

# Truckee River Basin Water Group

**Agenda for Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 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, [bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org](mailto:bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org), 530-550-8760, x1 # and Eben Swain, [eswain@truckeeriverwc.org](mailto:eswain@truckeeriverwc.org), 530-550-8760 x7 #

Time	Item
Meeting Logistics	<p>We are using Go To Meeting for this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• Please mute your phone or computer during the presentations</li> <li>• We will use the “chat” function for questions</li> </ul>
10:00	<p>Call to Order:</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 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>Outcomes: <a href="#">See attached presentation.</a></p> <p>Objective: Provide latest information on projected reservoir operations and model output, increase TRBWG member knowledge about TROA</p> <p>Questions for Tom:            When Boca flows cut off, can we expect to see a fish kill in the channel below the dam?            Last time Boca ran out of Floriston rate water, flows dropped to 0 cfs from Boca. This time flows will drop to 5 cfs, leaving some water below</p>

	<p>Boca. Since there will be at least some flow below Boca, fish kills are not expected like the last time Boca had ran out of Floriston rate water. However we will discuss w/ Fish &amp; Wildlife reps regarding additional concern or appropriate processes.</p> <p>Can we expect flows below the Boca confluence to drop to roughly 100 cfs by Nov. 1st? Yes – model shows 84cfs.</p> <p>Are flows out of Tahoe expected to drop to 200 cfs by Aug. 16/17? Can we anticipate that rafting will be discontinued at this point? The model shows flows at 180 cfs on Aug 21 when rafting below Tahoe is expected to end. Currently, it looks the actual date may end up shifting a couple of days earlier than the model shows due to higher evaporation in Tahoe and the uncertainty on amount of flow going over the rim at Tahoe.</p> <p>Historically when Tahoe fills, there should be about 3 years before the lake hits rim control – why is it a shorter timeframe this time around? Very dry, low snowpack and dry conditions the prior year just mean that there is not as much water availability in Tahoe as there otherwise might be.</p> <p>What happens to the water in Boca when Floriston rates are no longer available? This water is controlled by other downstream water users who may want to continue to store in Boca in the event of an extended drought for use during the next summer months. There is also JPF credit water that may be moved to Stampede to maintain minimum flows in the LTR during drought conditions.</p> <p>The Floriston flows appear to drop in mid-August from 500 cfs to 275 cfs – is there any ramping that will likely occur to mitigate this type of drop? In this case, we do not expect the Water Master to ramp more than a day at the most. If we want any ramping to occur it will be necessary to direct release JPFCW. Direct release of JPFCW occurs when JPFCW is released below Boca and flows to Pyramid Lake. This directly lowers the amount of JPFCW in credit storage. DWR will contact Fish &amp; Wildlife to discuss.</p> <p>What are the anticipated flows at the USGS gauging station below Martis Creek in mid August? Flows should be approximately 200cfs at this location and time.</p>
10:50	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics &amp; announcements</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p>

10:55	<p>Standing item: Action Item report back</p> <p>Objective: capture key decisions, discussion points, and action items to include in meeting summary</p>
11:00	Adjournment

### **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

- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Fish Team

- TBD