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Subject: Department of the Interior Response to Trinity Management Council (TMC)
Recommendations for the 2015 Trinity River Flow Schedule

Dear Mr. Naman:

This is in response to your letter of April 14, 2015, in which you formally transmitted the 2015 fishery restoration flow schedule recommended by the TMC. As the Secretary of Interior's designated representatives for the Trinity River Restoration Program, we are informing you of our concurrence with the TMC's recommendation to use the Flow Schedule Work Group's proposed hydrograph for the dry water year. The dry water year designation provides for an allocation of 453,000 acre-feet, as established in the Record of Decision. We acknowledge the additional recommendation to optimize the carryover storage level in Trinity Reservoir, and offer in reply that we are actively seeking to balance our operations throughout the Central Valley Project during these extremely challenging dry conditions.

Please extend our appreciation to the TMC members, their technical staff, members of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group, and your staff for their analyses and recommendations.

Sincerely,

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