U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

TRINITY RIVER ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP CHARTER

1. **Committee's Official Designation:** Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group (Working Group).

2. **Authority.** This Working Group is renewed pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior's authority to manage the fish and wildlife resources of the Trinity River basin. These authorities include Public Law 84-386, the Act of August 12, 1955 (original authorization for construction of Trinity River Division, Central Valley Project); Public Law 96-335 (Trinity River Stream Rectification Act); Public Law 98-541 (Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984); and Public Law 102-575 (Central Valley Project Improvement Act). This renewal is in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:** The purpose of the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) is to restore the Trinity River basin's fish and wildlife populations to those that existed prior to construction of the Trinity River Division of the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project, and to implement measures to restore fish and wildlife habitat in the basin. The Implementation Plan for the Preferred Alternative of the Trinity River Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report established an Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management (AEAM) organization to design and direct monitoring and restoration activities in the Trinity River basin and to provide recommendations for flow modifications, if necessary. As part of the AEAM organization, the Working Group provides an opportunity for stakeholders to give policy and management input, in an advisory capacity, about restoration efforts to the TRRP through the Trinity Management Council (TMC).

4. **Description of Duties:** The duties of the Working Group are solely advisory and include:

   a. Providing policy and management recommendations and advice to the TMC on (1) effectiveness of management actions in achieving restoration goals and alternative hypotheses (methods and strategies) for study, (2) the priority for restoration projects, (3) funding priorities, and (4) other components of the Trinity River Restoration Program as requested by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

   b. Developing and submitting alternative hypotheses (strategies and methods) for consideration by the TMC and potential analysis by the AEAM Technical Modeling and Analysis Group and the Rehabilitation Implementation Group.

   c. Recommending management actions and studies for Requests for Proposals development and implementation.

5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Working Group Reports:** The Working Group reports to the TMC. The TMC reports to the Secretary through the Mid-Pacific Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Pacific Southwest Regional Director (Region 8) for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

6. **Support:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will provide administrative and logistical support for the Working Group, in close coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Working Group's functions are estimated to be $100,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and one FTE.

8. **Designated Federal Officer:** The DFO is the Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region (Region 8), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who is a full-time employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO will approve or call all Working Group and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Working Group and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Working Group will meet approximately two times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.

10. **Duration.** Continuing.

11. **Termination.** The Working Group is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of the FACA. The Working Group will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.

12. **Membership and Designation.**

    a. The Working Group will consist of up to 20 members and 20 alternate members appointed by the Secretary for 3-year terms. If the Working Group terminates prior to the end of the term, the terms will terminate with the Working Group. Alternates may vote and otherwise function as a member in the absence of his or her primary member.

    b. Members will represent stakeholders, agencies, and tribes with an interest in and a commitment to the implementation of the Trinity River Restoration Program. Members must be senior representatives of their respective interest groups with knowledge of the Trinity River Restoration Program, including the Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management Program. Members will be selected from, but not limited to, the following interest groups:

        (1) Trinity County residents
        (2) Recreational and commercial fishermen
        (3) Recreational and commercial boaters
        (4) Power/utility companies
        (5) Agricultural water users
        (6) Private and commercial timber producers

(7) Ranchers and people with grazing rights/permits
(8) Tribes
(9) Environmental organizations
(10) Federal, State, or Local agencies/organizations with responsibilities in the Trinity River Basin

13. **Ethics Responsibilities of Members.** No Working Group or subcommittee member may participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest.

14. **Subcommittees.** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Working Group for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. The Working Group Chair, with the approval of the DFO, will appoint subcommittee members. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. **Recordkeeping.** The Records of the Working Group and formally and informally established subcommittees of the Working Group must be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2, or other approved Agency records disposition schedule. These records must be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior

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