



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: December 14, 2010

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

Organizational Refinement

- The latest information on the organizational refinement is found in the *Draft Trinity River Restoration Program Roles and Responsibilities of Partner Agencies and Governments* prepared by Jennifer Faler dated December 13, 2010 (Attachment 1). The end of organizational refinement will be declared when this document is finalized.
- Andreas Krause has been selected to serve as the Implementation Branch Chief on a temporary basis (30-60 days) until a permanent, temporary (acting) Branch Chief is selected. Andreas will continue to participate in the Physical Work Group and lead the Flow Scheduling Work Group.

Budget Update and Process

- 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.
- The 2012 budget process, also known as the work planning process, is underway as illustrated in Attachment 2. Highlights include outside review by the SAB, internal and external review panels, and a dispute resolution process.

Annual Report

- The 2009 Annual Report is essentially complete and is being formatted prior to publication.

Science and Monitoring Update

- Work Groups have undergone the reforms born out of the Scientists' Retreat. Each group has completed draft charters and the TMC has named their core members for fiscal year 2011 (Attachment 1). The Work Groups are focused on reporting, developing performance matrices, reviews, and 2012 work planning.

Implementation Update

- Environmental review underway and site designs being finalized for 2011 construction season. Potential 2011 sites include, Limekiln, Douglas City, Lower Steiner, Lorenz Gulch, and Wheel Gulch.
- Construction is complete at the Reading Creek site. Unable to complete Lowden Ranch project due to weather delays. Stay tuned for lessons learned from Lowden project.
- Re-vegetation activities on Lowden Ranch, Trinity House Gulch, and Reading Creek will occur in 2011.

Recent Events and Meetings

- Sep 13: TAMWG Meeting
- Sep 15: TRRP presentation at Trinity River Guides Association meeting
- Sep 20-21: Scientists' Retreat
- Sep 22-23: TMC Meeting
- Sep 30: Physical Work Group Meeting
- Oct 4: Fish Work Group Meeting
- Oct 12: Public Meeting: Reading Creek Site Tour and 2011 Site Designs
- Oct 20: TRRP presentation at Trinity River Guides Association meeting
- Oct 26-27: Design Team Meeting
- Nov 9: Physical Work Group Meeting
- Nov 15: Riparian and Wildlife Work Group Meeting
- Nov 17: TRRP booth at Resource Fair in Hayfork
- Nov 17: TRRP presentation at Trinity River Guides Association meeting
- Nov 29: Temperature Work Group Meeting
- Dec 1: Fish Work Group Meeting
- Dec 6: Riparian and Wildlife Work Group Meeting
- Dec 14: TAMWG Meeting

Upcoming Events

- Dec 15-16: TMC Meeting, Redding
- Dec 20-31: Happy Holidays!
- Jan 12-13: Design Team Meeting
- Jan 14: Interdisciplinary Team Meeting