

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT  
9 a.m., March 24, 2011  
Trinity PUD Community Room  
24 Ponderosa Lane  
Weaverville, CA

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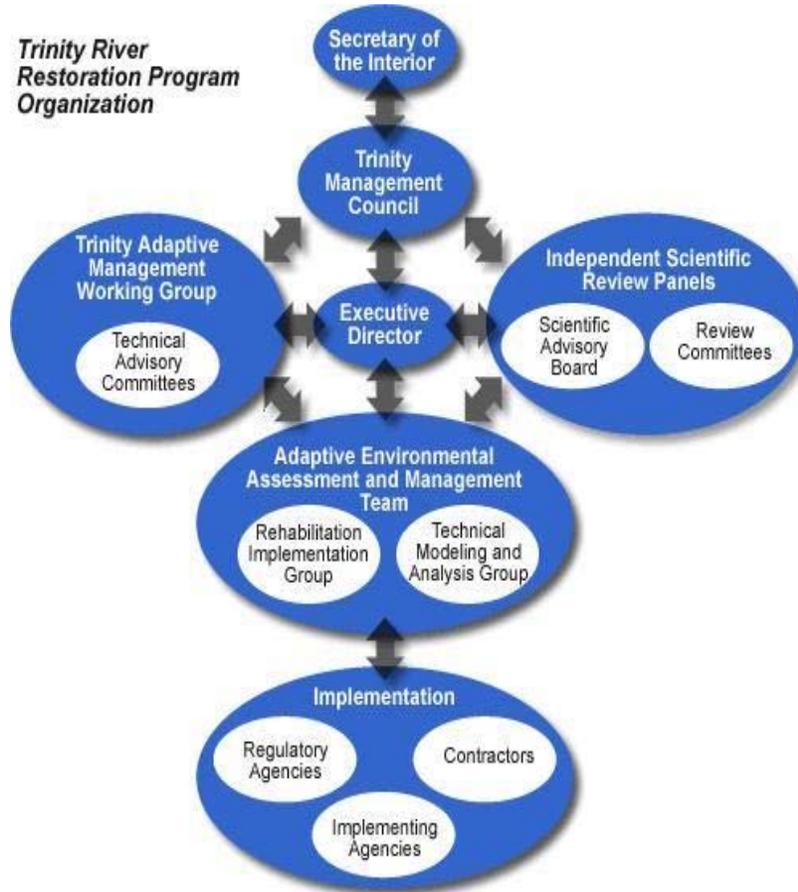
SUBJECT: Update on Trinity River Restoration Program Activities

### DISCUSSION

In 1984 the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act was signed, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to develop and implement a management program to restore the fish and wildlife populations in the Trinity River Basin to levels which existed prior to construction of the Trinity and Lewiston dams. This Act initiated the development of the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP). Detailed information on TRRP can be viewed at <http://www.trrp.net/RestorationProgram/index.htm>.

In 2009, the Regional Water Board acted as lead agency for a Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) and site-specific Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR) for channel rehabilitation and sediment management activities in order to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Regional Water Board certified the environmental documents on August 25, 2009. Under California Code of Regulations, after a Master EIR has been prepared and certified, subsequent projects which the lead agency determines as being within the scope of the Master EIR will be subject to only limited environmental review.

Representatives of TRRP will deliver a presentation on the results of habitat analyses performed at recent Channel Rehabilitation sites. The results are part of the ongoing Integrated Habitat Assessment Program (IHAP) that has been carried out by the Yurok Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, and US Fish and Wildlife Service assessment team. This presentation will pass on the best information available currently, which has not been finalized in a report, and which details the performance of TRRP projects in creating fish habitat.



PRELIMINARY STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational item only.