

Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, May 25th, 2022 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

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Chairperson: Hardy Bullock, Nevada County Supervisor

Convener: Truckee River Watershed Council, Beth Christman,
bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org, 530-550-8760, x1 # and Eben Swain,
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Time	Item
10:00	Call to Order – Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Agenda Review
10:10	Standing Item: Committee Report Back <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No committees met since last meeting Objective: Provide updates from Technical Response Team, Fish Team and any other ad hoc teams
10:10	Streamflow and reservoir updates – Kamy Asse, DWR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes from previous forecast• Streamflow and reservoir levels forecast• Questions and discussion on projected operations Objective: Provide latest information on projected reservoir operations and model output, increase TRBWG member knowledge about TROA Outcome: See attached presentation.

	<p>Question: On the graph detailing outflows from Boca, the flows appear to go to zero, is this correct?</p> <p>Boca flows below the dam are anticipated to go to 5cfs during the month of June, but will not go to zero.</p>
11:10	<p>USFWS Fisheries Activities, Tim Loux/Derek Bloomquist, USFWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update lower river spawning season <p>Objective: Informational item. Lahontan cutthroat trout and cui-ui spawning out of Pyramid Lake affects reservoir operations in the upper watershed. USFWS will provide regular updates to TRBWG during the spawning season.</p> <p>Summary of information provided by Tim Loux: USFWS is commencing the summer time sampling for healthy ecosystems. LCT out-migration peaked this past week & Cui-ui are also moving upstream. The fish screens are still running at this point, but not sure how much longer they will be needed.</p> <p>Question: Where are fish being stocked?</p> <p>381 LCT fish have been stocked in the mainstem of Truckee on the Nevada side. 18,000 LCT have been stocked in the Verdi Ponds</p> <p>Question: Are fish being stocked in CA, or only in NV?</p> <p>Only in NV at this time.</p> <p>Question: Will LCT be stocked in the Middle Truckee portion of the river?</p> <p>(From Mitch Lockhart): There is an allotment for the Middle Truckee portion of the river, however the primary issue is the size of the fish – they are currently too small to stock as they come out of the hatchery. Collaboration is currently on-going to develop a stocking plan for the upper reaches of the Truckee River, however at this time the majority of the fish coming out of the hatchery will be planted in the Lake Tahoe area.</p>

	<p>Question: In Lake Tahoe, my understanding is that LCT will likely be in the shallower water zone. Is this correct?</p> <p>Based on what we have seen with stocked fish populations in Fallen Leaf Lake, this is probably a valid assumption.</p> <p>Question: Will LCT be constrained to certain locations in Lake Tahoe?</p> <p>We think we will likely see good migration throughout Lake Tahoe based on patterns observed previously.</p>
11:25	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics & announcements</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p> <p>Possible agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Update on fish populations in Independence Lake may be of interest, as well as a presentation by the Watershed Council on completed or on-going restoration projects. 2) A General Plan update from a representative of the Town of Truckee as the plan pertains to the Truckee River reach through the town limits.
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> <p>No action items at this time.</p>
11:30	Adjournment – Chair

2022 Meeting Dates:

TRBWG – monthly*

- January 26, 2022
- March 23, 2022
- April 27, 2022
- May 25, 2022
- June 22, 2022
- July 27, 2022
- September 28, 2022
- November 16, 2022

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

Technical Response Team

- TBD

Fish Team

- TBD