

Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, November 28th, 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 changes to the agenda were proposed.</p>
10:05	<p>Standing Item: Committee Report Back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Response Team update – Beth Christman, TRWC <p>Objective: Provide updates from Technical Review Team, Fish Team and any other ad hoc teams</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation regarding the October TRT conference call.</p> <p>The TRT held a conference call in October to discuss concerns raised by the proposed Federal Highway Administration Fanny Bridge construction dewatering (see September TRBWG meeting notes and presentation).</p> <p>An outcome of the TRT call was a draft letter summarizing concerns raised by TRT members. On the call, the question was raised of the procedure for submitting a letter. The question of letter submittal was brought before the TRBWG.</p> <p>Options for submitting a letter included: submit from the convener of the TRBWG, submit from individual entities that are able to sign on to a single letter, or submit independent letters.</p> <p>Ray Butler (Nevada Co. Fish and Wildlife Commission) suggested that a letter could be sent from the TRBWG, but that entities with a conflict could explicitly recuse themselves.</p> <p>The TRBWG membership recognized that the question of letter submittal will likely come up in the future and we should develop a consistent</p>

	<p>process that would be included in an amendment to the Charter. Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman (TRWC) will take the lead to create a subgroup to develop recommendations to bring back to the TRBWG.</p> <p>After discussion, the TRBWG members present made a one-time ad hoc decision to send independent letters to the FHWA. This decision was made primarily because of the time-sensitive nature of this particular issue. The draft letter is linked here for all members use for their purposes.</p>
10:20	<p>Newlands Credit Water – Bureau of Reclamation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Newlands Project Credit Water • How Newlands Credit Water may be scheduled <p>Objective: Provide information about Newlands Project Credit Water (NPCW). NPCW is a category of water under TROA that has not previously been scheduled. NPCW will affect reservoir and stream operations in California. The Bureau of Reclamation may start scheduling Newlands water as soon as December, 2018.</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation.</p>
10:40	<p>Streamflow and reservoir updates – Tom Scott, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes from previous month • Streamflow and reservoir levels forecast • Model runs with/without Newlands Project Credit Water • 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>
11:00	<p>Combined discussion on Newlands water and streamflow/reservoir levels – DWR and BOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on previous presentations <p>Objective: Discuss potential effects (benefits, detriments) of NPCW on California stream flows and reservoir levels. Discuss current forecasted operations.</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>Little Truckee River Flows - spring. Graphs currently show low flows in the Little Truckee below Stampede during April through June. There were concerns about impacts to spawning rainbow trout. NPCW did not appear to be the cause of the low flows, these reduced flows are more</p>

	<p>likely driven by filling Stampede Reservoir and the restrictions imposed on Boca Reservoir storage due to planned construction in 2019.</p> <p>Fall spawning. NPCW is projected to affect the timing of fall flows in the Little Truckee River in 2019, potentially shifting high flows earlier in the fall and then decreasing rates as brown trout spawning is underway. Trout Unlimited has data they will share with the Fish Team to make specific recommendations on timing and flow rates to support brown trout spawning.</p> <p>Anchor ice. A general concern about anchor ice during low flows in winter months was brought up. No data are currently available, DFW encouraged members to report any observations.</p>
11:30	<p>Annual TRBWG Chair, Convener, Membership Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual confirmation of or selection of new TRBWG Chair • Annual confirmation of or selection of new TRBWG Convener • Annual confirmation of Membership • Schedule for 2019 Meetings <p>Objective: The TRBWG Charter states that the Chair, Convener, and Membership should be confirmed, selected, or updated annually at the last meeting of the year. Members should review the Charter and Membership prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>Chair. Richard Anderson (Nevada County) was confirmed to continue as the Chair of the TRBWG.</p> <p>Convener: TRWC was confirmed to continue as the Convener of the TRBWG.</p> <p>Charter & Membership: Both were confirmed, with the provision that a Charter amendment may be developed to address the question of submitting comment letters.</p> <p>Meeting dates: listed at end of notes.</p>
11:50	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p> <p>Outcome: The following ideas were proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosser fish survey data – jointly collected by USFS and TU (Beth and Sam Sedillo (TU) will work with USFS to develop).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMI presentation by TRWC (Beth will see if sufficient data available from TROA-affected reaches). • Independence gate repairs (potentially just a report back by DWR after update at TROA Scheduling). • USFWS update – LCT and water rights • Martis Creek dam update • Member presentations • Fish Team report back
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: The following action items were identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate draft FHWA Fanny Bridge comment letter (linked) • Convene subgroup to develop recommendations for comment letter submittal process • Fish Team to make specific recommendations on timing and flow rates to support brown trout spawning (wrt to NPCW)
12:00	Adjournment – Chair

2019 Meeting Dates

TRBWG

- January 23, 2019
- March 27, 2019
- April 24, 2019
- May 22, 2019
- June 26, 2019
- July 24, 2019
- August 28, 2019
- September 25, 2019
- November 27, 2019

Technical Response Team

- TBD

Fish Team

- TBD

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