

TRINITY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 23, 2008

Attendees: Mike Long, FWS, Chair  
Brian Person, USBR, Vice-Chair  
Bill Brock, USFS  
Gary Stacey, DFG  
Dave Hillemeier, Yurok Tribe  
Mike Orcutt, Hoopa Valley Tribe  
Irma Lagomarsino, NOAA Fisheries  
Tom Stokely, Trinity County  
Doug Schleusner, Executive Director  
Arnold Whitridge, TAMWG Chair

Other Attendees: Andrea Davis, Tom Wesloh, George Kautsky, Mike Berry, Don Reck, Teresa Conner, Jennifer Faler, Joe Polos, Gil Saliba, Tim Hayden, Robert Franklin, Ed Duggan, Larry Hansen, Deanna Jackson

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Gary Stacey, California Department of Fish and Game, was introduced. He will be representing the California Resources Agency on the TMC. Gary will be replacing Larry Hansen and Teresa Conner, Department of Water Resources, will remain the alternate.

**Motions:**

1. Motion made by Tom Stokely to approve all minutes, second by Dave Hillemeier, with minor changes. **Motion** passes to 8-0
2. Motion made by Dave Hillemeier, second by Tom Stokely – The TMC send letter to the Secretary of Interior to urge that TAMWG appointments and renewal of charter occur as quickly as possible. **Motion** passed 8-0.
3. Motion made by Tom Stokely, second by Irma Lagomarsino – The TMC operates under a simple majority vote for a 1 year trial period starting at the December meeting. **Motion** fails 3-5
4. Motion by Irma Lagomarsino, second by Tom Stokely – TMC will use a facilitated process to explore issues and possible solutions to the challenges identified in CDR Report within the next 3 months contingent upon funding for facilitator. In addition to procurement of services, FWS and BOR representatives shall apprise CDR of recent discussions that have been held with the Interior agencies Regional Director's, TAMWG, TMC, etc. **Motion** passed 7-1

**Summary of Action Items:**

1. Add to December meeting Agenda – In depth discussion of pausing construction projects and re-evaluating.

2. Add to December meeting Agenda – Central Valley Operations questions and answers (invite CVO to meeting)

**Validate Agenda** – One change to the agenda. The fish habitat assessment update at 11:00 a.m. was removed due to workload and vacations. IAP status report will move to that time slot.

Tom Stokeley asked to have 10 minutes before or after lunch to mention the issue of moving the Trinity River Resource Library to the UC Berkeley Water Resources Archives.

Mike Orcutt did not have internet access and was not up to date on the agenda.

**TMC Minutes:**

Tom Stokely moved to approve all minutes, Dave Hillemeier seconded it. There were a few minor changes in past meeting minutes. Motion passed 8-0

**Open Forum (comments from the public)** – none

**Report from TAMWG (Arnold Whitridge):**

Mike Long explained the situation with the Charter and membership renewal. TAMWG is not empowered and cannot meet until the Charter is in place.

TAMWG's fear is that this will continue to bounce from desk to desk in Washington and asks that the TMC help to move this along.

TAMWG did get an update on the IAP. They feel the TMC should clarify policies.

Mike Long and Brian Person presented their talk on the Mission Alignment Alternative. TAMWG is puzzled how this would work, for example, contracting, workgroups, etc.

TAMWG does want the TMC to be a functional policy decision body.

The question was raised by Mike Orcutt, whether there was a response to previous correspondence regarding hatchery/reservoir level issues. The TMC made a commitment to respond. There should be discussion and action, better follow-up and closure of flagged items.

Discussion on the TAMWG Charter and memberships. Mike Long contacted FWS Liaison in Washington to track the package and try to expedite it. Brian Person suggested linking the two Interior liaisons to track and expedite this. They will continue to keep track of the package.

Motion made by Dave Hillemeier, second by Tom Stokely – The TMC send letter to the Secretary of Interior to urge that TAMWG appointments and renewal of charter occur as

quickly as possible. **Motion** passed 8-0. Arnold Whitridge will draft letter as soon as possible and send it out to the TMC.

