

# Lewiston Temperature Management Intermediate Technical Memorandum

Lewiston Reservoir, Trinity County, California





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# 1.0 Background

## **Trinity River Restoration Program**

The Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) was established by the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Record of Decision (2000) as an adaptive management program within the assigned implementation fields of infrastructure, channel rehabilitation, gravel augmentation, and watershed restoration. The TRRP is a multi-agency program with eight Partners that form the Trinity Management Council (TMC), plus numerous other collaborators. The TMC Partners include the California Resources Agency, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Trinity County, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Yurok Tribe. The TRRP has a number of collaborative work groups for addressing technical issues. The Temperature Work Group (TWG) addresses the challenges of managing water releases for temperature control compliance and coordinates projects focused on temperature monitoring and modeling.

### Problem

Reclamation Central Valley Project (CVP) operators face seasonal challenges in meeting downstream temperature targets set by the State Water Resources Control Board. The geometry, hydrodynamics, and incidence of direct solar radiation in Lewiston Reservoir can cause an increase in water temperature during travel of flows from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam, and into the Trinity River. This sometimes results in unsuitable mean daily temperatures for anadromous salmonids in the Trinity River below Lewiston Dam.

### Purpose

This memorandum provides descriptions and preliminary level cost estimates for alternatives that the TRRP TWG identified to meet the objectives and goals of the Lewiston Temperature Study as described below. The memorandum is not intended to analyze impacts or recommend alternatives to be carried forward for further analysis. The cost estimates were developed to document a very preliminary analysis utilizing readily available data. Cost estimates are summarized in Section 4.0 and cost estimate worksheets are included in Attachment 1.

### Goals

The original study objective identified by the TWG was to provide recommendations for improving the transmission of cold water (less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit) through Lewiston Reservoir.

At the April 13 and May 23, 2012, meetings, the TWG members expanded the original objective to include the following generalized study goals. The TWG has yet to finalize, clarify, or rank these goals.

- 1. Habitat improvement on the Trinity River; increased mileage
- 2. Improve cold water transmission upstream of Lewiston Dam
- 3. Increase salmon production
- 4. Maintain existing level of recreational benefits and minimize impacts to same

# Authority

Authorization to implement this project may be provided by Public Law (PL) 392 (Central Valley Project), PL 386 (Trinity River Division), PL 102-575 (Central Valley Project Improvement Act), or other legislation.

# Setting

Lewiston Dam and Reservoir are located on the Trinity River within Trinity County, California (see Figure 1). The dam is a zoned earth-fill structure 91 feet high and 754 feet long with a 25-foot crest width. The dam is part of the Trinity River Division (TRD) of the CVP. The TRD provides a cross basin transfer of water from the upper Trinity River watershed to the Sacramento River drainage downstream of Shasta Dam while complying with Trinity River flow objectives below Lewiston Dam. The TRD provides water to the Sacramento River basin by diverting water at the Lewiston Dam into the Clear Creek Tunnel and into Whiskeytown Lake on Clear Creek. A total installed capacity of 154 megawatts (MW) of hydroelectric power generation is produced in the process.

There are four water release points out of Lewiston Reservoir as shown in Figures 1 and 2: the cross basin diversion through Clear Creek Tunnel to Whiskeytown Lake, the spillway gates to Trinity River below the dam, the water supply to the Trinity River Fish Hatchery, and the water supply to Lewiston Powerplant.



Figure 1. Lewiston Dam and Reservoir Facility and Structures.

There are two temperature control curtains within Lewiston Reservoir that are operated to meet water temperature targets in the Trinity River. The 350 kilowatt (kW) Lewiston Powerplant is operated in conjunction with the spillway gates to comply with mandated flows in the Trinity River downstream of the dam. The powerplant has a rated flow discharge capacity of 325 cubic feet per second (cfs), but is currently under restriction to 80 cfs due to structural problems that can lead to stranding of fish in the stilling basin. Also, there is a proposal under consideration by Trinity Public Utility District (TPUD) to replace the existing powerplant with a 2.2-MW powerplant, which would increase the plant capacity to 480 cfs. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the powerplant replacement (Reclamation, 2011) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued.

Attachment 2 contains additional detail on TRD features including project data and original construction drawings of Lewiston Dam and Powerplant, Clear Creek Power Conduit (tunnel), and Trinity Dam and Powerplant.

Figure 2 shows the water surface elevations and typical flows for Trinity and Lewiston Dam. The water surface elevation difference between the typical Trinity Dam tailwater to Lewiston Reservoir is approximately 2 feet. The Lewiston Reservoir operating range was designed for a relatively narrow 4 feet, between elevation 1898 and 1902. This constraint precludes potential alternatives for conveying water by gravity means between these features, as there is insufficient energy. Figure 3 shows the relative elevations of the features proximate to Lewiston Dam, along with the operating range of the reservoir and the downstream elevation of Trinity River.



Figure 2. Overview of Existing System.



Figure 3. Lewiston Dam Elevation Diagram.

### **Alternatives and Options**

The TWG discussed several alternatives during the April 13, May 23, and June 29, 2012, meetings. It was determined that the following alternatives would be included in this memorandum:

- 1a. Removal of Lewiston Dam Canal Water Supply
- 1b. Removal of Lewiston Dam Pump Station Water Supply
- 2. Dredging of Lewiston Reservoir
- 3a. Tunnel from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam
- 3b. Pipeline from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam
- 4. Raise Lewiston Dam

Detailed descriptions of these alternatives are provided in Section 2.0. In addition to these alternatives, this memorandum describes the following options that could be implemented separately or in combination with the alternatives:

A. Lewiston Powerplant Intake Extension Modification

The TPUD has proposed replacing the existing Lewiston Powerplant with a 2.2-MW powerplant. A potential option to provide additional flexibility for managing downstream temperatures in the Trinity River would be to extend the proposed new intake deeper into the reservoir.

B. Trinity Dam Selective Withdrawal Structure

Reclamation considered the concept of a Trinity Dam selective withdrawal structure in studies conducted in 1978 and 1979. Although the structure was never constructed, this concept remains a potential option for temperature management.

Detailed descriptions of these options are provided in Section 3.0.

# **2.0 Alternative Descriptions**

### Alternative #1a - Removal of Lewiston Dam - Canal Water Supply

This alternative focuses on Goal 1, improvement of habitat by increasing the river mileage available for salmonid habitat. This alternative aims to create salmonid habitat following removal of Lewiston Dam by restoration of the former lakebed (see Figure 1). Removal of Lewiston Dam would eliminate the retention time in the reservoir upstream of the dam and associated heating. Consideration would need to be given to the roughly 7 miles of river over which heating would occur. The net change in heating (reservoir versus riverine) is uncertain prior to analysis with advanced riverine temperature prediction models. This alternative does not retain current recreational benefits on Lewiston Reservoir. It adds riverine-based recreational

benefits similar to those below Lewiston Dam. See Figure 4 for a plan view of the existing features proximate to Lewiston Dam, and Figure 7 for last year's releases from Lewiston Reservoir.



Figure 4. Demolition Plan.

