

TRINITY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2009
U.S. Forest Service--Redding

Attendees: Brian Person, Reclamation, Chair
Mike Long, Reclamation, Vice-Chair
Gary Stacey, California Department of Fish and Game
Dave Hillemeier, Yurok Tribe
Mike Orcutt, Hoopa Valley Tribe
Arnold Whitridge, TAMWG Chair
Mike Hamman, Executive Director, TRRP

Other Attendees: George Kautsky (HVT), Theresa Conner (DWR), Larry Hansen (CDFG), Mike Berry (CDFG), Janice Blaine (Reclamation)

Meeting called to order at 9:23 a.m.

Quorum not established with attendance limited to five members. Meeting will be considered a workshop, focus on the budget development process.

Agenda Validated.

Open Forum (comments from the public):
None.

Report from TAMWG Chair Arnold Whitridge:

The TAMWG has been re-chartered and membership has been changed, as five new entities are now represented. TAMWG would like to participate in the flow schedule determination. The Federal Register notice will be published next week. Letters will be sent out after its publication.

Report from the TRRP Executive Director:

Mike is excited about the new opportunities and spirit of cooperation exhibited during the retreat. He said it is gratifying getting to know people and gain a better understanding of the job he has before him. He is planning on making appointments for staff visits with others involved in TMC to get their perspectives on the Program.

Report from TMC Chair Brian Person:

Brian observed that the TMC has been reenergized by the retreat, which provided an opportunity to celebrate many areas of agreement as well as gain some very useful tools for conducting business more efficiently. Taking on the budget development is a perfect chance to demonstrate those newfound skills. He expressed his sincere appreciation to all participants for the energy they brought.

Suggested Key Objectives for the Budget Development Process:

- TMC to provide up-front priorities
- Executive Director to ensure tech workgroups are collaborative and agree on products (or document majority/minority opinions)

- B Team to play a key role - preview specific objectives for TMC
- Thorough project descriptions are needed
- Concept of base-level budget to support key Science objectives
- Value to 5-year work plan is that it would help with annual budget preparation—should be a near final product for TMC to act on
- Independent view of the products
- Must be opportunity for all TMC and others to weigh in on integration of priorities
- May not need both Work Groups and B Team
- IAP authors/steering committee have established priorities within each of the five domains
- Members present indicated they are now just 1 -2 steps from complete inter-domain priorities
- Must clarify how and when to tie government cost estimate into formulation process
- RFP's should be utilized to the extent possible, but it will not be possible to have the process in place for development of the 2010 budget. Work will continue on the process so it can be utilized in subsequent years.

The group spent considerable time on the white board listing the various budget steps and considering the order, emphasis, etc. The Council reached a general agreement on the preliminary budget development process depicted on the attached diagram.

Task List:

Mike Hamman to follow through with scheduling meetings with TMC representatives at their respective offices

Janice Blaine to produce draft meeting notes for review

Budget Process Questionnaire results to be send out via email

IAP Steering Committee to reconvene and complete the inter-domain science priorities

Comments from the Public:

Larry Hansen noted that for the IAP process to be useful, it should be planned out for 5 years. 2010 budget should be developed quickly, but the 2011, 2012, and subsequent budgets should be developed using a more efficient process as developed by the TMC.

Calendars/Next Meeting:

TMC Retreat Follow-Up Meeting: January 27, 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Victorian Inn in Weaverville

TMC Meetings: February 2, 2009, at 9 a.m. at the Victorian Inn in Weaverville

March 18-19 (tentatively) in Weitchpec.

B Team:

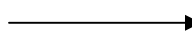
Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Budget Process

TMC Priorities



IAP Team



Work group input



produces
Integrated Priority List



B Team

- *Budget estimates*
- *Budget cut line*



IAP Team

- Reality check



B Team

- Final Recommendations to
Exercise Director/TRRP Staff



TRRP Prepares Draft Budget for TAMWG



TRRP Considers TAMWG Comments

- IAP - B Team Loop Review



Draft Budget to TMC