

# Trinity River Small Group

Follow up from Previous Meeting and  
Discussion of Possible Water Right Term

April 30, 2021

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Action Items and Follow up from Last Meeting
  - a. AB 52 – Reconsider scope
  - b. 1959 Contract “reasonably foreseeable”
  - c. Discussion on 1959 Water Contract use
3. Discussion of Possible Water Rights Term
4. Action Items and Next Steps

# Action Items and Follow up from Last Meeting

- AB 52 – Reconsider scope
- 1959 Contract “reasonably foreseeable”
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# Water Right Approach and Possible Term

- Developing water right terms:
  - Implementable and under the control of the Sites Authority
  - Measurable, identifiable, reportable
  - Addresses the issue at hand
- Open to a term, but we believe that it should meet the criteria above

# Discussion of Possible Water Rights Term

- Preliminary discussion
- Any term would need to be approved by the Sites Board prior to submittal in the application

# Possible Water Rights Term

Trinity River water shall not be used to fill Sites Reservoir under this Permit unless the Trinity River Division of the Central Valley Project is releasing water to meet flood space regulatory requirements and all other diversion criteria in this Permit are met.

Furthermore, implementation of the Sites Project shall not change the Bureau of Reclamation's obligations in its Trinity River operations, including but not limited to the 1959 Contract Between the United States and Humboldt County, the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Record of Decision, and the Long-Term Plan to Protect Adult Salmon in the Lower Klamath River Record of Decision.

# Action Items and Next Steps



**Thank you!**





# Proposed Water Right Term from Humboldt County

Trinity River water shall not be used to fill Sites Reservoir unless the Trinity River Division of the Central Valley Project is releasing water as a result of storage conditions requiring “Safety of Dams” releases beyond normal operating plans and concurrently when Shasta Reservoir is making flood control releases.

Furthermore, Humboldt County’s 1959 water contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, Trinity River Record of Decision (ROD) flows, and releases to implement the Bureau of Reclamation’s Long-Term Plan to Protect Adult Salmon in the Lower Klamath River shall not be reduced or negatively impacted in any way as a result of any Sites Reservoir decisions, modeling, operational plans, and water right petitions.

# Group Norms

- Encourage everyone to be on video
- Mute yourself when others are speaking
- Respectful, professional dialogue
- Ask questions throughout, lets have a dialogue
  - Let the speaker finish their point
  - Use the raise your hand function in Teams if needed
- Focus is on the Sites Project