

Watershed Workgroup TMC Update

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Presentation Topics

- Watershed Project Priorities and Scope Discussion
 - Watershed WG requests response to October 23rd memo
- FY2015 Project Selection
 - Watershed WG recommends 3 projects for FY2015 funding of \$500k, requests TMC approval
- Update on FY2014 Projects

Watershed Project Priorities

Fine Sediment Reduction

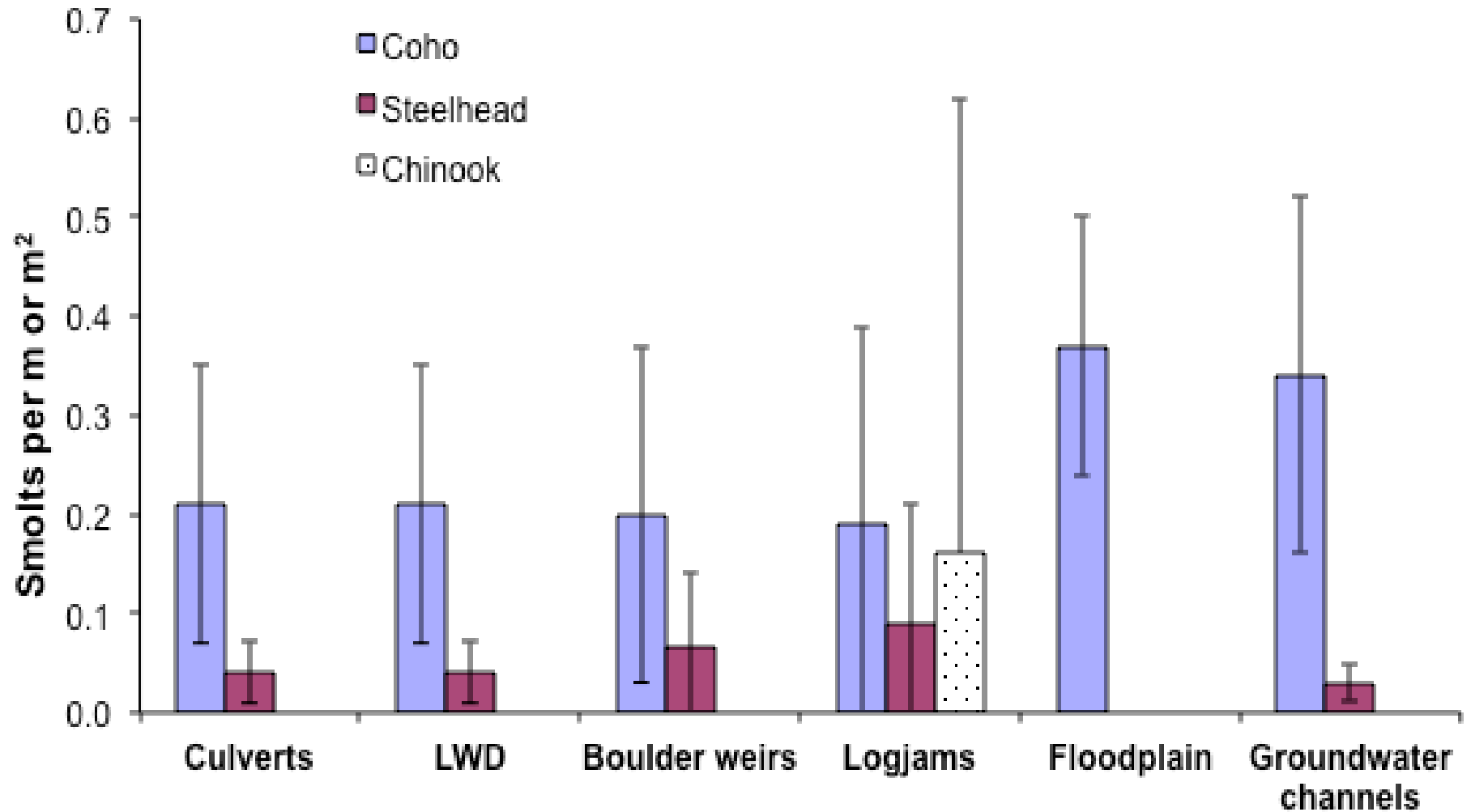
- Funding authorities: CVPIA, F&W Coordination Act
- Mentioned explicitly in ROD and EIS/EIR
- Identified as addressing a limiting factor in watershed plans (e.g. NMFS Draft Coho Recovery Plan, TMDL)

Fish Habitat Connectivity

- Funding authorities: CVPIA, F&W Coordination Act
- Mentioned in Watershed Implementation Plan in Appendix C of EIS/EIR
- Identified as addressing multiple limiting factors in watershed plans (e.g. NMFS Draft Coho Recovery Plan)

Both Project Types contribute to the recovery of anadromous fish populations (see Roni, Pess, Beechie 2013), the fundamental objective of the program

Mean Increase in Smolts



Question to TMC

- Does the TMC agree that fine sediment reduction and increasing fish habitat connectivity should be the means objectives for the watershed WG?

Watershed Project Scope

- While the ROD and associated EIS/EIR identifies the watershed protection alternative as being inclusive of the lower Trinity and Klamath Rivers, Appendix C of the EIS/EIR recommends that “tributary waters located between the North Fork Trinity confluence and Lewiston Dam shall be given highest priority”
- DOI solicitors have also provided input on the allowable geographic scope and in-channel work (although this has not been shared amongst all TMC members to my knowledge)
- The Watershed WG is currently limiting the solicitation for proposals to tributaries between the North Fork and Lewiston Dam and has been funding projects that occur in tributaries (not just uplands).

Question to TMC

- Does the TMC agree that the Watershed WG should solicit projects occurring within tributaries (and their associated watersheds) between the North Fork Trinity confluence and Lewiston Dam exclusively?

FY2015 Project Selection

- Workgroup reviewed and ranked 7 proposals

FY15 TRRP Watershed WG Partner Review				
Scores (1-10) based on Watershed WG Scoring Criteria				
Project	Applicant	Requested	Match	Score
<u>Grass Valley Creek Sediment and Connectivity</u>	<u>TCRCD</u>	<u>49,450</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>8.23</u>
<u>Valdor Roads Sediment Reduction</u>	<u>5-Counties</u>	<u>25,300</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>7.95</u>
<u>Lower Sidney Gulch Urban Stream Restoration</u>	<u>5-Counties</u>	<u>447,879</u>	<u>49,661</u>	<u>7.05</u>
<u>Oregon Street Sediment Reduction</u>	5-Counties	64,900	25,866	6.26
<u>Trinity River Watershed Road Upgrade and Decommission</u>	TCRCD	150,000	15,000	6.18
<u>Weaver Creek Private Road Inventory</u>	5-Counties	63,004	12,145	5.90
<u>Conner Creek Mouth Fish Passage Enhancement</u>	TCRCD	90,000	55,000	5.78
Total Request		890,533	205,672	
Total Funding Recommendation		500,000	97,661	

Question to TMC

- Does the TMC approve of the Watershed WG recommendation to fund the Grass Valley Creek Sediment and Connectivity Project (\$49,450), Valdor Roads Sediment Reduction Project (\$25,300), and Lower Sidney Gulch Urban Stream Restoration Project (\$425,250) in FY2015?

Update of FY2014 Projects

- Sidney Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Project
- Browns Creek Road Sediment Implementation Project
- West Weaver Creek-Channel and Floodplain Rehabilitation Implementation
- East Weaver Creek Dam Removal Project
- Planning funding???

Contracting finalized, beginning implementation