

TRRP IDT conference call

8/27/2015, 10am-noon

Attendees: Robin Schrock, James Lee, Robert Stewart, Eric Peterson, Dave Gaeuman, Brandt Gutermuth, Trevor Morgan (for Seth Lawrence), Steve Cannata, Wade Sinnen, Andreas Krause, Wes Smith, George Kautsky, Robert Franklin, Conor Shea, Joe Polos.

Agenda Items:

1. WG coordinator updates
2. Channel Rehabilitation Effectiveness Monitoring Proposal Discussion
3. Gravel Augmentation Lessons Learned Workshop Update/Facilitator
4. Next Meeting – Oct 1 in Weaverville.

1. **WG lead updates** – coordinators were reminded that it is time for the WGs to select a coordinator with the new fiscal year approaching.
 - a. **Fish WG – Steve Cannata.** The Fish WG will be meeting by the end of September. The primary tasks the WG is working on is developing an outline for a fish and fish habitat synthesis report. At our next meeting we will refine it and prioritize the sections/reports of the various topics. The WG will also be going over the recommendations the TRRP has received on the adult monitoring projects and see where PIs are at with implementing them. Todd Buxton is summarizing recommendations and meeting with PIs to see where they are at with implementing recommendations. WG is also developing two scenarios to be evaluated as part of the Fish Production Model presentation at the TRRP Science Symposium next spring.
 - b. **Gravel WG – Robert Stewart.** Gravel WG is meeting next week to review the agenda and abstracts for the lessons learned workshop. There will also be a dry run before the workshop.
 - c. **Riparian/Wildlife WG – James Lee.** Blair Griman from BOR-Denver will be visiting Sept 2-3 to meet with riparian experts, review available data, and conduct a field visit as part of the SRH2D/VEG model that he will be developing for the TRRP.
 - d. **Watershed WG – Sean Ledwin.** WG coordinator did not participate in the call. Robin shared with the group that the FOA for the watershed restoration projects will not be worked by Sacramento BOR contracting/agreements staff until they complete all of their FY15 agreements. Not sure when this will be and it also has to go through a solicitors review. Comments on the Causal Linkages document developed by the Watershed WG were provided to the WG lead for the Watershed WG to consider in further developing this document.

- e. **Flow WG – Robert Stewart.** Nothing to report.
- f. **Design Team – Conor Shea.** Design team met last week to review the results of the VE studies and the hydraulic modeling results of the channel rehab sites as well as review the effectiveness monitoring pre-proposals. None of the design teams had been able to address comments on their designs. A meeting will be held in Oct to go over VE study reviews and responses on channel rehab design comments. The design team reviewed the channel rehab implementation schedule provided by TRRP staff. Each design team will provide comments on the schedule document and these will be compiled and provided to the TRRP staff (Attachment 1). WG members had not reviewed the channel rehabilitation effectiveness monitoring pre-proposals so they were not able to develop a recommendation to be considered by the IDT. Each design team was tasked with ranking the pre-proposals and Conor compiled these rankings for the IDT meeting.

2. Channel Rehabilitation Effectiveness Monitoring Proposal Discussion

A total of 10 pre-proposals were submitted (Attachment 2). The Design team did not develop a consensus recommendation at their recent meeting but each design team (State, Federal, Yurok, Hoopa Valley) ranked the 10 pre-proposals and Conor summarized the results (Attachment 3). Three pre-proposals (submitted by Buxton and Rupert) did not address the specific needs of this effort and it was suggested that it would be more appropriate for these to be considered during the annual workplan development process. For the remaining 7 pre-proposals, the side channel physical assessment and the fish utilization of channel rehab features received the highest composite score. Much discussion over the need for the various proposed projects occurred with some participants not liking the ranking process and others expressing concern that the project proponents were not on the call to answer questions. It was clarified that the Design Team was to develop a consensus recommendation for the IDT and they had not done that so this is the information that we had to consider. Additionally, the proposal proponents were not asked to participate in this call because all of the details and questions were supposed to be addressed during the Design Team discussion of these pre-proposals. It was also clarified that these were just pre-proposals and the intent was to have the top 2 or 3 developed into full investigation plans that would go through peer review. Since the IDT did not have a consensus recommendation from the Design Team as to what pre-proposals should be moved forward and the IDT had many questions and different views on what pre-proposals were most important (no consensus), it was decided to remand this task (prioritizing the pre-proposals) back to the Design Team for them to discuss at their next meeting.

There were some concerns expressed about the time-line for this effort slipping. It was suggested that the Design Team address this at the next meeting and the IDT could regroup on the time-line issues. If these projects were not implemented until FY17 (the next time the TRRP will develop a comprehensive workplan) the information from these project would

likely not be available until sometime in 2018. It was also brought up that the FY2016 budget was very tight and that it was unclear if there was funding available for these efforts.

3. Gravel Augmentation Lessons Learned Workshop Update/Facilitator

The NOAA individual that was going to be the facilitator for the workshop cannot participate due to a scheduling conflict due to the wrong date on the draft agenda. A general discussion on ideas of other potential facilitators occurred with Jeff Morris or the Science Coordinator identified as the most likely.

4. Next Meeting – Oct 1 in Weaverville at the TRRP Office from 9am to ~4pm.

Current agenda items are:

1. Corridor Planning Effort – presentation of analyses to date
2. Performance Metrics, Big Questions, Objectives, IAP – what do we need to do with these
3. FY17 Workplan process – is it going to be accelerated due to BOR contracting needs?
4. Review of Sediment Lessons Learned Workshop and deciding on the next lessons learned workshop.
5. 2016 science symposium - Trinity DSS update
6. WG updates