

Trinity River Watershed Council

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North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Blvd
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written in support of the effort by Trinity County to secure funding to develop and enact a grading ordinance as outlined in the proposal developed by the Northwest CA Resource Conservation & Development Council's 5C Program.

The Trinity River Watershed Council members include representatives from several non-profit and governmental agencies, as well as stakeholders who live in the watershed. All voting members of the Council have expressed deep concern over the last several years regarding the lack of a grading ordinance in the County.

Many of our member organizations are involved in reducing sediment delivery to our waterways on public lands, while some private individuals are creating additional loads, unregulated, and without any regard to their cumulative impacts. Our watershed is already listed as sediment impaired under the Clean Water Act – and that was determined decades ago before the current flurry of land movement began.

This ordinance is long over-due and has now reached a critical stage with the legalization of cannabis in the state of California. We believe that the County has reached a cross-roads, where the future health of our watershed depends upon enacting a grading ordinance.

Sincerely,

Approved by TRWC Voting Members: Josh Smith, Watershed Research & Training Center; James Lee, Hoopa Valley Tribal Fisheries; Kyle DeJulio, Yurok Tribal Fisheries; Sandra Perez, 5C Program; Donna Rupp, Trinity County RCD; Samantha Chilcote, Fisheries Consultant; and Andrew Hill, California Dept. Fish and Wildlife.

Supported by all stakeholders in attendance at April 25, 2017 meeting (see scanned sign in sheet). Note - Galen Anderson of USFS and Bobbi Chadwick of Trinity County Board of Supervisors were invited guests, not attending as stakeholders.

Our Mission Statement *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.*

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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Meeting Date: April 25, 2017 10am to Noon

TCRCD Conference Room

Name	Affiliation/ Contact Info. If Not on Current List	VOTED
Kristi A. Bevard	Lewiston Landowner	
Galen Anderson	USFS - Hayfork	
Bob Morris	SAFE BOB.MORRIS@WINDBLUE.NET	
Josh Smith	WRTC	✓
Cindy Buxton	WRTC / SC	
Andy Hill	CDFW	✓
James Lee	TRRP / Hoopa	✓
JERRY PAYNE	SKY RANCH RESIDENT	
Deanna Payne	SKY RANCH RESIDENT	
Donna Rupp	TCRCD	✓
Deidre Brower	Down River Consulting	
Nick Davids	Yurok	✓
Sarah Chisue	Consultant	✓
Cynthia Juvater	TCRCD	
Kenneth Baldwin	RPF	
Tracy McFaul	TCRCD	
Kyle De Julio	YTFD	
Bobbi Chadwick	BoS Dist 3 TC	
Mark Laroach	NWCA REISE	
Sandra Perez	" " / SC Program	✓
PATRICIA LANE	LANDOWNER HYAMPOM - BOX 109 SOUTH FORK TRINITY WATERSHED ASSOC.	