Major components of Alternative #1a include:

- Constructing a 5.5-mile long, concrete lined canal between Trinity Powerplant and Clear Creek Tunnel intake
- Removing the dam embankment and appurtenant structures (spillway, powerplant, etc.)
- Constructing a new water supply to the hatchery from the new canal

- Removing and managing sediments that have accumulated in the reservoir
- Developing the new riverine habitat between Trinity Dam and the removed Lewiston Dam
- Restoring or establishing recreation facilities in the 7-mile stretch of new riverine area
- Constructing any necessary infrastructure improvements, or stabilization of banks to address impacts from elimination of Lewiston Reservoir.

Following is a detailed description of this alternative.

#### **Clear Creek Tunnel Water Supply**

Removal of the dam would eliminate Lewiston Reservoir, which provides water to several features. The Clear Creek Tunnel conveys water from the Trinity River to Whiskeytown Reservoir, and this conveyance would continue after the dam removal activities are complete. One possibility would be to construct an approximately 7-mile long canal along the eastern shoreline of Lewiston Reservoir (see Figure 5). To meet the peak flow requirements of the Clear Creek Tunnel (approximately 3,200 cfs), the canal would need to be adequately sized. Figure 6 depicts typical canal sections. The rough terrain, limited access to the construction area, and the geological conditions (large areas of hard rock), would make canal construction challenging. Due to the minimal elevation change between the base of Trinity Dam and the intake to Clear Creek Tunnel, a bifurcation structure would tap into the high pressure side of the Trinity Dam outlet works above the powerplant.



Figure 5. Canal Alignment.



Figure 6. Typical Canal Sections.

The high pressure discharges would be directed to an energy dissipater (stilling basin) before entering the new concrete lined canal. The arrangement would be similar to the Friant Dam outlet to the Friant-Kern Canal (see Attachment 6). The canal alignment would follow the eastern shoreline and would include typical cross drainage and water control structures such as check structures and wasteways (see Attachment 6 for examples). Typical canal cross sections are shown in Figure 6. Canal bottom width would be 20 to 30 feet, with a water depth 18 to 20 feet. Canal discharge into Clear Creek Tunnel would require reconfiguration of the existing intake tower. Under Alternative #1a, a turnout off of the new canal would provide the water supply to the hatchery.

#### **Decommission Powerplant**

Water from Lewiston Reservoir currently generates power via a 350 kW powerplant downstream of Lewiston Dam. If the dam is removed, this powerplant would need to be decommissioned.

The primary building, associated structures, turbomachinery, electrical equipment and power lines would be removed. The Lewiston Dam site would no longer generate power, and future revenue associated with that power would be forfeited.

#### Maintain Fish Hatchery Water Supply and Functions

Trinity River Fish Hatchery located just downstream of Lewiston Dam would remain operational under the dam removal alternative. Removal of the dam would require reconfiguration of the hatchery fish ladder and other features. Elimination of the reservoir would require establishing a new water supply for the hatchery. For Alternative #1a, a turnout off of the new canal supplying Clear Creek tunnel would be established.



Figure 7. Lewiston Dam Annual Operational Data, 2011.

#### **Remove Temperature Control Curtains**

There are currently two temperature control curtains within Lewiston Reservoir. With dam removal, these curtains would need to be removed as well. Tasks related to removing the curtains include demolition, preparation for transport, and disposal at an appropriate location.

#### **Excavate and Remove Dam**

Full removal of the embankment, reinforced concrete spillway, and other structures were assumed for this alternative. Removal of the embankment materials would consist of excavating approximately 400,000 cubic yards of material. This material would be transported and disposed of at suitable locations. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of the material consists of river alluvium. If suitable, it may be possible to reuse this material for portions of the riverine restoration work. Demolished reinforced concrete and metalwork would need to be hauled to an appropriate disposal site.

#### **Sediment Characterization**

Throughout the life of Lewiston Dam, sediment has collected in Lewiston Reservoir. Due to the mining history in the area, the sediment in Lewiston Reservoir may contain heavy metals, including mercury. Characterization of the sediment would be required to identify areas of sediment that must be removed. Based on test results, some sediment may be allowed to remain in place, while the remainder would need to be moved to more appropriate locations along the newly exposed riverbanks, or relocated to a repository. This would include excavation, processing of the material, transport, and placement.

#### **Repository for Contaminated Sediment**

Based on results of the characterization process, areas of contaminated sediment would be identified. Sediment that is too contaminated to remain in the riverine habitat would be relocated to an appropriately sized repository. Containment methods such as lining material would be utilized to prevent the sediment from leaching contaminants into the surrounding environment. This alternative has the potential for mercury and monomethylmercury release. Refer to Attachment 4, which is an initial assessment of this potential prepared by Dr. James Rytuba of the U.S. Geological Survey.

#### **Trinity Powerplant Tailwater Regulation**

Lewiston Dam creates an afterbay (Lewiston Reservoir) which regulates releases from Trinity Dam. The afterbay provides the ability to vary releases from Trinity Powerplant to meet peaking power demands, which is a typical function of hydroelectric facilities. With Lewiston Dam removed, Trinity Powerplant would lose much of its capability to provide variable or peaking power because the powerplant, in combination with the river outlet works, would be dedicated to complying with Trinity River flow objectives below Lewiston Dam.

The cross basin diversion to Whiskeytown Lake would continue to operate in a peaking power/flow mode. Variable flow rates in the new canal could result in changing water depths within the canal. Special design measures would be incorporated to ensure structural integrity of the canal lining for this atypical loading condition.

It should be noted that operating restrictions on the Trinity Powerplant would likely have an adverse impact on power revenue.

#### **Recreation Facilities and River Access Points**

Recreation facilities are located along Lewiston Reservoir, including public and private boat docks, fishing areas, picnic areas, parking lots, and campgrounds. With Lewiston Dam removed, these recreation facilities would need to be modified or relocated adjacent to the restored Trinity River. Additional consideration would need to be given to the inclusion of river access points for public access.

#### **General Infrastructure**

Removal of Lewiston Dam would require changes to the existing infrastructure, including removing, constructing, and relocating various features as appropriate to accommodate the area's new physical conditions. Sewer lines, roads, power lines, drainage structures, and other infrastructure would be affected by the change. Once completed, these general infrastructure items would function properly with the restored portion of the Trinity River.

#### **Slope Stability**

As Lewiston Reservoir is drawn down, areas of instability along the reservoir rim could develop if the reservoir is lowered faster than the bank storage water pressure can dissipate. Large landslide areas exist in the canyon, but these areas would be expected to remain stable if the reservoir is drawn down slowly enough. There is also the potential for localized areas of instability closer to the reservoir. These areas of potential instability would need to be identified, investigated, and possibly stabilized. Possible mitigation measures include buttressing slopes with berms, adding drainage features, removing/reshaping trouble spots, or establishing protective vegetation.

#### **Riverine Restoration and Riparian Revegetation**

The bottom of Lewiston Reservoir currently contains significant sediment deposits and is largely void of vegetation. If the dam is removed, the reservoir would be eliminated, and the river would return to a natural state. However, the riverbanks would require some effort to restore. Riverine restoration, including grading, shaping, and planting riparian vegetation, would be necessary to provide cover for fish and wildlife of the Trinity River.

