TRINITY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2009

Attendees: Brian Person, USBR, Chair
Mike Long, FWS, Vice-Chair
Gary Stacey, DFG
Dave Hillemeier, Yurok Tribe
Roger Jaegel, Trinity County
Arnold Whitridge, TAMWG Chair
Bill Brock, USFS
Mike Hamman, TRRP, Executive Director

Other Attendees: Tom Wesloh, Mike Berry, Jennifer Faler, Tim Hayden, Larry Hansen, and Deanna Jackson

Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m. A conference line was set up for those that were unable to attend (Mike Orcutt and Irma Lagomarsino), however, neither Mike or Irma or their alternates did not join the meeting.

**Motions:**

1. Dave Hillemeier motioned to *have the TMC send a letter of support to the Water Quality Control Board listing partner agencies.* Bill Brock seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Gary Stacey motioned for *the TMC to provide clear direction to the IAP steering committee and authors to proceed with cross domain priorities within 2 weeks of funding provisions.* Roger Jaegel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Summary of Action Items**:

- Draft a Letter of Support to the NCWQC Board for TMC Chair signature
- Draft and distribute framed out enhanced B Team.
- E-mail sent out to TMC members regarding calendars for future meetings.
- Locate and distribute the budget survey that was done in the past.

**Validate Agenda**:

It was suggested to try to adjourn the meeting by 3:00 p.m. and shorten the lunch break. Roger Jaegel had to leave at 1:00 p.m. for another meeting.

**Sharing of Good News (as suggested at TMC retreat)**:
Brian – Happy to be rejoined by Mike Orcutt after being out on maternity leave and Mike Hamman's return.
Gary Stacey – Was happy with the TMC retreat. The Governor graciously gave the State an extra day off a week and Gary plans to do more fishing.
Roger Jeagel – Won $25 on the Super Bowl game.

**TMC Minutes**:

Brian urged the TMC members present to take a look at the draft January 16th minutes and provide final comments to the Executive Director.

**Open Forum (comments from the public):** Tom Weseloh commented on the TAMWG being re-chartered and having new members added. He welcomed Mike Hamman and congratulated Mike Long and Brian Person on their capacities of Chair and Vice Chair. He would like to see more public involvement and highly recommends getting notices out regarding meetings. He would also like to see more time for public comment/participation during actions and motions. He feels that having these additional meetings are great. Brian apologized for the lack of notification and will do a better job of getting the information/notices out in the future.

**Report from TAMWG (Arnold Whitridge):** TAMWG had been re-charted and have added 5 new members. Randy Brown will be setting up a date for a meeting in the near future. The meeting will most likely be scheduled in March a couple of weeks before the next TMC meeting. There has been no public disclosure of the new members. Appointments are 3 years and the Charter is 2 years.

**Report from the Executive Director (Mike Hamman):** Thanked the TMC for their patience. He can now focus 98% on his new position. His priority is to schedule appointments with each TMC member/agency to get their perspective on the program. He will also place a high priority on the internal organizational and budgetary issues at hand.

**Information/Decision Item (refer to handout):** The goal for today is to come to an agreement on methodology on the budget formulation process.

The TRRP RIG/TMAG funding levels was discussed at length. The RIG budget has exceeded the TMAG budget only once since Program inception. The RIG projects are more visible and obvious than TMAG accomplishments as they are less definable.

Jennifer Faler gave a short presentation/recap of the channel rehabilitation program next steps (refer to handout). Sites are getting bigger and costs have increased. There was a discussion on permit process and how they would like to see a more streamlined permit process. This will be accomplished through completion of the Master EIR and a possible permit exemption for restoration work. Dave Hillemeier made a motion to have the TMC send a letter of support to the Water Quality Control Board listing partner agencies. Bill Brock seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

The federal stimulus package and how this may benefit the Program was discussed. There is no guarantee of additional funding and the odds are unknown, but Brian has done what he can and mentioned that the Regional Director is an advocate for the Program.

Whether or not we receive the stimulus package, the Program would be ready for it. Construction projects could be accelerated by the RIG if funding materialized and it was mention that 2 positions could be filled. Those are the engineering technician and the COTR contracting person that has been authorized. TRRP would have very little risk of turning money back. Questions were raised as to whether stimulus funding could be carried into 2010 or if it has to be obligated by 2009.

It was suggested that TMC receive a detailed breakdown of the RIG budget.

**Update on IAP-led effort to establish inter-domain priorities –** Reference made to an e-mail sent out by Joe Polos, Steering Committee Chair. Steering committee would like to have 2 or 3 meetings to complete the prioritizing process. ESSA is a vital participant in this process. There was mention of additional funding needed for some members for the extra meetings. The Steering Committee Chair requests that the TMC provide guidance on the criteria recommended in the IAP for setting priorities, who should be working on the prioritization process, how the G2G process should be integrated into the process, and provision of additional funding in order for some Program participants to attend additional meetings.

In addressing the IAP criteria matter, there was a discussion as to whether there should be some time given the TMC members to review the criteria and then vote at a later date via conference call or to proceed today. Gary and Roger would like to see a vote today. Would it be possible to take a short break to look at the criteria and have a vote today? The Chair requested that the TMC members look at Appendix H and IAP Executive Summary during lunch in order to be able to vote on the matter.

Lunch break from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

After some discussion Gary Stacey made a motion for the TMC to provide clear direction to the IAP steering committee and lead authors to proceed with cross-domain prioritization within 2 weeks of funding provisions. Roger Jeagel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

**Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Formulation**: Need to refine the roles of the B Team and workgroups. There is confusion on who is really on this committee and how has the committee functioned in the past. In recent years, it has become a loose group of Work Group leaders and other Partners' staff that has an interest but not a well defined 'team'. A discussion regarding the moving toward an RFP process that flows from the fiscal year budget priorities developed through an iterative process would take lead time. For the 2010 budget, the process would require a compressed schedule likely using the 2009 budget as the starting point and using the findings of the IAP priorities The TMC requested that the Executive Director develop a draft framework to define the B Team and their role with a focus on a compressed 2010 process and a longer term effort to develop out-year budgets. This process would form the groundwork for having a 2-3 year budget developed.

Brian will edit/revise the budget process flowchart with all changes made during this process discussion and distribute to the TMC.

Goal would be to draft a budget before the re-scheduled March meeting. RFP's would need to be in place by end of the summer if they would be used for the 2011 budget. There is a draft RFP process in the IAP. Need to establish timeframes and TMC members need to efficiently review drafts in order to achieve those timeframes.

**2009 Water Supply Outlook**: Brief talk about the water supply outlook for 2009. No preliminary water supply allocation came out this year at the Central Valley Water User's conference Brian attended (refer to graph handout). Tim Hayden mentioned the flow scheduling process as outlined by Andreas Krause. There will be a workgroup meeting February 17-18, 2009. Tom Weseloh's concern is that even if there are ROD flows, they will not be cold. What does this mean to CVO?

**Calendars/Next Meeting**: Deanna Jackson and Janice Blaine to work together to get an e-mail out to the TMC members regarding dates in early April for the next TMC meeting and also get available dates for June and September meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.