

Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 10:00 AM – Noon

Location: U.S. Forest Service – Truckee Ranger District
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"> • No committees met since the last meeting <p>Objective: Provide updates from Technical Response Team, Fish Team and any other ad hoc teams</p> <p>Outcome: No committees met since the last meeting</p>
10:05	<p>Streamflow and reservoir updates – Tom Scott, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes from April forecast • Streamflow and reservoir levels forecast • Questions and discussion on projected operations <p>Objective: Provide latest information on projected reservoir operations and model output</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation</p> <p>Scott Schoenfeld of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation provided an update on the Boca Dam construction project. Construction has started and the road across Boca Dam will be closed for the next two summers. The road between Prosser and Boca Reservoir will be improved for access to the west side of Boca Reservoir. The reservoir-level restriction of 17,000 acre-feet (roughly half of capacity) will be in place only for 2019. In 2020, reservoir levels will be “normal” (i.e. not impacted by the construction). The road across Stampede Dam is open and the Stampede Meadows Road (between Boca and Stampede on the east side) will not be affected by the Boca project.</p>
10:35	<p>Truckee River Siphon Replacement Project – Dave Hunt, SVPSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on 2019 construction <p>Objective: Informational item</p>

	<p>Outcome: See attached presentation.</p> <p>Construction mobilization for the project will start June 3^d with drilling beginning June 10th. Drilling is expected to last 40 days. The construction is independent of flow rates in the Truckee River. SVPSD did not request any changes in flows.</p>
10:45	<p>CDFW Stocking practices – Mitch Lockhart, CDFW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic (past 20 years) vs. current practices • Species focus – Lahontan cutthroat trout vs. other trout species <p>Objective: Informational item</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation.</p> <p>Mitch described current limitations in production of Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) at CDFW facilities (see presentation). A question was asked about using LCT sourced from other locations. There are two difficulties with that approach: first, all hatcheries face the same difficulties in raising LCT, primarily water temperature and space requirements. Second, the practice of sourcing fish from multiple hatcheries has not been used for the past ~20 years due to risks of moving aquatic invasive species and spreading disease.</p> <p>The question of Sagehen Creek and Prosser Creek above Prosser Reservoir as LCT reintroduction sites was raised. Sagehen has been studied, but the lack of a fish barrier to prevent colonization by non-natives out of Stampede Reservoir has precluded a re-introduction effort thus far. Prosser Creek has not been studied yet, it is not identified in the LCT recovery plan.</p> <p>The question of supplemental stocking species selection was raised (triploid rainbow vs. brown trout). Triploid rainbows are used over brown because brown trout are also difficult to raise in a hatchery, are significant predators on LCT, and there are concerns with diseases that species might carry.</p> <p>The question of Martis Creek tributaries as an LCT introduction site was also raised. This is currently under evaluation. Previously Martis Lake was designated as a “Wild Trout” fishery, which precludes certain management actions. Martis Lake has recently been removed from the Wild Trout designation, so could be viable as a LCT introduction site.</p>
11:10	<p><i>Basis for the 2018 California Guidelines for TROA</i> (Basis) – TRBWG member presentations – California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mitch Lockhart</p> <p>Each member will present on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<p>Objective: Gain mutual understanding of each member groups preferred flows and/or reservoir levels. Fifth in a series of presentations (see July 2018 meeting materials for background).</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation</p> <p>CDFW has a unique role in the Truckee River Basin Water Group. They are technically a "Supporting Agency" as opposed to a Member Group. CDFW is tasked with providing input to CDWR for inclusion in the Basis document and the California Guidelines.</p> <p>Mitch acknowledged lack of current data for inclusion in the Guidelines. Beth Christman (TRWC) mentioned that TRWC is currently collecting data to help fill the gaps on habitat availability, flow rates, and ramping recommendations.</p>
11:40	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p> <p>Outcome: Member presentations will continue No additional items suggested</p>
11:50	<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

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

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

Technical Response Team

- TBD

Fish Team

- TBD