

Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, April 28th 2021 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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

Chairperson: Hardy Bullock, Nevada County Supervisor

Convener: Truckee River Watershed Council, Beth Christman,
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Time	Item
Meeting Logistics	<p>We are using Go To Meeting for this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please log in 5 – 10 minutes early if you have not used this platform before, you will need to download and install the connection app (you can also use the link above to install it any time prior to the meeting) • Please mute your phone or computer during the presentations • We will use the “chat” function for questions
10:00	<p>Call to Order – Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Agenda Review
10:10	<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>
10:10	<p>Streamflow and reservoir updates – Tom Scott, DWR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes from previous forecast • Streamflow and reservoir levels forecast • Questions and discussion on projected operations <p>Objective: Provide latest information on projected reservoir operations and model output, increase TRBWG member knowledge about TROA</p> <p>Outcomes: See attached presentation.</p> <p>Questions posed for Tom: If the flows established for the rafting season are extended past mid-August, wouldn't they benefit trout as well? Yes, extending the flows past mid-August would have beneficial aspects for trout as well, but there is nothing we can do about</p>

	<p>extending the flows if Lake Tahoe falls below the rim. The gates will be wide open, but flow is minimal due to rim control.</p> <p>Is there a possibility of extending Tahoe flows to be able to keep Boca levels up higher and longer? If flows are extended from Tahoe, there would likely be a slight increase in the fill level at Boca, however this will be a decision made by downstream water users.</p> <p>When would rafting on the upper portion of the Truckee River (out of Tahoe City) likely end? The current projection is for the flows to drop below 200 cfs towards the mid to end of August. Once flows drop below this level, the rafting season will likely be finished. There is a possibility of shifting closer to Labor Day, but this is unknown at this time.</p> <p>I have concerns about the projection of 400 cfs in the upper portion of the Truckee River – this is a high level for rafting, and we would like to see the flows come down closer to 350 cfs. We can likely target flow levels to be 375 cfs & will work to get flow levels to 350 cfs, but this will not be easy.</p>
11:10	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics & announcements</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest Outcomes: No topics were proposed at this meeting, however TRWC maintains a running list of previously suggested topics and will review for possible inclusion at the next meeting.</p>
11:15	<p>Standing item: Action Item report back</p> <p>Objective: capture key decisions, discussion points, and action items to include in meeting summary Discussion items are noted in the Streamflow and reservoir section above.</p>
11:20	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

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

Technical Response Team

- TBD

Fish Team

- TBD