#### **Diversion Tunnel for Dam Removal Work**

To excavate the embankment materials and remove the appurtenant structures, the reservoir would need to be drained. The existing outlets at the dam are insufficient to fully drain the reservoir. When Lewiston Dam was built, a pre-existing mining diversion tunnel was upgraded in order to divert the Trinity River around the dam, Clear Creek tunnel, and hatchery worksites (see Attachment 2 drawings). The mining diversion tunnel was approximately 10 feet in diameter and 1,600-foot long and was located west of the dam. Upon completion of construction, an 18-foot long concrete plug was placed at the upstream portal, abandoning the tunnel in place. It should be possible to locate, unplug, and develop the tunnel for diversion purposes. However, the work for developing the tunnel would likely be performed under a partially filled Lewiston Reservoir, increasing the construction challenges. After dam removal work is completed, the tunnel would be plugged again to restore the natural flow of the Trinity River.

# Alternative #1b - Removal of Lewiston Dam - Pump Station Water Supply

Like Alternative #1a, this alternative focuses on Goal 1, improvement of habitat by increasing the river mileage available for salmonid habitat. In general, the benefits of Alternative #1a would be retained by Alternative #1b. The primary difference is this alternative would provide water to the Trinity River Fish Hatchery and Clear Creek Tunnel by utilizing a pump station rather than a gravity-based system. See Figure 4 for a plan view of the existing features proximate to Lewiston Dam, and Figure 7 for 2011 releases from Lewiston Reservoir. Several components of Alternative #1b would be substantially the same as Alternative #1a. These components are listed below and are described under Alternative #1a:

- Removing the dam embankment and appurtenant structures (spillway, powerplant, etc.)
- Removing and managing sediments that have accumulated in the reservoir
- Developing the new riverine habitat between Trinity Dam and the removed Lewiston Dam
- Restoring or establishing recreation facilities in the 7-mile stretch of new riverine area
- Constructing any necessary infrastructure improvements, or stabilization of banks to address impacts from elimination of Lewiston Reservoir

The following components would differ from Alternative #1a. These components are described below.

- Constructing a 3,200 cfs pump station to lift water approximately 70 feet from the Trinity River into the Clear Creek tunnel intake
- Establishing a new 125 cfs water supply to the hatchery from the new pump station
- This hatchery water supply may require disinfection

#### **Clear Creek Tunnel Water Supply**

Removal of the dam would eliminate Lewiston Reservoir, which provides water to several features. The Clear Creek Tunnel conveys water from the Trinity River to Whiskeytown Reservoir, and this conveyance would continue after dam removal activities are complete. Alternative #1b would convey water to the Clear Creek Tunnel by utilizing a new pump station on Trinity River. The new indoor pump station would be sized for a pumping capacity of 3,300 cfs to maintain the current tunnel operating conditions, and to supply the hatchery. The preliminary design layout estimates that 22 vertical pumping units, each pumping 150 cfs, would be required. The units would discharge into 4-foot diameter steel pipe discharge lines fitted with butterfly and check valves. These pipes would manifold into larger pipes installed above grade

that would discharge into Clear Creek tunnel. This pump station would require an approximately 2,000-foot long, 5-foot high fish screen (see Figure 8) to prevent fish entrainment to comply with National Marine Fisheries Service fish screening criteria. An example of a similar pumping plant and fish screen facility is the recently completed Red Bluff Diversion Dam/Tehama Colusa Canal Fish Passage Improvement Project (2,200 cfs diversion, 1,100-foot fish screen).

#### **Power Supply**

The pump station would require a significant amount of power to operate. Power infrastructure would need to be constructed to provide the necessary power, including transmission lines and substations.



*Figure 8. Removal of Lewiston Dam- Pump Station Water Supply.* 

### Alternative #2 - Dredging of Lewiston Reservoir

This alternative focuses on Goal 2, increasing efficiency of cold water transmission from Trinity Dam to the Trinity River below Lewiston Dam. It aims to leverage the stratification in Lewiston Reservoir forced by the Lewiston temperature control curtain. Improving the cold-water density current between Pine Cove Marina and roughly 2.5 miles downstream may result in more cold water transiting the reservoir quicker and with less mixing. The construction of submerged berms in selected areas would reduce lateral mixing while maintaining recreation for surface watercraft.

This alternative would not result in a significant change in the area. Most of the work required for this approach involves the dredging operations and management of the associated construction activities. Existing operations at the Clear Creek Tunnel, both dams, and both powerplants would not be changed as a result of this alternative. Current recreational benefits on Lewiston Reservoir would not be adversely affected. Major components of this alternative include:

- Excavating/dredging approximately 2.5 miles of existing stream channel sediments to create an underwater cold water corridor
- Constructing submerged berms at key locations along the river bank using the excavated sediments

Following is a detailed description of this alternative.

#### **Sediment Characterization**

This alternative would involve dredging material and constructing berms. As with Alternatives #1a and #1b, some of the sedimentary material may be contaminated with mercury in concentrations that would require removal of the sediment. Characterization of the sediment would be needed to identify areas of sediment for removal. This alternative has the potential for mercury and monomethylmercury release. Refer to Attachment 4, which is an initial assessment of this potential prepared by Dr. James Rytuba of the U.S. Geological Survey.

#### **Excavate Sediment**

In order to create the underwater channel that is the centerpiece of this alternative, dredging would be required within Lewiston Reservoir. The dredging would be planned to carve an optimum path along a determined route based on existing bathymetry. A temperature analysis would be used to identify locations that would be widened or closed off as required to achieve the desired objective. Hard rock would be avoided wherever possible, focusing the dredging operations on sedimentary material within the reservoir.

#### **Construct Berm**

To increase the effectiveness of the channel and further decrease the propensity of lateral mixing, berms would be constructed adjacent to the channel (see Figure 9). Material from the dredging operations would be used to construct the berms. No imported material would be required.



Figure 9. Dredging & Berm Alignment.

The top of the berms would be under the water surface at a sufficient depth to avoid any issues with boats and other watercraft using Lewiston Reservoir. See Figure 10, which shows a typical berm cross section, and Attachment 5, which includes recent bathymetry of Lewiston Reservoir.



Figure 10. Typical Berm Cross Section.

#### **Repository for Contaminated Sediment**

Contaminated sediment with high concentrations of pollutants would need to be removed. This sediment would require an appropriately sized repository for disposal.

#### **Turbidity Management**

It is expected that dredging operations would result in significant turbidity issues. Material currently settled at the bottom of the reservoir could become suspended in the water after being disturbed. Measures would need to be in place to contain the turbidity and prevent an excessive amount of suspended solids from entering the Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam.

#### **Site Restoration**

Although disturbance of the areas around the reservoir would be minimized, it is expected that some locations may be affected. Areas changed through the elimination of side channels, disturbance of the shoreline, or accumulation of material would need to be restored after construction is complete. Revegetation is expected to be the primary means of restoring the site, although additional work may be required.

#### **Recreation & Navigation**

Any areas significantly disturbed in a manner that could adversely affect boating operations or existing recreational activities would need to be addressed. This could include installation of buoys and replacement of recreational facilities such as docks, picnic tables, and other measures.

