

## **Purpose**

The goal of this document is to develop an internal mapping of key communication processes for a clearer expectation and understanding of roles and responsibilities. This plan is intended to help facilitate communication between the Trinity Management Council (TMC) members, Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) members, and Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) staff and workgroups.

## **Primary Components**

### **Trinity Management Council**

The purpose of the TMC is to function as a board of directors by providing overall guidance and direction to the TRRP in order to manage the Trinity River basin of the Central Valley Project. The TMC reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the Mid-Pacific Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Pacific Southwest Regional Director (Region 8) for the Fish and Wildlife Service. The eight partner members are the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Yurok Tribe, the California Natural Resources Agency (Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Water Resources), Trinity County, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Forest Service.

### **Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group**

The purpose of the TAMWG is to act in an advisory capacity to the TMC by providing a forum for a diverse group of stakeholders to make policy and management recommendations with the goal of restoring and maintaining the natural production of salmon and steelhead on the Trinity River mainstem downstream of Lewiston Dam. TAMWG consists of 12-20 members and exists at the appointment and discretion of the Secretary of the Interior for three-year terms. A Designated Federal Officer (DFO) is appointed to administer all TAMWG and subcommittee meetings.

### **Trinity Restoration River Program Staff**

Key staff of the TRRP includes the Executive Director (ED), the Science Coordinator, and the Implementation Branch Chief. The Executive Director is responsible for creating workgroups to meet the technical needs of the TRRP and functions as a conduit for scientific and technical information between workgroups and the TMC. The Science Coordinator/Implementation Branch Chief serve as the liaisons between workgroups and provides oversight of all workgroup activities, including development of meeting agendas and identification of desired outcomes of the meeting. The Science Coordinator/Implementation Branch Chief ensures the proceedings of each workgroup meeting are appropriately documented and posted on the TRRP website to ensure effective communication among workgroups.

### **Workgroups**

Currently, there are eight standing technical workgroups (WG) to provide scientific and technical input/recommendations for the TRRP. The workgroups include the Flow Workgroup, the Physical Workgroup, the Watershed Workgroup, the Wildlife/Riparian Workgroup, the Data Workgroup, the Design Team, and the Interdisciplinary Team.

## Communication Processes

### Administrative Calls

Administrative calls are a tool used by the TMC and the TAMWG, which are not open to the public, to address non-substantive issues in between regular meetings. Due to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), TAMWG cannot have any substantive discussion or take any action outside of a public meeting. The TMC is not constrained by FACA, but since the calls are administrative in nature, substantive discussion and formal actions are avoided.













