

Tuolumne River Technical Advisory Committee

Don Pedro Project – FERC License 2299

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

08 JUNE 2017 AT 9:30 AM

Turlock Irrigation District, Room 146

SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Participants made self-introductions

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- Review/revise agenda – No changes.
- Approve notes from March 2017 meeting – No changes were identified. Notes for the last meeting are posted to the TRTAC website: <http://tuolumnerivertac.com/>
- Items since last meeting – The handout list is posted at <http://tuolumnerivertac.com/>

3. MONITORING/REPORTS:

- Run update: As of today's date, 3531 Chinook have migrated upstream past the counting weir, as compared to 422 at this same time last year. No *O. mykiss* passages were recorded this season. The weir was removed on January 3, 2017 due to high flows.
- TID thermographs: Wayne and Pat are monitoring floodplain temperatures at four locations. Thermographs must be frequently relocated due to rising and falling flows.
- Seine catch has had its ups and downs; high flows since January 2nd have caused seining crews to relocate or skip sites. However, salmon have been caught at all historic seine locations this season.
- The RST at Grayson has had a few issues but continues to fish. Waterford RST continues to fish well.
- Water hyacinth is building up in protected coves but is planned for treatment in the next few weeks.
- The 2016 Annual Report to FERC was submitted on time.
- Wayne suggested a flow regime that contains only 5 Indexes.
- TID must be done filling Don Pedro by October 1st.
- Dennett Dam is still planned for removal in August/September.
- Annual Report submittal date was cut too close again. Reminder to get the product in earlier.
- Patrick to contact Sean Smith about Habitat Builder and potential for use on Tuolumne restoration.

4. FLOW OPERATIONS:

- TID has been working on many fronts trying to manage inflow and outflow this year. Run off rates have been inconsistent causing flows on the lower river to rise and fall in response to reservoir filling rates.

5. AGENCY/NGO UPDATES: NONE

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS: NONE

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 14, 2017

TRTAC Meeting Attendees

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1.	Patrick Maloney	TID
2.	Dave Boucher	TRC
3.	Allison Boucher	TRC
4.	Noah Hume (by phone)	Stillwater
5.	Wayne Swaney (by phone)	Stillwater