



Trinity River Restoration Program

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Seth Naman, Chair
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Dear Mr. Naman:

The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) met on December 10, 2015. This letter serves to provide you with a summary of that meeting and our resulting policy and management recommendations, as required by TAMWG's bylaws.

We were so pleased to hear that a settlement has been finalized with Mr. Wellock; thank you for your diligent efforts to resolve this matter.

We received updates on the Program's budget, science work plan, compliance and implementation, outreach, and the various workgroups. We are concerned with the number of key open positions and are hopeful these will be filled as expeditiously as possible. We were thrilled to hear during a recap of the recent sediment workshop that the Program will be recommending less gravel be injected into the river; we thoroughly support this change and the Program's commitment to adaptive management.

We held a discussion regarding the Program's adult salmonid spawning escapement goals and objectives; we concluded that we are still in the information gathering stage and hope to continue this conversation at our next meeting. Our intent is to ensure we all have an understanding of the existing goals and objectives and to make any recommendations to you on potential changes we believe necessary.

We received an extensive update on the various watershed projects being implemented and the projects that have yet to be funded. As a result of these presentations, **"the TAMWG recommends to the TMC that the \$250,000 allocated to watersheds in 2015 that was unspent be re-allocated to watersheds in 2016"**. Additionally, **"the TAMWG recommends that the TMC conduct an inventory of the tributaries connectivity with the mainstem for any remedial action to improve fish passage"**.

I look forward to discussing these recommendations with you at your next meeting.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hadley, Chair
Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group