

Truckee River Basin Water Group

Meeting Notes for Wednesday, March 22th 2023, 10:00 AM – Noon

Location: Truckee Donner Public Utility District, Board Room
11570 Donner Pass Road
Truckee, CA 96161

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/Beth Christman <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 <p>Objective: Provide updates from Technical Response Team, Fish Team and any other ad hoc teams</p>
10:10	Independence Lake Update – Chris Segal, The Nature Conservancy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Lahontan cutthroat trout at Independence• Update on other activities at Independence Lake <p>Objective: Informational Item. Activities related to supporting the Lahontan cutthroat trout population at Independence Lake influence operations, therefore affecting lake level and stream flow.</p> <p>Outcome: See attached presentation.</p> <p>Questions for Chris: Q. How much acreage is managed within the Independence Lake Preserve by TNC? A. TNC properties total 2,300 acres.</p> <p>Q. TNC project team is actively moving the fish/fry from Independence Creek to the lake, correct? A. Fish are stopped at the established fish barrier and ID'd/tagged. If there is no existing tag, fish are prevented from accessing the lake creek for spawning and are and tagged and tested for hybridization. Only tagged fish that don't exhibit hybridization are allowed beyond the barrier to spawn. If hybridization is not present, then fish are relocated</p>

	<p>into the lake. Fry are allowed downstream into the lake at the end of the season.</p> <p>Q. What prevents the brook trout from accessing the lake? A. TNC project team conducts electro-fishing above the established fish barrier to remove any unwanted trout from the creek or from remaining pools, so as much as possible, brook trout are prevented from entering lake.</p> <p>Q. There is no harvesting of LCT by anglers in Independence Lake, correct? A. Correct – any LCT caught should be treated as catch & release.</p>
10:40	<p>Streamflow and reservoir updates – Maggie Gudino-Cisneros, 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>Outcome: See attached presentation.</p> <p>Questions for Maggie:</p> <p>Q. What is the top CFS anticipated for the months of May/June at Farad? A. Flows will likely top off at approximately 6,000 cfs.</p> <p>Q. Is there a possibility of smoothing out the flow releases for Stampede and Prosser during the months of May/June? This highly effects spawning considerations. A. DWR can have this conversation, but it is unlikely as the flow releases are highly affected by snowmelt parameters.</p> <p>Q. The discharge out of Tahoe is set at 70cfs – can you provide the anticipated flow through the Town of Truckee reach for timeframe of May – July? A. Can likely anticipate approximately 1,200 cfs from May – July, with flows dropping off to approximately 300 cfs by the end of July. - Beth will try and follow up with more specific flow information and will send out to interested parties.</p>
11:20	<p>Standing item: Suggestions for future agenda topics & announcements</p> <p>Objective: Gather input from attendees for topics of interest</p>

	No agenda topics proposed at this time.
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 actions or report back at this time.</p>
11:30	Adjournment – Chair

2023 Meeting Dates:

TRBWG – monthly*

- January 25, 2023
- March 22, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 24, 2023
- June 28, 2023
- July 26, 2022
- September 27, 2023
- November 15, 2023

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

Technical Response Team

- TBD

Fish Team

- TBD