# Alternative #3a - Tunnel from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam

This alternative focuses on Goal 2, improving cold water transmission between Trinity Dam and Lewiston Dam by using a tunnel to transmit 650 cfs of cold water from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Reservoir. This would decrease retention time, eliminate lateral mixing, and prevent the water from being heated by the sun during the conveyance between the dams. This alternative would result in minimal impact to the general area and to recreational benefits, as most of the construction related to the tunnel would be underground. Operations at the Clear Creek Tunnel,

both dams, and both powerplants would continue without major changes. Major components of this alternative include:

- Constructing a 5-mile long, 10-foot diameter, 650-cfs capacity, concrete-lined pressure tunnel on the east side of the Trinity River between Trinity Dam outlet works and Lewiston Reservoir
- Constructing a new bifurcation structure to tap into the high pressure side of the Trinity Dam river outlet works above the powerplant to supply the tunnel
- Constructing a tunnel outlet structure that discharges the 650 cfs into the deeper level of Lewiston Reservoir
- Constructing associated tunnel ventilation and access shafts
- Constructing access roads needed for tunnel construction and operation and maintenance

Following is a detailed description of this alternative.

#### **Tunnel Boring**

Tunnel boring is the primary effort required for this alternative. The tunnel would take an approximately direct path from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam, which would shortcut major curves in Lewiston Reservoir (see Figure 11). It is expected that most of the bored material would be hard rock. Tunnel boring machines would be mobilized to the site, and the construction process to complete the tunnel would be time intensive.

#### **Access Roads**

The tunnel alignment would be on the east side of Lewiston Reservoir, where access is very limited. Although much of the tunnel may be constructed underground with boring machines, access would still be needed at various locations along the route, such as near access shafts. Access roads would be constructed to provide a path to these areas. Due to the topography and vegetation, construction of access roads would require removal of numerous trees, significant excavation and embankment, and careful planning of the routes. Steep slopes would increase the difficulty of constructing access roads.

#### **Trinity Outlet Works Tap**

At the Trinity Dam side of the tunnel, water would enter via a direct tap of the dam's outlet works. A bifurcation structure would tap into the high pressure side of the Trinity Dam outlet works above the powerplant. The high pressure discharges would be regulated by appropriate valving before being discharged into the tunnel. By connecting to the outlet works directly, water in the tunnel would have enough pressure to achieve the required flow to overcome friction losses through the tunnel.



Figure 11. Tunnel Alignment.

#### **Outlet Structure**

The tunnel exit would require a streamlined outlet structure to prevent mixing of the cold water exiting the tunnel and to direct cooler water to a discharge point in the deeper level of Lewiston Reservoir. The outlet structure would include a smooth transition between the tunnel and reservoir to minimize turbulence and to reduce mixing of the colder discharge water with warmer reservoir water.

#### **Tunnel Ventilation and Access Shafts**

Ventilation and access shafts may be required to allow entrance for construction equipment and for long term inspection, operation, and maintenance purposes. In this case, with a tunnel conveying water under pressure, the ventilation shafts could act as surge tanks to provide pressure relief, mitigating sudden pressure increases. Without such features in place, pressure increases could result in the formation of cracks, seepage, and further damage to the tunnel and its components. Alternately, transient pressure control could be accommodated using appropriate valving at the bifurcation. This would require further investigation. Access shafts, which could be designed to provide the required ventilation, would be located where access is available above ground so maintenance personnel could reach the entrances. They would be sized to accommodate any equipment needed to construct and maintain the tunnel.

#### **Other Considerations**

Construction of the tunnel bore, shafts, and outlet structure would require some degree of dewatering in order to complete the work in the dry.

The outlet structure would be submerged approximately 50 feet below the normal reservoir level. It would be constructed using a combination of underwater methods and "lake tap" techniques.

Removal and disposal of tunnel muck (from the rock excavation for the bore and shafts) would result in approximately 150,000 cubic yards of angular rock that would be disposed at suitable locations, potentially including the reservoir.

### Alternative #3b - Pipeline from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam

This alternative focuses on Goal 2, improving cold-water transmission between Trinity Dam and Lewiston Dam by using a pipeline to transmit 650 cfs of cold water from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Reservoir. This would decrease retention time, eliminate lateral mixing, and prevent the sun from heating the water during conveyance between the dams. This alternative would result in minimal permanent impact to the general area and to recreational benefits. Operations at the Clear Creek Tunnel, both dams, and both powerplants would continue without major changes. Major components of this alternative include:

• Constructing a 7.5-mile long, 10-foot diameter, 650-cfs capacity, reinforced concrete pressure pipeline on the west bank of the Trinity River between Trinity Dam outlet works and Lewiston Reservoir

- Constructing a new bifurcation structure to tap into the high pressure side of the Trinity Dam river outlet works above the powerplant to supply the pipeline
- Constructing a pipeline outfall structure that discharges the 650 cfs into the deeper level of Lewiston Reservoir
- Constructing access maintenance holes, air valve, and blowoff structures
- Constructing access roads

Following is a detailed description of this alternative.

#### **Trench Excavation**

A trench (see Figure 12) would need to be excavated along the pipe's alignment. This work would require some dredging in Lewiston Reservoir, excavation along the shoreline, and temporary removal of other infrastructure to accommodate the pipe. The pipeline would be significantly longer than a tunnel, as it would conform to the existing topography (see Figure 13). Lewiston Reservoir has multiple curves which would affect the pipe's alignment. The material to be excavated would include sediment within the reservoir, sedimentary material outside of the reservoir, and hard rock. The complexity of this alternative would largely depend on the volumes of the different material types to be excavated. The proportions of the different materials are unknown at this time.



Figure 12. Typical Trench Section.



Figure 13. Pipeline Alignment.

#### **Material Disposal**

Excavating the trench would result in removing a significant volume of material. A portion of the material could be disposed near Lewiston Reservoir, while the remainder that is unsuitable for reuse as backfill would be hauled offsite. Disposal sites have not yet been identified, and the percentage of material that may be disposed near the reservoir is unknown.

#### Dewatering

Although some portions of the pipeline would be installed within Lewiston Reservoir, other sections would be placed along the shoreline or further from the water. Trench excavation near the reservoir would require dewatering operations, as the pipe bedding and backfill cannot be placed underwater, and saturated soil cannot be compacted. Dewatering may include the use of portable pumps and the construction of temporary cofferdams.

#### **Pipe Installation**

Furnishing and laying large diameter reinforced concrete pipe would require large lifting equipment. Adequate working room would need to be provided. More than 4,000 pipe segments would be transported to the site, which would be a significant effort.

#### **Pipe Bedding**

Portions of the pipeline installed in dry locations would be placed on sand bedding that would be imported from offsite.

#### Backfill

After placement, the pipe would be covered with compacted backfill to protect it from damage by vehicle loads and vandalism, and to provide restraint from movement such as thrust loads from changes in direction. It is expected that the material from the trench excavation could be used as backfill in most locations. Areas with hard rock may need backfill material supplied from other areas. Tasks associated with backfill include placement, compaction, and transportation.

