

# Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00 AM – Noon

Location: U.S. Forest Service Truckee  
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Truckee, CA 96161

Chairperson: Richard Anderson, Nevada County Supervisor

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Time	Item
10:00	<p>Call to Order – Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• <a href="#">Agenda</a> Review</li> </ul> <p>Outcome: No changes to the agenda were proposed.</p>
10:05	<p>Standing Item: Committee Report Back</p> <p>Objective: Provide updates from Technical Response Team, Fish Team, and any other ad hoc teams</p> <p>Outcome: No committees met last month</p>
10:05	<p><a href="#">Streamflow and reservoir updates</a> – Tom Scott, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes from previous month</li> <li>• Streamflow and reservoir levels forecast</li> <li>• Questions and discussion on projected operations</li> </ul> <p>Objective: Provide latest information on predicted reservoir operations and model output</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation. In addition to operations updates, Tom included comparisons of forecasted vs. actual operations for the past year.</p>
10:40	<p>DWR personnel update –DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce new Section Chief</li> </ul> <p>Objective: Informational item</p> <p>Outcome: Amardeep Singh introduced the new Section Chief, Jim Eto (Paul Larson was previously in this job).</p>

<p>10:45</p>	<p>Update on <a href="#">Fanny Bridge replacement project</a> – Matthew Ambroziak, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge construction schedule update</li> <li>• Flow requests related to construction</li> </ul> <p>Objective: Informational item</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation</p> <p>Several questions arose around the proposed 2019 dewatering system for construction of the Fanny Bridge replacement.</p> <p>Schedule: Matt from FHWA explained that the contractor is responsible for submitting a detailed dewatering plan prior to construction next summer. The dewatering system will likely be in place for 14 – 18 weeks. Construction, and thus dewatering, may begin as early as May of 2019.</p> <p>Flows: FHWA does not anticipate requesting any flow reductions, they planned the construction to accommodate existing flows. The design flow for the dewatering plan is 750 cfs.</p> <p>Discharge Location: The dewatering system will discharge flows 50 feet downstream of the newly constructed bridge.</p> <p>Impacts to businesses: The discharge location is very close to the put-in location for the rafting companies and is below the outside eating area of the River Grill. If the discharge isn't managed appropriately, it could significantly impact both rafting and dining.</p> <p>Impacts to fish and channel: CDFW expressed concerns about the fish removal and relocation for the reach of the river that will be dewatered.</p> <p>There was general concern about the potential for excess scour or erosion at the discharge location.</p> <p>Next Steps: Members of the TRBWG Technical Review Team and other interested members will generate a list of concerns to consider when developing the dewatering plan. Beth will schedule a conference call in the next few weeks and communicate the results back to FHWA.</p>
<p>11:15</p>	<p><i>Basis for the 2018 California Guidelines for TROA (Basis) – <a href="#">TRBWG member presentation by Boca Tournament Association</a></i></p> <p>Each member will present on:</p>

- Organization's mission and link to TRBWG
- Parts (1-4) of Basis relevant to organization's objectives
- Specific flow and/or reservoir level requests, including timing
- Alignment and conflict with other TRBWG members' objectives

Objective: Gain mutual understanding of each member groups preferred flows and/or reservoir levels. Second in a series of presentations (see July 2018 meeting materials for background).

Outcome: See attached presentation and attached Member Preference Table

Boca Tournament Association (BTA): Ross Collins and Wes Hansen from the BTA provided an overview of the BTA and how the water level in Boca Reservoir affects their operations.

The goal of the BTA is to provide a tournament level water ski course on a public waterway. The BTA operates under a Special Use Permit to the U.S. Forest Service. The BTA is a membership-based group, and membership is open to anyone interested. There are currently about 20 members. Boca is a good location for their operations – when water levels are high enough, they can establish their course in a fairly protected cove.

Ross explained that 40,000 AF in Boca is very good for their water skiing operations, and that any level above 36,500 AF works well. Below 30,000 AF, they can't set up their course in the cove and need to set a temporary course in the main reservoir which is not protected from wakes generated by other boats. Their season typically lasts from mid-May through September.

Fluctuations in level are difficult for their operations as it can require them to move their course several times during the season.

A question was asked about conflicts with non-motorized recreationists. Ross and Wes stated that they haven't had any problems as their course is well marked and signed.

Tom Scott from DWR said that the reservoir level fluctuations experienced during 2018 may be fairly typical moving forward into the future.

Ross mentioned a You Tube video of a professional water skier on their course, here is the link: [Chris Parrish World Record](#)

Member Preference Table for "Basis" document: Beth Christman of TRWC briefly discussed the "[Member Preference Table](#)" which was developed to track the content of member presentations. The table will be updated after each

	presentation and is intended to capture the primary preferences for flows and reservoir levels. All the information is in one place instead of scattered among multiple meeting summaries.
11:50	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional information from FHWA when the dewatering plan for the Fanny Bridge replacement is finalized</li> <li>• Member presentations – rafting is tentatively scheduled for the November meeting</li> </ul>
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:</p> <p>Beth will schedule a Technical Response Team conference call (and include all interested) to discuss feedback to FHWA for incorporation into the Fanny Bridge dewatering plan.</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

Technical Response Team

- February 28, 2018

Fish Team

- February 22, 2018
- April 23, 2018

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