

Trinity River Watershed Council Bylaws

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the organization shall be Trinity River Watershed Council.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Trinity River Watershed Council shall be:

- To provide a centralized, non-regulatory entity where people representing varied interests in the watershed can communicate and share their visions.
- To promote and facilitate sustainable use of water resources in the watershed, recognizing that a healthy watershed is the foundation for a healthy community.
- To evaluate impacts of man-made and natural disturbances, such as (but not limited to) poor agricultural practices or stand-replacing wildfire, and provide guidance, education and collaboration for improvement within the watershed.
- To provide support to members who seek to develop and implement projects to maintain and rehabilitate the biological and/or physical processes in the watershed.
- To provide a forum for coordinating programs and projects throughout the watershed among agencies, entities, organizations, and tribal governments to benefit long term collaboration among all participants for the benefit of watershed health, while considering socioeconomic factors.
- To increase awareness of watershed issues by disseminating information.
- To encourage all stakeholder involvement in improving watershed health.

ARTICLE III

MISSION

The mission of the Trinity River Watershed Council shall be:

To protect, enhance, restore and revitalize the watershed through collaborative efforts that leverage external resources, work toward common goals, educate and engage community stakeholders, address natural resource issues, and support healthy ecosystems for future generations.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS and VOTING RIGHTS

Members of the Trinity River Watershed Council are:

- representatives of organizations, entities or groups (OEG) – not individuals, with at least 10 members; or if a smaller OEG, the OEG has to have been in existence and active for at least one year; and
- supportive of the Purpose and Mission as stated in these bylaws.

In order to vote, an OEG must

- have had a representative attend three consecutive meetings of the Council; recognizing that scheduling is difficult, this representative does not have to be the same person at each of the three consecutive meetings;
- have been active in the watershed for at least one year;
- have a mailing address, and/or own or manage property in the watershed;
- receive only one vote per item, despite the number of representatives in attendance.

A voting member will lose voting rights by not having a representative in attendance at three consecutive meetings.

Voting rights can be re-established by attending two consecutive meetings.

Phone attendance is acceptable and votes may be cast over the phone. At this time, votes by electronic means and proxy votes will not be accepted.

Areas where the Council may vote include, but are not limited to: support of projects and proposals, change of bylaws, approval of new voting members, sponsoring events.

- Items for voting consideration will be emailed to Council members at least two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting.

Voting outcomes will be based on super majority (2/3) of voting members present. Quorums will not be required.

Members of the public who hold a stake in the watershed, but do not satisfy voting member requirements, are welcome to attend meetings and are encouraged to participate in discussions.

ARTICLE V GOVERNANCE

The Council will not elect officers. Meetings will be coordinated by TCRCD watershed coordinator.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 1.

The Council will only form Ad Hoc committees on an “as-needed” basis and will have no Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1.

Regular meetings of the Council shall be held quarterly at dates agreed upon by Council members.

Special meetings can be called if requested by a voting OEG representative. Special meeting time and place will be scheduled based on availability of voting OEG representatives.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided that notice to the amendments has been given either at the previous meeting or sent to each member by email at least 14 days before the meeting.

ARTICLE IX RULES OF ORDER

"Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.

I, the undersigned, concur with the stated bylaws and will participate in the Trinity River Watershed Council and represent my organization to the best of my ability.

1. Signed: Samantha Chilcote Date: 4/25/17

Print Name: Samantha Chilcote

Organization: Cons-Itant

2. Signed: Nick Davids Date: 4/25/17

Print Name: Nick Davids

Organization: Yurok Tribe

3. Signed: Donna Rupp Date: 4/25/17

Print Name: Donna Rupp

Organization: Trinity County RCD

4. Signed: Andrew Hill Date: 4/25/17

Print Name: Andrew Hill

Organization: CDFW

5. Signed: Sandra Pérez Date: 4/25/17

Print Name: Sandra Pérez

Organization: Northwest CA RCD Council / SC Program

6. Signed: Josh Smith Date: 4/25/17

Print Name: Josh Smith

Organization: WATERSHED RESEARCH & TRAINING CENTER

7. Signed: James C. Lee Date: 4/25/17

Print Name: James C. Lee

Org: Hood Valley Tribe