#### **Trinity Outlet Works Tap**

At Trinity Dam, water would enter the pipe via a direct tap of the dam's outlet works. A bifurcation structure would tap into the high pressure side of the Trinity Dam outlet works above the powerplant. The high pressure discharges would be regulated by appropriate valving before being discharged into the pipeline. By connecting to the outlet works directly, water in the pipe would have sufficient pressure to overcome friction and other losses for the required flow between Trinity Dam and Lewiston Reservoir. High pressure would also allow the pipe to be placed at higher elevations where needed.

#### **Outlet Structure**

Most of the pipeline installation would involve typical trenching, laying pipe, and backfilling. Where the pipeline would be routed to the deeper levels of Lewiston Reservoir, the pipe would be installed as an above ground pipeline anchored to the existing ground. It would follow the terrain until it reaches its discharge point deep in the reservoir. At the pipe terminus, a streamlined outlet structure would be installed to prevent mixing of cold water exiting the pipe and to direct cooler water to a discharge point in the deeper level of Lewiston Reservoir. The outlet structure would be designed to provide a smooth flow transition between the pipe discharge and the reservoir. It would minimize turbulence to reduce mixing of the colder discharge water with warmer reservoir water. Construction of the outlet structure and submerged portions of the pipeline would involve underwater techniques employing divers, and may include controlled sinking of precast structures.

#### Infrastructure Improvements

Installing the pipeline would require changes to the existing infrastructure, including removing, constructing, and relocating various features as appropriate to accommodate the pipeline. A portion of the pipe alignment would be under existing roads. The roads would need to be restored and repaved after the pipeline is installed. Other affected infrastructure such as parking lots and recreational areas would also require restoration.

#### **Turbidity Management**

Pipeline placed within Lewiston Reservoir may cause turbidity issues. Material settled within the reservoir could become suspended in the water after being disturbed. Measures would need to be in place to contain the turbidity and prevent an excessive quantity of suspended solids from entering the Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam.

### Alternative #4 - Raise Lewiston Dam

This alternative focuses on Goal 2, increasing efficiency of cold water transmission from Trinity Dam to the Trinity River below Lewiston Dam. This alternative aims to leverage the stratification in Lewiston Reservoir forced by the Lewiston temperature control curtain by raising Lewiston Dam 5 feet. Increased depth in Lewiston Reservoir may result in stronger stratification, less lateral mixing, and thus greater efficiency of cold-water transmission. A 5foot raise would have a minimal effect on Trinity Dam and Powerplant, and recreation for surface watercraft would be maintained. Major components of this alternative include:

- Raising the existing dam embankment 5 feet with imported materials, including modifying hatchery and powerplant facilities on the downstream side of the dam due to the increased embankment footprint
- Modifying the existing Clear Creek tunnel and fish hatchery intake structures
- Raising the existing spillway structures and enlarging the radial gates
- Modifying various components of the Trinity Powerplant

Following is a detailed description of this alternative.

#### Dam Embankment

This alternative would raise the existing Lewiston Dam five feet, which would require increasing the dimensions of the dam structure. Since Lewiston Dam is an earthfill dam, additional embankment material would be required to increase the dam crest elevation. Borrow material would be identified and processed to be incorporated into the dam. The material would then be properly placed and compacted. See Figures 14 and 15.

A 22.5-foot extension of the downstream toe of the embankment was assumed. This increase in the downstream embankment footprint would impact the existing powerplant and fish hatchery facilities. Oversteepening of the downstream embankment may be considered to offset this impact. However, installing retaining walls or relocating certain hatchery facilities would be considered.



Figure 14. Lewiston Dam Embankment Fill Area.



Figure 15. Lewiston Dam Embankment Fill Section Details.

#### Overhaul

Supplying Lewiston Dam with the additional material for the raise would include overhaul, consisting of the volume of borrow material and the haul distance of the material. More distant borrow sites would increase the overhaul component of the work.

#### **Clear Creek Tunnel Intake Modifications**

Since the Clear Creek Tunnel elevation cannot be changed, the tunnel intake would need to be raised along with Lewiston Dam. Raising the Clear Creek Tunnel intake would involve increasing the height of the reinforced concrete structure. Support structures would need to be evaluated and strengthened to accommodate the additional mass of the new concrete.

#### Trinity Fish Hatchery and Lewiston Powerplant Intake Modifications

Both the Trinity Fish Hatchery and the Lewiston Powerplant have existing intakes within Lewiston Reservoir. Like the other structures, these intakes would need to be modified as necessary to maintain their current operational capabilities.

#### **Raise Spillway Structure**

Raising Lewiston Dam would result in a higher water level behind the spillway gates. The gates would be subjected to additional forces that were not considered in the original design. The gates and spillway structure would need to be altered or completely rebuilt to accommodate the increased loads resulting from the dam raise.

#### **Recreation Facilities**

Recreation facilities are located along Lewiston Reservoir, including boat docks, fishing areas, picnic areas, and parking lots. If Lewiston Dam is raised, many of these facilities would be inundated. New facilities would need to be constructed at a higher elevation along the new shoreline of Lewiston Reservoir. New access points for fishing and other recreation would also need to be constructed.

#### **Trinity Powerplant Modifications**

If Lewiston Dam is raised and the water level of the reservoir is increased, water would encroach on the Trinity Powerplant and outlet works. Various components of these features would need to be modified to accommodate the raise and to ensure continued functionality.

A maximum Trinity Dam tailwater surface raise of 5 feet was selected based on input from Reclamation mechanical designers and system operators. This is the maximum amount of raise that would require a limited amount of modifications to these features. Higher raises would result in significant reconfiguration of the powerplant hydromachinery and structures (powerplant building, transformer and parking lot), the outlet works hollow jet valves, and control house. Additional impacts of a 5-foot raise would include reducing the discharge capacity of these outlets, which could impact performance during flood releases and performance of the stilling basin. Equipment corrosion could also occur.

It should be noted that raising the tailwater surface elevation on the Trinity Powerplant would have an adverse impact on power revenue.

#### **General Infrastructure**

Raising the dam would require changes to the existing infrastructure between Lewiston and Trinity Dams. General infrastructure considerations include removing utilities, roads, and structures. This infrastructure would then need to be relocated or rebuilt at higher elevations. Residences near the reservoir would also need to be relocated because of the higher water level.

#### **Slope Stability**

If the elevation of Lewiston Reservoir increases, the soil conditions in the area would change as higher areas around the reservoir become saturated. Changing soil conditions may cause slope stability issues. Raising the dam would require the inclusion of slope stability measures and management of potential landslide areas.

#### **Site Restoration**

Although disturbance of the areas around the reservoir would be minimized, it is expected that some locations may be impacted. Areas affected by the elimination of side channels, disturbed shoreline, or accumulation of material would need to be restored after construction is complete. Revegetation is expected to be the primary means of restoring the site, although additional work may be required.

#### Potential for Release of Mercury

This alternative would involve inundation of some of the dredge tailings and dredge ponds on the east side of the reservoir. This alternative has the potential for mercury and monomethylmercury release, but it is unlikely to be significant. If wetlands are developed in the vicinity, the potential for release increases. Refer to Attachment 4, which is an initial assessment of this potential prepared by Dr. James Rytuba of the U.S. Geological Survey.

