

Draft Agenda  
**TRINITY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
 Red Lion Inn, Eureka, CA  
 June 21-22, 2005

**Tuesday, June 21, 2005**

| <b><u>Time</u></b>              | <b><u>Topic, Purpose and/or<br/>Decision to be Made</u></b>                                                                                                                                           | <b><u>Discussion Leader</u></b>                                         |
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| <b><u>Regular Business:</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| 12:30                           | <b>Introduction:</b> Validate agenda items; Approve TMC Minutes for 4/14/05 (and prior meetings)                                                                                                      | Mike Long, Vice-Chair                                                   |
| 12:45                           | <b>Open Forum:</b> Comments from the public                                                                                                                                                           | Mike Long                                                               |
| 1:00                            | <b>Report from TMC Chair:</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | Mike Long                                                               |
| 1:15                            | <b>Report from TAMWG Chair:</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | Arnold Whitridge                                                        |
| 1:30                            | <b>Report from Executive Director:</b> Program updates                                                                                                                                                | Doug Schleusner                                                         |
| <b><u>Information Item:</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| 2:00                            | <b>Update on July 13-14<sup>th</sup> Principals Conference</b><br><i>Discuss draft agenda topics, desired outcomes, roles of participants, TMC support, field tour, other logistics</i>               | Doug Schleusner                                                         |
| <b>2:30 Break</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| <b><u>Information Item:</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| 2:45                            | <b>Sediment Monitoring Contract</b><br><i>Overview of process, objectives, and results to date</i>                                                                                                    | Andreas Krause                                                          |
| <b><u>Information Item:</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| 3:15                            | <b>Update on Potential Late Summer Flows</b><br><i>Criteria for determining onset of die-off conditions;<br/>Present conditions, Acquisition of water by<br/>Reclamation; Monitoring coordination</i> | Mike Long<br>Katharine Carter (KFHAT?)<br>Pablo Arroyave<br>Rod Wittler |
| 4:30                            | <b>Adjourn for the day</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | Mike Long                                                               |

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

| <u>Time</u>                              | <u>Topic, Purpose and/or<br/>Decision to be Made</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <u>Discussion Leader</u>                                       |
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| <b><u>Action Item 1<sup>1</sup>:</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| 8:30                                     | <b>FY2006 Budget</b><br><i>Review, modify (if necessary), and approve budget for<br/>FY2006 program of work</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of budget picture</li><li>• Details of Implementation Budget (RIG)</li><li>• Details of Modeling &amp; Analysis Budget (TMAG)</li><li>• Details of Program Administration Budget</li></ul>                                           | Doug Schleusner<br>Ed Solbos<br>Rod Wittler<br>Doug Schleusner |
| <b>10:30 Break</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| <b><u>Action Item 1:</u></b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| 10:45                                    | <b>FY2006 Budget (cont.)</b><br><i>Review, modify (if necessary), and approve budget for<br/>FY2006 program of work</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TMC discussion and decision</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mike Long                                                      |
| <b>12:30 Lunch</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| <b><u>Action Item 2:</u></b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| 1:45                                     | <b>Full ROD Program Cost Estimates</b><br><i>Review and discuss full implementation budgets</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview, continued updates/refinements</li><li>• Concept of supplemental appropriation for<br/>realty costs and structure modifications</li><li>• Other sources of funding, Principals Conference</li><li>• Future agency budget requests (FY2008)</li></ul> | Doug Schleusner<br>TMC members<br>TRRP staff                   |
| <b>3:00 Break</b>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| <b><u>Information Item:</u></b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| 3:15                                     | <b>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Budget</b><br><i>Explanation of budget request and funding allocation<br/>process for Trinity River activities (tentative)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mike Long                                                      |
| <b><u>Regular Business:</u></b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
| 3:30                                     | <b>Open Forum:</b> Comments from the public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mike Long                                                      |
| 3:45                                     | <b>Calendars:</b> Confirm next meeting date and location<br>(Tentatively September __ at Weaverville)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mike Long                                                      |
| 4:00                                     | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Mike Long                                                      |

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to attached briefing paper for more information.

## **Briefing Paper for Action Item 1: FY2006 Budget**

Decision to be made: *Review, modify (if necessary), and approve budget for FY2006 program of work.*

**Background:** The TRRP staff and technical representatives of the TAMWG and TMC (informally known as the “B-Team”) met on May 5 and June 2 to discuss work priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. These meetings and a presentation to the TAMWG on June 13 provide the foundation for the current TRRP-recommended program of work which will be reviewed, potentially modified, and ultimately approved by the TMC. The most current draft budget spreadsheet and set of project descriptions was emailed to all program participants on June 9 and 10, 2005.

Our best available funding estimate still comes from the FY2006 President’s Budget. The estimate of Reclamation appropriations has been changed slightly to match the \$7.064 million actually stated in budget documents (previously rounded to \$7.0 million). Other sources continue to be \$2 million from the CVPIA Restoration Fund and an estimated \$1.6 million from the Fish and Wildlife Service. There are no funding commitments from other Program partners at this time. This gives us a planning target of \$10.664 million. The House of Representatives completed action on both the Interior & Related (FES) and Energy & Water (Reclamation) appropriation bills in May, and referred them to the Senate. A Senate version of the Interior appropriations bill advanced to the full Senate on June 9. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water forwarded an approved mark-up to the full committee on June 14 for consideration.

**Issue:** In order to fully implement unimpeded peak releases outlined in the ROD (8500 cfs and 11,000 cfs), sufficient funding must be provided to remove or modify the remaining floodplain structures at risk. At the same time, significant construction contract obligations that were deferred from FY2005 into FY2006 (about \$2 million) must be addressed in order to prevent the rehabilitation site schedule from slipping. As the Scientific Framework moves toward completion and an integrated monitoring plan evolves, preliminary findings suggest some realignment of TMAG tasks will be necessary. These competing priorities must be managed in the context of flat or potentially declining budgets, and in a way that gets funding to implementing agencies and tribes as early in the fiscal year as possible. Approving the budget in June is critical if we are to meet deadlines for submitting tribal annual funding agreements (AFAs) to Congress for a mandated 90-day review period which should be completed by the start of the new fiscal year (October 1).

**Recommendation:** There have been relatively few changes from the spreadsheet dated May 27 (discussed on June 2) and the current version dated June 9 (presented to TAMWG on June 13). The TAMWG unanimously endorsed the budget presented to them on that date. This office continues to believe that implementation activities should receive a significant emphasis over the next three years. We initially proposed that the Implementation Branch receive 50 percent of the available funding to complete floodplain structure modifications needed to accommodate 11,000 cfs flows by 2006, while continuing to move forward with Phase 1 channel rehab sites for completion by 2008. We also believe that Program Administration costs should be limited to no more than 20 percent of total funding. The remaining 30 percent would be directed at mission critical Modeling and Analysis activities. In this revised proposal, Program Administration accounts for 17.7 %, RIG activities require 48.6 %, and the TMAG portion of the budget comes in at 33.7 %. As requested by the TMC on April 15, we have developed and continue to improve upon cost estimates for full implementation of actions identified in the ROD for FY2006 to FY2008. As new or improved information becomes available we will continue to update these estimated costs.