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Scientific Advisory Board
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Subject: Request for Assessment of Causal Linkage

Dear Scientific Advisory Board Members:

The Trinity Management Council (TMC) passed a motion during its March 26, 2014, meeting to seek your "expert opinion whether or not there is a biological, causal linkage between watershed restoration throughout the entire basin below the dams and the construction and operation of the Trinity River Division" based on a request from the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG). The issue was again discussed during the June TMC meeting and the query was refined after further clarification with the TAMWG.

In summary, the TAMWG recommended that the TMC ask the Science Advisory Board (SAB) to develop responses to these questions:

1. What is the causal linkage between watershed restoration activities downstream of the North Fork (including the South Fork Trinity) and the construction and operation of the Trinity River Division of the CVP?
2. Does the SAB think that performing a variety of tributary restoration activities throughout the Trinity River basin (including areas upstream of the North Fork) not specifically included as part of the Trinity Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Environmental Impact Study (EIS) would help meet the TRRP's fishery escapement goals?

With regard to question 2, the TMC has already replied to the TAMWG that in the TMC's opinion, virtually any credible restoration activities within Trinity River Basin tributaries would likely in some manner help meet escapement goals. If the SAB wishes to opine further on this issue, the TMC would welcome the input.

Please respond as to your willingness to address this query.

Sincerely,

Brian Person
Chair, Trinity Management Council