# **3.0 Option Descriptions**

# **Option A - Lewiston Powerplant Intake Extension Modification**

The TPUD has proposed replacing the existing 350 kW Lewiston Powerplant with a 2.2-MW powerplant. An EA was prepared for the powerplant replacement (Reclamation, 2011) and a FONSI was issued. Although it was not addressed in the EA, a potential option to provide additional flexibility for managing downstream temperatures in the Trinity River would be to extend the proposed new intake to a lower reservoir level. If the extension could be incorporated into the existing plans and built with the new powerplant, the cost would be lower than modifying the intake later. If the new intake is extended further than currently planned, cooler water at the bottom of the reservoir could be used to generate power. This cooler water could then be tapped when necessary to assist with temperature control. This option would not affect the current operations of Clear Creek Tunnel, Trinity Fish Hatchery, or Trinity Powerplant. The Lewiston Powerplant intake extension option could be implemented independently or combined with any of the alternatives except #1a or #1b (removal of Lewiston Dam). Components of this option include:

- Relocating the TPUD planned intake structure location from the existing bench at elevation 1872 to an elevation 30 feet lower at the same flat terrain of the existing outlet works/powerplant intake structure (elevation 1842)
- Extending the planned 96-inch steel siphon penstock to the new intake location

#### Siphon Intake Structure Supports

New supports would be constructed for the siphon intake structure. A new concrete pad with rock anchors would support the structure, and additional anchors would be located along the length of the siphon penstock to provide anchorage and handle thrust forces where needed. This would require underwater work with specialized equipment and construction methods.

#### Siphon Intake Penstock Extension

As currently planned, the new siphon intake would be located on an existing bench at elevation 1872 (previous railroad grade) on the upstream left abutment of Lewiston Dam. Moving the new intake downslope would require constructing an additional bend in the intake penstock to cross over the elevation 1872 bench. The approximate length of additional 96-inch steel siphon penstock is 70 feet. Extending the siphon would not result in direct contact with the dam. Most of the work to install the siphon extension and relocated intake structure would be conducted below the water surface, increasing the difficulty of the work. See Figures 16 and 17.



Figure 16. Modification of Lewiston Powerplant Intake - Plan.



Figure 17. Modification of Lewiston Powerplant Intake - Profile.

#### **Turbidity Management**

It is anticipated that work related to extending the Lewiston Powerplant siphon intake would disturb sediment within the reservoir. These disturbances may cause turbidity issues. Sediment near the intake extension could become suspended in the water after being disturbed. Measures would need to be implemented to contain the turbidity and prevent an excessive amount of suspended solids from entering the Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam.

### **Option B - Trinity Dam Selective Withdrawal Structure**

Another potential option for managing downstream temperatures in the Trinity River involves increasing the operational flexibility of Trinity Dam. A selective withdrawal structure at Trinity Dam would enable water to be released from a wide range of depths to influence the temperature of Lewiston Reservoir. This option could be implemented independently or combined with any of the alternatives, and would not affect the operation of Trinity Powerplant. Functionality of the Clear Creek Tunnel, Lewiston Dam, Trinity Fish Hatchery, and Lewiston Powerplant would not be impacted. Reclamation considered this concept in a 1978 study that included preliminary designs and cost estimates for installation of a multi-level intake device on the outlet works intake of Trinity Dam. In a 1979 study, Reclamation evaluated the potential impact of a multi-level intake device was never constructed, both of these studies were reviewed for preparing the cost estimate for Option B included in this memorandum. See Attachment 3, which contains a photo of the as-constructed outlet works intake structure where a multi-level device would be installed, and the 1978 plan and profile of the sloping level intake structure.

#### Selective Withdrawal Intake Structure

The selective withdrawal intake structure would require underwater work. The structural section of Trinity Dam would not be impacted. The selective withdrawal intake structure, as described in the 1978 study, would consist of a 920-foot long, 46-foot wide sloping intake structure anchored to the rock slope of the upstream left abutment of the dam. The sloping intake structure would extend and attach to the base of the existing intake structure. This sloping intake structure would provide access to water at a wide range of depths and temperatures. A sufficient foundation with appropriate supports and structural connections would be required to handle the loads of the new structure. Construction of the foundation may require underwater work with hard rock, including drilling and removal.

#### **Modify Existing Intake**

To function properly with the new selective withdrawal intake structure, Trinity Dam's existing intake would need to be modified to attach to the new sloping intake structure. The existing intake is a reinforced concrete structure that is approximately 300 feet high. Strengthening the structure's foundation may be required if additional loading results from the alterations. Work associated with these alterations would also require underwater work.

#### **Turbidity Control**

Installing a selective withdrawal structure in Trinity Reservoir would disturb sediment within the reservoir, potentially causing turbidity issues. Material currently settled proximate to the construction area could become suspended in the water after being disturbed. Measures would need to be implemented to contain the turbidity and prevent an excessive amount of suspended solids from entering Lewiston Reservoir.

# **4.0 Summary of Cost Estimates**

Table 1 provides preliminary cost estimates for each alternative and option. Preliminary cost estimates are prepared by Reclamation for studies conducted at the very early stages of the planning process. They are developed to document a very preliminary analysis utilizing readily available data. Major pay items were determined based on the scope of the alternatives and options. Depending on the item, the cost was estimated using lump sums or quantities and unit prices. An allowance for mobilization and preparatory work of approximately 10% was added to each alternative and option. Design contingencies (20%) were then added to calculate the Contract Cost. Construction contingencies (25%) were added to the Contract Cost to determine the Field Cost.

Alternative/Option	Contract	Field Cost	Construction
	Cost		Cost
1a - Removal of Lewiston Dam - Canal	\$145,000,000	\$180,000,000	\$250,000,000
Water Supply			
1b - Removal of Lewiston Dam - Pump	\$140,000,000	\$175,000,000	\$250,000,000
Station Water Supply			
2 - Dredging of Lewiston Reservoir	\$12,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$22,000,000
3a - Tunnel from Trinity Dam to Lewiston	\$280,000,000	\$350,000,000	\$490,000,000
Dam			
3b - Pipeline from Trinity Dam to	\$165,000,000	\$210,000,000	\$290,000,000
Lewiston Dam			
4 - Raise Lewiston Dam	\$18,500,000	\$23,000,000	\$32,000,000
Option A - Lewiston Powerplant Intake	\$1,050,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,800,000
Extension Modification			
Option B - Trinity Dam Selective	\$96,000,000	\$120,000,000	\$170,000,000
Withdrawal Structure**			

**Table 1 - Summary of Cost Estimates\*** 

\* Reclamation has provided these cost estimates as a resource for use in discussions among interested parties. Presentation of these estimates does not in and of itself imply Reclamation's support for moving forward with the effort. When appropriate, Reclamation specifically will articulate support for further action through other means, such as a report containing recommendations.

\*\*The cost estimate for Option B was derived from a 1978 study involving modifications to the Trinity Dam's outlet works intake. Costs were indexed from 1978 to 2012 using a factor of 3.2.

Construction activities require mobilization, site preparation, and demobilization. Mobilization is the cost of moving equipment and materials to the jobsite. This could include a mobile trailer for use as an office for construction personnel. Site preparation could include fencing, grading, establishing parking and staging areas, and possibly construction of some access roads. Demobilization involves removing equipment, unused materials, and debris from the jobsite. The jobsite and surrounding areas must be left clean after the work is completed. Temporary

facilities must be removed and disturbed areas must be restored to their previous state. All cost estimates include an allowance for mobilization, site preparation, and demobilization.

Non-contract costs (40%) were added to the Field Cost to calculate the Construction Cost. Noncontract costs typically include items such as design, design data collection, surveying, geological exploration, land acquisition, permitting and compliance, procurement, construction management, and post-construction activities. These estimates do not account for operation and maintenance costs or opportunity costs such as diminished power revenue.

Attachment 1 includes the cost estimate worksheets for each of the alternatives and options. The cost estimate for Option B was derived from a 1978 Reclamation study involving modifications to Trinity Dam's outlet works intake to achieve multilevel withdrawal.

# 5.0 Next Steps

TRRP is currently working on a temperature model for the Lewiston Reservoir. The next steps include planned future modeling to determine the performance of applicable alternatives and options described in this document in terms of projected summer and early fall temperatures of water delivered to the Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam. The next steps would also include confirmation of the study authority, goals, and alternatives to be carried forward for more detailed evaluation.

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# 7.0 List of Attachments

- 1. Cost Estimate Worksheets
- 2. Reference Drawings and Project Data
- 3. Trinity Multilevel Intake Structure Photo and Figures
- 4. Summary of Mercury Issues
- 5. Lewiston Reservoir Bathymetry
- 6. Friant-Kern Canal Examples

# Attachment 1

# Cost Estimate Worksheets

- Alternative #1a: Removal of Lewiston Dam Canal Water Supply
- Alternative #1b: Removal of Lewiston Dam Pump Station Water Supply
- Alternative #2: Dredging of Lewiston Reservoir
- Alternative #3a: Tunnel from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam
- Alternative #3b: Pipeline from Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam
- Alternative #4: Raise Lewiston Dam
- Option A: Lewiston Powerplant Intake Extension Modification
- Option B: Trinity Dam Selective Withdrawal Structure
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	1	Excavate	Pipeline Trench		330,000	CY	\$50	\$16,500,000
	2	Material D	Jisposal		2,760,000	MiCY	\$2	\$5,520,000
	3	Dewaterin	Ig		1	LS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
	4	Furnish ar	nd Install Pipe (120" Diameter)		39,600	LF	\$1,600	\$63,360,000
	5	Bedding N	<i>N</i> aterial		96,800	CY	\$200	\$19,360,000
	6	Backfill M:	aterial (Placement and Compaction)		232,000	CY	\$35	\$8,120,000
	7	Outlet Wo	urks Tap		1	LS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
	8	Outlet Stru	ucture - Within Reservoir		1	LS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
	9	Infrastruct	ure Improvements		1	LS	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
	10	Turbidity I	Management		1	LS	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
		Mobilizatio	on and Preparatory Work		1	LS	\$12,416,000	\$12,500,000
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		Design Co	ontingencies (20%, adjusted for rounding)		1	LS	\$27,332,000	\$28,340,000
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	1	Dam Emba	nkment Fill (Excavate Elsewhere)		55,000	CY	\$25	\$1,375,000
	2	Overhaul			550,000	MiCY	\$2	\$1,100,000
	3	Intake Mod	s, Clear Creek Tunnel		1	LS	\$400,000	\$400,000
	4	Intake Mod	s, Trinity Fish Hatchery		1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
	5	Intake Mod	s, Lewiston Powerplant		1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
	6	Raise Spilly	way Structure		1	LS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
	7	Recreation	Facilities		1	LS	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
	8	Trinity PP N	Modifications		1	LS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
	9	General Inf	rastructure		1	LS	\$500,000	\$500,000
	10	Slope Stab	ility		1	LS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
	11	Site Restor	ation		1	LS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
		Mobilization	n and Preparatory Work		1	LS	\$1,377,500	\$1,400,000
		(10% of oth	er items due to remote site)					
		Design Cor	ntingencies (20%, adjusted for rounding)		1	LS	\$3,035,000	\$3,325,000
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	1	Construct S	Siphon Extension Supports		1	LS	\$350,000	\$350,000
	2	Furnish and	Install Siphon Extension		1	LS	\$400,000	\$400,000
	3	Turbidity Ma	anagement		1	LS	\$30,000	\$30,000
		Mobilization	and Preparatory Work		1	LS	\$78,000	\$80,000
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		Design Cor	ntingencies (20%, adjusted for rounding)		1	LS	\$172,000	\$190,000
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## **Reference Drawings and Project Data**

- Drawing 416-D-104: Clear Creek Power Conduit Intake Structure
- Drawing 416-D-160: Trinity Dam General Plan and Sections
- Drawing 416-D-164: Trinity Dam Outlet Works
- Drawing 416-D-168: Trinity Dam Outlet Works Downstream Area
- Drawing 416-D-530: Trinity Power Plant General Plan and Section
- Drawing 416-D-1058: Lewiston Dam General Plan and Sections
- Drawing 416-D-1061: Lewiston Dam Spillway Gate Structure
- Drawing 416-D-1104: Lewiston Dam Existing Tunnel Plug
- Drawing 416-D-1238: Lewiston Dam Site Vicinity Plan
- Reclamation Project Data Book pages 218 and 219
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stores surplus water for irrigation. Completed in 1962, it is an earthfill structure 538 feet high with a crest length of 2,450 feet. The dam forms Clair Engle Lake with a storage capacity of 2,448,000 acre-feet. The lake offers On the Trinity River, Trinity Dam regulates flows and recreation facilities for camping, boating, water skiing, swimming, fishing, and hunting.

Trinity Powerplant at Trinity Dam has two generators with a total capacity of 105,556 kilowatts.

diverts water by means of Clear Creek Tunnel to Whiskeytown Lake. Lewiston Dam is an earthfill struc-Lewiston Dam, about 7 miles downstream from Trinity ture 91 feet high and 745 feet long, forming a reservoir Dam, creates an afterbay to Trinity Powerplant and with a capacity of 14,660 acre-feet. Lewiston Powerplant, using releases for the support of fish life and other downstream purposes in the Trinity River, has one station service unit with a capacity of 350



Lewiston Dam and Reservoir

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# Trinity River Fish Hatchery

California Department of Fish and Game, has a capacity of about 40 million eggs. It is immediately downstream from Lewiston Dam and compensates for the upstream spawning area that has been rendered inaccessible and The Trinity River Fish Hatchery, operated by the unusable by the dams.

# **Clear Creek Tunnel**

long, conveys water from Lewiston Lake to Judge Fran-cis Carr Powerhouse and Whiskeytown Lake. A bypass is Clear Creek Tunnel, 17.4 feet in diameter and 10.7 miles provided into Crystal Creek.

# Judge Francis Carr Powerhouse

The Judge Francis Carr Powerhouse on Clear Creek has two generators with a total capacity of 141,444 kilowatts.

# Whiskeytown Dam and Lake

regulation for Trinity River flows discharged from Judge structure 282 feet high with a crest length of 4,000 feet. The reservoir, Whiskeytown Lake, has a capacity of 241,100 acre-feet and provides recreation facilities for Francis Carr Powerhouse and regulates the runoff from the Clear Creek drainage area. The dam is an earthfill Located on Clear Creek, Whiskeytown Dam provides





# Whiskeytown Dam and Lake

picnicking, camping, swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing, and hunting.

