

Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:00 AM – noon

Location: U.S. Forest Service Truckee
10811 Stockrest Springs
Truckee, CA 96161

Chairperson: Richard Anderson, Nevada County Supervisor

Convener: Truckee River Watershed Council, Beth Christman,
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Time	Item
10:00	<p>Call to Order – Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Agenda Review <p>Outcome: No items were added to the agenda</p>
10:05	<p>Standing Item: Committee Report Back</p> <p>Objective: Provide updates from Technical Review Team, Fish Team and any other ad hoc teams</p> <p>Outcome: No committees met last month.</p>
10:05	<p>Streamflow and reservoir updates – Tom Scott, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes from previous month• Streamflow and reservoir levels forecast• Questions and discussion on projected operations <p>Objective: Provide latest information on predicted reservoir operations and model output</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation.</p> <p>Jan Zabriskie asked about Prosser Lake levels. Tom Scott explained the forecast for Prosser was approximately 10,000 acre-feet at the end of July, which is about the maximum capacity during winter. DWR is currently working with the Tribe to balance flows between Prosser and Stampede to avoid a low Prosser reservoir level during the summer. DWR is scheduling a meeting with the Tribe in the near future to discuss TROA issues including Prosser operations.</p> <p>Richard Anderson pointed out that the modeled forecast also indicates reduced streamflow out of Prosser in the late summer, with potential impacts to the recreational fishery. Tom acknowledged this is also a</p>

	topic of discussion with PLPT and that lake levels and stream flows are a balancing act.
10:30	<p>Independence Lake Lahontan cutthroat update – Chris Fitchel, The Nature Conservancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LCT program and population status• LCT and levels/flows in Independence Lake and Creek• Recreation at Independence Lake <p>Objective: Informational item, discussion</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation</p> <p>Tom Scott asked how long the winter drawdown for kokanee redd eradication is expected to continue. Chris responded that ideally it would take place for five consecutive years to match the estimated life span of the kokanee, however because conditions for the draw down are rare, it may be a long-term suppression action.</p> <p>Lisa Wallace asked if there was any indication the drawdown was having an effect on kokanee populations. Chris responded that only two drawdowns have occurred, but kokanee numbers (as estimated by sonar sampling), appeared to decrease in the year following draw down. However, there is some lack of confidence in the sonar data due to size overlap with other fish species.</p>

11:10	<p>Biological Resources Monitoring Program - Dave Willoughby & David Colvin, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and program goals • Data collection and summary <p>Objective: Informational item, discussion</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation and report</p> <p>Brian Hastings (Balance Hydrologics) asked if DWR was collecting suspended sediment concentration data in conjunction with the turbidity data. David said that grab samples are collected on a monthly basis, but the data aren't analyzed yet. Because the SSC samples are not collected in conjunction with storm events, the samples are not designed to be used to develop a rating curve (a rating curve would allow for turbidity to be used as a proxy for SSC).</p>
11:50	<p>Online access to TRBWG materials – Beth Christman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truckeeiverwc.org & navigation to TRBWG pages • Resources & meeting materials <p>Objective: Understand where to get TRBWG documents online</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation</p>
11:55	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p> <p>Suggested topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by the various local interest groups on the rationale for their flow and/or reservoir level preferences submitted to DWR for the CA Guidelines. • Monitoring data – In the Truckee River watershed, what entities are collecting monitoring data, and what types of data?
11:55	<p>Standing item: Action Item report back</p> <p>Objective: capture key decisions, discussion points, and action items to include in meeting summary</p> <p>Outcome: No action items were generated.</p>
12:00	Adjournment – Chair

2018 Meeting Dates

TRBWG

- January 24, 2018
- March 28, 2018
- April 25, 2018
- May 23, 2018
- June 27, 2018
- July 25, 2018
- August 22, 2018
- September 26, 2018
- November 28, 2018

*Note: no TRBWG meeting in February, October, or December

Technical Response Team

- February 28, 2018

Fish Team

- February 22, 2018
- April 23, 2018