

# Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Location:** On-line/phone Meeting only  
Truckee River Basin Water Group Meeting

**Chairperson:** Richard Anderson, Nevada County Supervisor

**Convener:** Truckee River Watershed Council, Beth Christman, [bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org](mailto:bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org), 530-550-8760, x1 #

Time	Item
10:00	<p>Call to Order – Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Agenda Review</li> </ul>
10:10	<p>Standing Item: Committee Report Back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No committees met since the last meeting</li> </ul> <p>Objective: Provide updates from Technical Response Team, Fish Team and any other ad hoc teams</p>
10:10	<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, increase TRBWG member knowledge about TROA</p> <p>Outcomes: <a href="#">See attached presentation.</a></p> <p>A few questions were raised during the presentation: Where is Newlands project water currently being stored?</p> <p>Can you define “spill”? Any water that is released without being requested by the party that owns it – for example, if a reservoir is above a flood control limit, water will be released to meet the flood control limit.</p> <p>Why is the Truckee River so low right now, shouldn’t Floriston rates keep the flow around 400 cfs? Are the flows in the Truckee lower than what we’ve seen in previously during this time of year? The flow in the Truckee is low because of holdbacks – a party that owns water that would typically be used to meet Floriston rates can instead choose to keep it in an</p>

	<p>upstream reservoir for later release. The holdbacks are more noticeable this year because in addition to holdbacks that TMWA typically requests, Newlands Project water is also being held back this year. It is expected Newlands Project holdback will be more common in the future.</p>
<p>10:40</p>	<p>Annual TRBWG Chair, Convener, Membership Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of TRBWG Chair - Proposed: Nevada County Supervisor elect, Hardy Bullock</li> <li>• Annual confirmation of or selection of TRBWG Convener</li> <li>• Annual Confirmation of Membership</li> <li>• Schedule for 2021 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>The current Chair is Nevada County Supervisor Richard Anderson, who is retiring from this position at the end of his term. The Nevada County Supervisor elect, Hardy Bullock, is interested in serving as Chair for the TRBWG.</p> <p>Members should review the Charter (<a href="https://www.truckeeriverwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/TRBWG-Charter.pdf">https://www.truckeeriverwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/TRBWG-Charter.pdf</a>) and Membership (<a href="#">attached</a>) prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Outcomes: <a href="#">See attached presentation.</a></p> <p>The members selected Hardy Bullock to serve as the TRBWG Chair for 2021.</p> <p>The members confirmed TRWC as TRBWG convener for 2021.</p> <p>We reviewed the key points from the Charter. Feedback from members on the Charter is welcome at any time, the Charter is intended to be a living document. No comments were received at the meeting.</p> <p>The roster will be circulated (<a href="#">attached</a>), please provide updates to the roster to Beth by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, so a new roster can be posted in advance of our January 2021 meeting. When you provide an updated name, please also provide an e-mail address to Beth so we can update the circulation list as well. Send updates to Beth at: <a href="mailto:bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org">bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org</a>.</p>
<p>11:25</p>	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p> <p>Outcome: Several topics were proposed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trout Unlimited Member update (confirmed for January 27, 2021)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on water rights investigation currently underway by The Freshwater Trust and TRWC (target March, 2021 meeting)</li> <li>• Fish Team update (after next Fish Team meeting, TBD)</li> <li>• New Donner Creek culvert near PC-1? Is this an appropriate topic to cover in TRBWG? Planning team will review. Point of contact at Town is Mike Vaughan.</li> </ul>
11:25	<p>Standing item: Action Item report back</p> <p>Objective: capture key decisions, discussion points, and action items to include in meeting summary</p>
11:30	Adjournment – Chair

### **2021 Meeting Dates**

#### TRBWG – monthly\*

- January 27, 2021
- March 24, 2021
- April 28, 2021
- May 26, 2021
- June 23, 2021
- July 28, 2021
- September 22, 2021
- November 17, 2021

#### Technical Response Team

- TBD

#### Fish Team

- TBD

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

### **Meeting Materials**

[TROA Update and Scheduling Summary](#)

[Annual Review of Charter, Convener, and Chair](#)

[TRBWG Member Roster](#)