation's Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP).

Availability of funding under this Assistance Program is contingent upon Congress making the necessary appropriations.

The terms and conditions of the Assistance Program are subject to change.

Special Considerations for Low Income Applicants:

Special considerations may be available for low income residents as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations. As of March 8, 2006, the maximum annual income households can earn and still qualify as a low-income household is:

- 1 person household: \$28,450
- 2 person household: \$32,500
- 3 person household: \$36,600
- 4 person household: \$40,650
- 5 person household: \$43,900
- 6 person household: \$47,150
- 7 person household: \$50,400
- 8 person household: \$53,650

POTENTIAL PERMITS, FEES, AND CONTACT INFORMATION
(All permits listed below may not necessarily be required)

Trinity County Planning Department: (530) 623-1351 ext. 1

60 Glen Road, PO Box 2819
Weaverville, CA 96093

- Floodplain Development Permit \$385

For information on permit requirements, please contact the Planning Department.

Trinity County Building and Development Services Department & Environmental Health Department:

60 Glen Road, PO Box 476
Weaverville, CA 96093

Building & Development Services: (530) 623-1354 ext. 1

- Electrical permit = \$92. However, may vary.

Environmental Health Department: (530) 623-1469 ext. 1

- Replacement of sewage disposal system \$663
- Repair of existing sewage disposal system \$248
- New Well Fee (over 25' deep only- doesn't apply to shallow seep wells) \$165

For information on permit requirements, please contact the Building and Development Service Department and/or the Environmental Health Department.

California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreement:

- \$200 if the project costs less than \$5,000.
- \$250 if the project costs from \$5,000 to less than \$10,000.
- \$500 if the project costs from \$10,000 to less than \$25,000.

For information, contact DFG in Redding at 530-225-2367, 601 Locust St., Redding, 96001, or go to <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/1600/>

Bureau of Land Management, 530 224-2184

355 Hemsted Way, Redding 96002

- Right of Way Use Permit

State Water Resources Control Board; 916-341-5300 or 916-341-5362

P.O. Box 2000, 1001 I St., Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 or see <http://waterrights.ca.gov>

- Water Right Permit, Small Domestic System

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 707- 576-2801

5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

- 401 Water Quality Certification

Army Corps of Engineers, 707-443-0855

P.O. Box 4863, Eureka, CA 95502

- Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit