

# Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, November 20, 2019 10:00 AM – 12 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"><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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fish Team report</li></ul> <p>Objective: Provide updates from Technical Response Team, Fish Team and any other ad hoc teams</p> <p>Outcome: See <a href="#">attached presentation</a>.</p> <p>Mitch Lockhart, CDFW, added that CDFW was working to locate the original data used for the original 1996 CDFG instream flow requirements study, which would help inform flow recommendations for inclusion in the Basis for California Guidelines.</p>
10:15	<p>TROA 101– Tom Scott, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background on TROA</li><li>• Reservoir operations/project water</li></ul> <p>Objective: Information and education on TROA for TRBWG to increase knowledge of TRBWG members</p> <p>Outcome: See <a href="#">attached presentation</a>.</p>
10:35	<p>Streamflow and reservoir updates – Tom Scott, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes from previous forecast</li><li>• Streamflow and reservoir levels forecast</li><li>• Questions and discussion on projected operations</li></ul> <p>Objective: Provide latest information on projected reservoir operations and model output</p>

	<p>Outcome: See <a href="#">attached presentation</a>.</p> <p>Tom mentioned it would be helpful to acquire California water rights based on the Interstate Allocation and that even 2,000 – 3,000 acre-feet annually could help California to achieve improved instream flows and reservoir levels. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe prefers California to just use Joint Program Fish Credit Water (JPCFW), however establishment of JPCFW is totally dependent on the Tribe’s operation. Using California water rights would allow establishment in most years and be based on California’s discretion.</p>
11:00	<p>DWR Annual Water Quality Report - David Colvin, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of 2018 temperature monitoring</li> </ul> <p>Objective: Informational item</p> <p>Outcome: See <a href="#">attached presentation</a>.</p> <p>Is the DWR monitoring program linked at all to the Truckee River TMDL? No, the DWR program is non-regulatory. Is turbidity linked to suspended sediment? Yes, but it is difficult to reliably use turbidity as a surrogate for suspended sediment.</p>
11:30	<p>Annual TRBWG Chair, Convener, Membership Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual confirmation of or selection of TRBWG Chair</li> <li>• Annual confirmation of or selection of TRBWG Convener</li> <li>• Annual confirmation of Membership</li> <li>• Schedule for 2020 Meetings</li> </ul> <p>Objective: The TRBWG Charter states that the Chair, Convener, and Membership will be confirmed, selected, or updated annually at the last meeting of the year.</p> <p>Members should review the <a href="#">Charter</a> and <a href="#">Membership</a> prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Outcome: See <a href="#">attached presentation</a>.</p> <p>Richard Anderson, Nevada County Supervisor, was confirmed as the Chair of the TRBWG for 2020.</p> <p>Truckee River Watershed Council was confirmed as the Convener of the TRBWG for 2020.</p> <p>The roster needs to be updated. It will be circulated to the membership.</p> <p>The meeting schedule for 2020 is included at the bottom of this document. Meetings will take place at the U.S. Forest Service in Truckee.</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: Some topics were brought up-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Truckee General Plan 2040. Jan Zabriskie is on the ad hoc committee and will give a brief presentation at the January TRBWG as to how members could be involved.</li> <li>• Member presentations – Trout Unlimited</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: No formal action items resulted from the meeting. However, TRWC, DWR, and Jan Zabriskie will meet to discuss the potential for California to acquire water rights for use under TROA.</p>
12Noon	Adjournment – Chair

### 2020 Meeting Dates

#### TRBWG – monthly\*

- January 22, 2020
- March 25, 2020
- April 22, 2020
- May 27, 2020
- June 24, 2020
- July 22, 2020
- August 26, 2020
- September 23, 2020
- November 18, 2020

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

#### Technical Response Team

- TBD

#### Fish Team

- TBD