



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: September 22, 2010

This report discusses the major activities that have occurred in the Program since the June 2010 meeting.

Organizational Refinement

- Department of Interior agencies developed a proposal for Program roles and responsibilities. Input on the proposal has been received from the tribes and was vetted at the Scientist's Retreat earlier this week.
- Memorandum of Understanding between Reclamation and the Service finalized and shared at the Scientist's Retreat. It is anticipated that the MOU will lead to better collaboration and leadership from Interior agencies.
- The Executive Director interviews scheduled for October 1.

Budget Update and Process

- The 2012 budget proposed process to be presented and discussed at the September TMC meeting.

Annual Report

- Progress has stalled. Handed off to Science Coordinator with new deadline of October.

Program Operating Agreement or Plan

- No formal action on developing a Program Operating Agreement. However, progress on organizational refinements and budget process could be memorialized in an operating agreement by the next Executive Director.

Implementation

- After receiving recommendations from outside consultants, the design schedule for the first group of phase 2 sites was extended. Consultants introduced concepts that the Design Team needs time to evaluate before implementing. Other work was pulled forward and Program is on track to have \$4-5 million of work ready to construct in 2011.
- Contractor completed in-channel work on September 15, but sites are less than 50 percent complete. There may be a few days with noticeable turbidity beyond September 15th when off channel features are connected to mainstem. Program staff working closely with Contractor to minimize turbidity by implementing additional turbidity control measures.
- There have been numerous complaints about turbidity and about channel rehabilitation activities in general. Changes in the river caused by flows, gravel augmentation, and channel rehabilitation appear to be agitating local residents in Lewiston and Douglas City. Most of the complaints are about turbidity, erosion, and gravel accumulation.

Science

- Klamath Fall Flow Augmentation recommendation completed – Attachment 1.
- Temperature management work group met twice since the last TMC meeting. It has been determined that temperature management will be a separate work group. A work group charter is under development and will serve as an example for other work groups to follow. At the recommendation of the work group, Reclamation planning staff are developing a proposal for an “appraisal-level” study to address temperature concerns in Trinity and Lewiston reservoirs. Trinity water quality and temperature could also be part of the Klamath Basin Watershed Study. Attachment 2 includes meeting synopses and the draft charter.
- Flow Scheduling Work Group ramping rate adjustment proposal developed and will be presented and discussed at the September TMC meeting.
- Other activities in the Science and Monitoring group include fish and physical work group meetings, a sediment workshop, two data team meetings, a presentation to the TAMWG on adaptive management and hypothesis testing, and scientist’s retreat planning.

Summary of Program Activities This Quarter

The primary areas of activities for the TRRP office staff and partners during the past quarter have included:

1. Sediment Workshop in Weaverville.
2. Klamath Fall Flows recommendation completed.

3. TRRP hosted informational booths at Trinity County Fair and Sovereign's Days at Hoopa.
4. Tribal Trust training in Eureka hosted by FWS Arcata Field Office.
5. Numerous planning meeting to develop DOI roles and responsibilities and to prepare the Science Retreat.
6. Numerous planning meetings for TMC Workshop

Recent Events and Meetings

- May 10-14 Value Engineering Study of Phase 2 Site Designs
- May 11-12 IAP Steering Committee Proposal Review, Weaverville
- May 18 Flow Schedule Conference Call
- May 20 TMC Conference Call
- Jun 4 DOI Integration Meeting
- Jun 9 TAMWG Meeting
- Jun 14-16 Design Team (Implementation WG) meeting
- Jun 23 Physical Work Group meeting
- Jun 28 Klamath Fall Flows meeting
- Jul 28 Data Team meeting
- Aug 2-3 Sediment Workshop
- Aug 13 Sovereign's Day at Hoopa
- Aug 19 Tribal Trust training, Eureka
- Aug 23 Flow /Temperature Work Group meeting
- Sep 8 Data Team meeting
- Sep 13 TAMWG Meeting
- Sep 15-16 Reclamation's Commissioner visit to Weaverville
- Sep 20-21 Scientist's Retreat, Eureka

Upcoming Events

- Sep 22-23 TMC Meeting/Workshop, Eureka
- Sep 28 Design Team WebEx Meeting on 2011 Sites
- Sep 30 Physical Work Group
- Oct 9 Harvest Festival, Weaverville
- Oct 16 Salmon Festival, Coleman Hatchery
- Oct 18-19 Design Team meeting
- Oct 20 Trinity Fishing Guides meeting
- Dec 15-16 TMC Meeting, Redding