



**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Resolution No. R1- 2008-0116**

**In Appreciation**

**of**

**Tom Stokely**

- WHEREAS, Tom Stokely has been employed as a full time planner with Trinity County since July 1986, after demoting himself from District 3 Planning Commissioner for a year and a half prior to that; and
- WHEREAS, Tom helped facilitate development and signing of the Trinity River Record of Decision, including environmental review, and legal defense; and
- WHEREAS, Tom helped implement the Trinity River Record of Decision, including building four new bridges and modifying one on the Trinity River, modifying water and sewage disposal systems along the river to accommodate higher flows, and completing the Indian Creek project to reduce floodwater elevations for homes and to provide fish habitat; and,
- WHEREAS, Tom helped effectuate SWRCB Water Right Order 90-05, which stated that the Bureau of Reclamation “*shall not operate its Trinity River Division .... in such a manner as to adversely affect salmonid spawning and egg incubation in the Trinity River...*”
- WHEREAS, Tom established a factual linkage at the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta Hearings that the Trinity River's waters were dammed and diverted to benefit the Westlands Water District, and that it has been at the expense of the Trinity River, the Delta, and the San Joaquin River; and
- WHEREAS, Tom administered millions of dollars in grants for park improvements, watershed restoration, fish passage and other fish habitat improvements in Trinity County; and

- WHEREAS, Tom wrote and amended every Trinity County floodplain ordinance since Trinity County entered the National Flood Insurance Program in 1988, and participated in completion of flood studies for Weaverville, Hayfork, and Coffee Creek; and
- WHEREAS, Tom established the Trinity County Natural Resources Division in the early 1990's; and
- WHEREAS, Tom has served as the public member of the California Salmon and Steelhead Advisory Committee since 1990; and
- WHEREAS, Tom has served as a member of the SB 271 Peer Review Committee for DFG's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program; and
- WHEREAS, Tom was instrumental in the Regional Water Board adopting site and time specific temperature objectives for the Trinity River which have led to improvement in fish habitat and fish runs and a 1000% increase in whitewater boating in the Trinity River; and
- WHEREAS, Tom played a key role in the construction of temperature curtains at Lewiston and Whiskeytown reservoirs to improve temperatures for anadromous fish in the Trinity and Sacramento rivers; and
- WHEREAS, Tom has served on the California Department of Water Resources' Local Groundwater Advisory Committee representing the North Coast Region; and
- WHEREAS, Tom served as one of Trinity County's two representatives on the seven county North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan's Policy Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, and on behalf of staff, express their sincere appreciation for Tom's distinguished service to the people of Trinity County, the North Coast Region, and the State of California.

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