



Trinity River Restoration Program

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MEMORANDUM

TO: TMC Chair and Members

FROM: Jennifer Faler, Acting Executive Director
Trinity River Restoration Program

SUBJECT: Director's Report

DATE: April 12, 2011

This report discusses the major activities that have occurred in the Program since the December 2011 meeting. The bulk of the activity since December includes re-charting the course to adjust for several continuing resolutions, implementing 2011 projects, and developing the 2012 plan of work. The Program is poised to release this year's wet year flow volume, inject high flow gravel at Diversion Pool and Lowden Ranch, construct the Wheel Gulch project, and to support watershed activities. In addition to these implementation activities the science and monitoring group is working hard to finalize reports on prior year projects, conduct this year's field work, and develop 2012 projects. I commend all Program office and partner staff for their hard work over the last several months.

Organizational Refinement

- The organization is refined.
- See attached output from the February 24-25 Facilitation / Consensus Building workshop.

Budget Update and Process

- *This bullet remains unchanged from December report - The 2011 budget implementation has hit a snag. There is a possibility for a full-year continuing resolution which could result in a significant budget cut for the Program. If Congress does not pass a budget, the Program would have to revert back to our 2010 spending level (without ARRA funding), unless additional funding can be identified within Reclamation.*
- Development of the 2012 budget is moving forward and is an agenda item for tomorrow.

Science and Monitoring Update

- The Fiscal Year 2012 science work plan is under development. The preliminary prioritization of information needs, shared in February 2011, will be reconsidered based on funding capacity and investigation plan reviews. All investigation plans are being reviewed by external experts.
- The Interdisciplinary Team is focused on making adaptive management central to future work planning efforts.
- The Flow workgroup has forwarded three release alternatives for consideration: ROD wet, Wet 8.5, and Wet 11-B. The consensus workgroup recommendation is Wet 11-B. The workgroup has also developed a draft report documenting this year's flow scheduling process and the assessments planned to evaluate the recommended release. This topic is on today's agenda.
- A performance report is under development. The intent is to articulate how the Trinity River is responding to Program actions. This topic is on today's agenda.
- Guidelines for reports / review are under development. Upcoming external draft report reviews:
 - o 2009 Interdisciplinary Habitat Assessment report
 - o 2010 Bed-material Sediment Budget Update
 - o Multi-year carcass / redd report

Implementation Update

- Construction is complete at the Lowden Ranch, Trinity House Gulch and Reading Creek site.
- Re-vegetation activities on Lowden Ranch, Trinity House Gulch, Reading Creek, and select past sites to occur in 2011/2012.
- Environmental review, engineering design, and contract document preparation complete for Wheel Gulch Rehabilitation Site and 2011 high flow gravel additions.
- Letters received from Trinity River Guides Association and California Water Information Network/selected TAMWG members express concerns about phase 1 channel rehabilitation work.
- Environmental review for potential 2012 sites (Limekiln, Douglas City, Lower Steiner, and Lorenz Gulch) may be placed on hold pending direction from TMC on entering a pause phase.
- The DOI design team will proceed with design of the Upper Junction City site (immediately upstream of Dutch Creek Road bridge) with close coordination with concerned stakeholders.
- Contract submitted for 2011 watershed projects.

Recent Reports

- Approximately 100 older documents have been added to the document library at <http://www.iims.trrp.net/Library/>
- Erick Ammon, Inc. 2010: Sawmill Rehabilitation Site; Post Implementation Report
- TRRP (2011) Wheel Gulch Rehabilitation Project Phase II - 2011 Project Site [MAP]
- TRRP (2011) Lower Steiner Flat Rehabilitation Project Phase II - 2011 Project Site [MAP]
- Hoopa Valley Tribe et al. 2011 Channel Rehabilitation Design Guidelines for the Mainstem Trinity River
- USBR (2011) Geologic Explorations Report for Upper Junction City, Sky Ranch, Oregon Gulch, Sheridan Creek, Deep Gulch and Chapman Ranch Sites, Trinity County, CA
- Sinnen et al. (2010) Final Annual Report, Trinity River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring Project, 2008-2009 Season

- Sinnen et al. (2010) Final Annual Report, Trinity River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring Project, 2007-2008 Season
- TRRP (2011) 2009 Annual Report
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, USBR, and North Wind Services (2011) Wheel Gulch rehabilitation site: Trinity River mile 75.8 to 76.4, Final Environmental Assessment/Initial Study
- GMA (2011) Trinity River WY2010 Sediment Transport Monitoring Final Report. Report to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Trinity River Restoration Program
- Gaeuman, D (2011) Water Year 2010 Implementation Monitoring Report, Trinity River Restoration Program Technical Report TR-TRRP-2011-1, Weaverville, CA

Recent Events and Meetings

- Jan 12-13: Design Team Meeting
- Jan 14: Interdisciplinary Team Meeting
- Feb 9: Fish Work Group Meeting
- Feb 10: Flow Work Group Meeting
- Feb 11: Interdisciplinary Team Meeting
- Feb 14: Data Team Meeting
- Feb 17: TMC Conference Call
- Feb 17: CVPIA Annual Work Plan Public Meeting
- Feb 24-25: Facilitation Training
- March 3: Wildlife/Riparian Work Group Meeting
- March 5: Tree Planting
- March 17: Flow Work Group Meeting
- March 17: TMC Monthly Conference Call
- March 17: End of comment period for Wheel Gulch Final EA / Initial Study
- April 4: Wildlife/Riparian Work Group Meeting
- April 6: Temperature Work Group Meeting

Upcoming Events

- April 13-14: TMC Meeting, Weitchpec
- April 15: Flow Work Group Meeting
- April 19: Data Team Meeting
- April 20: Physical Work Group Meeting

ATTACHMENT

Output from the February 24-25 Facilitation / Consensus Building Workshop

CONSENSUS – Is a process through which a group makes a decision (w/o voting) that all members can support.

It is a group decision, supported by all group members, which is based on:

- A thorough understanding of all relevant information;
- Active participation by all group members;
- An understanding of different perspectives, concerns, and needs;
- A creative effort to accommodate the different needs; and
- A willingness to raise and understand disagreements and address the underlying needs manifested in disagreements.

MEETING GROUND RULES/GUIDELINES

(use best efforts to)

- Be present/focused/be prepared
- Avoid interruptions
- Listen before responding
- Be future orientated
- Stay on agenda – avoid policy debates
- Keep an open mind
 - Willing Suspension of Disbelief!!
- Raise disagreements openly and constructively
- Arrive on time/stay till end
- Avoid assumptions – Ask!
- Be clear about goal (“products”)