



Trinity River Restoration Program

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MEMORANDUM

TO: TMC and TAMWG Members

FROM: Robin Schrock, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

DATE: December 9, 2013

This report provides updates on all major Program activities since the September 2013 meeting. The most significant Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) activities since the September meeting are completion of the in-channel rehabilitation work at the Lorenz Gulch and Douglas City rehabilitation sites, with revegetation efforts continuing through the fall and winter.

Budget Update – The CR continues through January 15, 2014 with no indication of final congressional budget outcomes. A hiring freeze and travel restrictions remain in place. Any additional reductions that may result from a 2014 federal budget will need to be absorbed across the program through reductions in the rehabilitation project budgets and a lack of the ability to modify current agreements. Reclamation has migrated to the new DOI Financial and Budget Management System (FBMS) <http://www.doi.gov/pmb/fbms/overview/index.cfm>

Organizational Update

- TRRP reorganized work groups to address four major management actions available to the program to improve Trinity River fishery resources: Flow, Channel Rehabilitation (the Design Team), Gravel Augmentation (former Physical WG), Watershed, and Fish.
- The Interdisciplinary Team is still determining how they will help coordinate across technical work groups to meet specific information needs that may arise.
- TMC partners provided their staff member assignments to the new workgroups.
- Andreas Krause is now a Yurok Tribe Fisheries Department employee.

Implementation Update –

- NEPA - Environmental Compliance is being developed for Lower Junction City and Bucktail - Public Meeting, December 17th.

- Phase 2 Strategic Planning and Analysis is underway with an anticipated draft report end of January or first part of February

Science Update

- Phase I Review

The **Science** Advisory Board (SAB) released the draft *Review of the Trinity River Restoration Program's Channel Rehabilitation Strategy, Phase 1* in mid-November. The report will be finalized after comments are received on January 17, 2014. Since the draft main report draws from the eight previously released appendices, the appendices were re-released for reference.

Public Outreach

- TRRP overview video is completed with final partner edits. We will be providing copies upon request as soon as the labels have been made.
- The Native Species of the Trinity River brochure was completed with special help from Steve Cannata and other partners who contributed photographs.
- The new interpretive signs at Sven Olbertson have been installed.



- TRRP staff met with landowners and other public stakeholders at two open houses on November 5 and 6, 2013 to preview the current design for 2014 rehabilitation projects at Lower Junction City and Bucktail. Attendance was very low at Junction City but in Lewiston there was broad participation from local landowners and fishing guides.

Save the Date

December 17, 2013 – Trinity County Library in Weaverville, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Public meeting for proposed sites for 2014 include Bucktail and Lower Junction City. Project information will be presented in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act. There will be a 30-day review period after the Draft EA/IS is issued.

Last week of January – A demonstration of a complete DSS, the Riverine Environmental Flow Decision Support System [REFDSS] has been arranged for the TRRP. It is built in a modular format to ensure that applying the framework in new river systems is relatively quick and that adding components (fish production, water quality) does not require a lot of programming.