

TCRCD Watershed Council Expansion & Watershed Restoration Plan Goals and Objectives

The District received funding to perform “Task B” of the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Program: further develop an existing watershed group – the Trinity River Watershed Council. Preliminary goals and objectives include:

Goal 1: To expand the existing Trinity River Watershed Council to enlarge its geographic focus to encompass the whole Trinity River Watershed, not just the 40 river miles covered by existing coordination funding.

Objective 1A: Enhance the participation of diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address water management needs in the entire Trinity River Watershed and be as inclusive as possible of stakeholders in all geographic areas of the watershed.

Tasks: Establish geographic regions following regions created in other Trinity County planning documents; create and schedule convenient meetings for stakeholders in all areas; conduct outreach activities and create materials to expand the Council and reach stakeholders.

Objective 1B: Explore the development of by-laws for the Council.

Tasks: Have watershed coordinator research ideas and present to the Council. Council members in all regions must reach consensus on by-laws.

Goal 2: To develop project concepts that will benefit the health of the watershed through improved water quality and quantity, ecological resilience and conflict resolution efforts.

Objective 2A: Facilitate exploration of concepts related to known issues in the watershed as outlined on page 6, and be open to other issues not identified in this proposal.

Tasks: Watershed coordinator will work with stakeholders and community groups in all regions to review issues, organize and create lists through meetings, watershed tours and on-line forums.

Objective 2B: Project concepts need to make use of existing data available from multiple sources and agencies.

Tasks: Watershed coordinator will work with stakeholders to gather existing data, analyze and distribute to all stakeholders and agencies; analysis will be used by stakeholders to create project concepts.

Objective 2C: Incorporate the use of GIS to analyze completed restoration work, and use this information to support this goal.

Tasks: Watershed coordinator will work with stakeholders to gather existing data on completed restoration projects, analyze the data for gaps, and distribute to all stakeholders and agencies; GIS analysis and maps will be used by stakeholders to create project concepts.

Goal 3: To develop a watershed restoration plan that will be a living, dynamic document.

Objective 3A: Be as inclusive as possible of all existing plans, data and concepts.

Objective 3B: Develop benchmarks for reaching goals within the Watershed plan.

Tasks: Watershed coordinator will work with stakeholders to assure that all topics are covered; incorporate plan review and updates into meeting schedules.

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