**Report from TMC Chair - Mike Long:**

He is focusing on plan to move forward with roles and responsibilities issue and the FY09 budget proposal. He is participating on the review panel for the Program's Executive Director replacement and appreciates being invited to be involved in that process.

The TMC Chair will change over at the December meeting. Brian Person will become the new Chair and he will become the Vice Chair.

**Report from the Executive Director – Refer to the Director's Report (handout):**

Status of feasibility study – the requisition was submitted and should make it by the end of the fiscal year.

Most of the discussion focused on Vitzhum Gulch and taking a time out and reevaluating sites. It was decided to add this as an agenda item for the December meeting. There will be an in-depth discussion on this item at that time.

Discussion on flows, water year, reservoir levels. It was suggested that this be an agenda item for the December meeting. Invite CVO and have a question and answer session.

Mention of moss in the river. Tom Stokely mentioned that he has heard of this problem in other rivers as well.

**Report from Brian Person:**

Brian discussed the selection process for the Executive Director position and thanked those for participating.

**Agenda Item – IAP Status Report (Joe Polos):**

Refer to handout.

Discussions on TMAG/TRRP participation and workloads, facilitation of meetings, and the SAB review at the end of October. TMC is encouraged to attend that meeting.

**Agenda Item – Channel Rehab Site Construction Update (Jennifer Faler):**

Refer to handout.

There was discussion on the possibility of an IDIQ process. More discussion of Vitzhum Gulch and going back and reevaluating projects.

**Agenda Item – Trinity River Resource Library to the UC Berkeley Water Resources Archives (Tom Stokely):**

Discussed the possibility of moving the Trinity River resource library to the UC Berkeley water resources archives and the cost and process. Tom will submit a proposal. He will keep the Program and TMC updated as more information becomes available.

**Agenda Item – TMC Roles and Responsibilities (Mike Long/Brian Person):**

Requested feedback on the Mission Alignment paper distributed on September 10, 2008. Did not receive much back. Mike and Brian presented this at the TAMWG meeting and it was not very well received.

They briefed their Regional Directors. There was agreement that there are problems that need to be addressed. There is need for resolution and move forward. Basic concern of the Mission Alignment proposal is that it is less integrated and would prefer to see more integration of the program.

Discussion turned to the simple majority vs super majority voting. Tom Stokely made a motion that the TMC operate under a simple majority vote for a 1 year trial period. Irma Lagomarsino seconded it. If they did operate under the 1 year trial period, it would require a super majority to sustain it. Also requires a super majority to vote on it now. 3 in favor of the motion, 5 opposed. Motion fails.

More in-depth discussion on the roles and responsibilities, reengaging CDR, and why the mission alignment alternative is being rejected. Mike Long mentioned that he is seeing positive support that there is a commitment to resolve these issues together. Mike and Brian need to take all of the feedback and discuss/look at the comments and move forward. They will look for non TRRP dollars to fund CDR. They will contact Chris Moore and suggest having a conference call with all participants.

Motion made by Irma Lagomarsino, second by Tom Stokely – TMC will us a facilitated process to explore the issues and possible solutions to challenges identified in CDR within the next 3 months contingent upon funding for a facilitator.

In addition to procurement of services, BOR and FWS representatives shall apprise CDR of recent discussions that have been held with the Interior's Regional Directors, TMC members, TAMWG, etc.

Dave Hillemeier suggested hearing the public's comment before voting on this motion.

**Public Comment:**

Tom Wesloh – mentioned that he heard a lot of general agreements and suggests the following:

- TMC is an advisory and should not elevate to a higher level unless necessary
- Agrees with the retreat idea. Holding it before the December meeting.
- Active support of TAMWG (include in retreat).

- Keep track of positive comments
- Go back through the TMC minutes and look at motions that are related to roles and responsibilities.
- Agrees to having ground rules set before having the retreat.
- Get the issues out on the table that have been bothering you for the last couple of years and address them.

Vote on motion: 7 in favor, 1 opposed (HVT) – Motion passes 7-1.

**Calendars/Next Meeting:**

December 11-12, 2008 in Arcata, CA. Weather could hinder CVO's participation as well as others coming from Redding, Weaverville, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. No meeting tomorrow.