# Spring Creek Tunnel

town Lake on Clear Creek, a tributary of the Sacramento The Spring Creek Tunnel diverts water from Whiskey-River, to the Spring Creek Powerplant. The tunnel is 18.4 feet in diameter and about 2.4 miles in length, in-cluding the 0.6-mile-long, 17-foot-diameter Rock Creek Siphon.

# Spring Creek Powerplant

Spring Creek Powerplant is located on an arm of Spring Creek at Keswick Reservoir. It has two generators with a total capacity of 150,000 kilowatts.

# Spring Creek Debris Dam and Reservoir

feet. Spring Creek Reservoir, with a capacity of 5,870 acre-feet. controls debris which would otherwise enter the above the Spring Creek Powerplant tailrace, is an earth-fill structure 196 feet high with a crest length of 1,110 benefits by controlling contaminated runoff resulting Spring Creek Debris Dam, located on Spring Creek powerplant tailrace, and provides important fishery from old mine tailings on Spring Creek.

# Distribution System

They consist of pumping plants and conveyance systems to transport irrigation water to some 6,800 acres of irri-gable land east of Redding, and 4,600 acres of irrigable land west of Anderson, respectively. were authorized as a part of the Trinity River Division. The Cow Creek Unit and the Clear Creek South Unit

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# PROJECT DATA

# Irrigable area: Supplemental irrigation service ...... Number of irrigated farms ...... Land Areas (1977)

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Trinity River Hatchery	35.7	5
Shasta Dam	60.1	5
Temperature:		
Maximum	116	10
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# ENGINEERING DATA

# Water Supply

# SACRAMENTO RIVER

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Minimum (1924)	acre-ft
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Maximum (1941)	acre-ft
Minimum (1968) 126,30	acre-ft
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CLEAR CREEK	
Drainage area at Igo 22	l mi <sup>2</sup>
Annual discharge: Maximum (1941) 747,80	acre-ft
Minimum (1972) 58,62	acre-ft
Average 333.30	Bcre-ft

# Storage Facilities

Average .....

SHASTA DAM

# Type: Concrete curved gravity, embankment

Location: On the Sacramento River 9 mi northwest of Redding, Calif. Construction period: 1938-45

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2	8.5 mi 73 ft <sup>3</sup> /s 2.8-2.6 ft	7.8 mi 92 ft <sup>3</sup> /s 3.4 ft	12,707 ft 3,800 ft/s 18.4 ft 9.37 in	56,668 ft 3,200 ft?/s 17.4 ft 9.37 in	3,600 ft <sup>2/s</sup> 21 ft 270 ft 1,600 ft <sup>2/s</sup>	6 ft 9 in 4 ft/s 295 ft 4,000
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# Trinity Multilevel Intake Structure Photo and Figures

- Construction Photo of Existing (September 1960) Trinity Dam Outlet Works Intake Structure from Reclamation 1978 Intake Structure Modifications Report
- Trinity Dam Outlet Works Schematic
- Proposed Variable Level Intake Modification, Plan View, from Reclamation 1978 Intake Structure Modifications Report
- Proposed Variable Level Intake Modification, Profile View, from Reclamation 1978 Intake Structure Modifications Report



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## Summary of Mercury Issues

Dr. James Rytuba, U.S. Geological Survey Per Email dated 8-29-12

# Potential for mercury and monomethylmercury release resulting from implementing possible alternatives to control water temperature

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#### Introduction

Since its construction the Lewiston Dam has caused the deposition of sediment in Lewiston Lake and this limits the amount of mercury (Hg) released to the Trinity River below the dam. Mercury is commonly associated with particulates in the water column and removal of sediment decreases the transport of Hg. As a result both suspended sediment and concentrations of Hg in water are very low in the segment of the Trinity River downstream from the dam. Even under controlled high releases from the dam both Hg and monomethylmercury (MMeHg) concentrations in Trinity River water are very low downstream from the dam (Ashley and others, 2004). Sediment deposited in Lewiston Lake is potentially enriched in Hg and MMeHg as a result of mercury used in placer and dredge mining of gold in the upper part of the Trinity watershed. MMeHg is the form of Hg that is of concern since it is a potent neurotoxin. MMeHg is bioaccumulated up the food web such that even relatively low levels of MMeHg in the water column can result in high concentrations of MMeHg in fish that are of concern to both humans and wildlife. MMeHg most commonly forms as a result of sulfate-reducing bacteria methylating Hg in a sedimentary environment where there is a boundary between oxygenated and reduced environments. Wetlands are particularly favorable for the formation of MMeHg as are anoxic lakes.

#### Potential relative effects of each alternative

Several of the proposed alternatives to control temperature in Lewiston Lake have the potential to increase the release of Hg and MMeHg from sediments that have accumulated behind the Lewiston Dam. Modification or removal of Lewiston Dam, alternative #1, has the highest potential to release Hg and MMeHg enriched sediment into the Trinity River downstream from the dam. The proposal to dredge the middle reach of the reservoir, alternative #2, has the potential to release both Hg and MMeHg enriched sediment during the process of dredging. Elevated concentrations of Hg and MMeHg may remain in the water column of Lewiston Lake after the dredging is completed but will return to baseline levels when suspended sediment settles out of the water column. Both alternatives 1 and 2 would require characterization of the concentration of Hg and MMeHg in the sediment that has accumulated in Lewiston Lake. Alternative 1 would require coring and characterization of sediments throughout the lake and the riverbed between Lewiston Lake and Trinity Dam. Alternative 2 would require coring and characterization of sediment only in the middle reach of the reservoir where dredging would be carried out.

Alternative #4 proposes to increase the height of the Lewiston Dam resulting in a 3-5 feet increase the water level of Lewiston Lake. This alternative does not have the potential to significantly increase the release of Hg and MMeHg from Lewiston Lake. However, there is a possibility of inundation of some of the dredge tailings and dredge ponds on the east side of Lewiston Lake. This has the potential to locally release Hg from the tailings. If wetlands are created in and adjacent to the dredge tailings, there is a potential to locally increase methylation of Hg and increase the concentration of MMeHg in biota in the wetlands. It is unlikely that this will increase the MMeHg in the eastern part of Lewiston Lake.

Alternative #3 proposes to transfer water from Trinity Lake to Lewiston Lake in a pipe of tunnel. This alternative has no effect on the transport or release of Hg and MMeHg from Lewiston Lake. Of all the alternatives this has the least potential effect on Hg and MMeHg release from Lewiston Lake.

#### Analysis of each alternative

#### Alternative #1, Modification of Lewiston Dam

Removal or notching of the Lewiston Dam has the potential to release a large volume of Hg enriched sediment that has accumulated behind the dam. Release of Hg enriched sediment will increase the Hg concentration in both sediment and water in the Trinity River downstream from the dam. The increase in Hg and MMeHg concentration in the Trinity River would be a function of flow with high flows leading to higher releases of Hg and MMeHg. This has the potential to significantly increase MMeHg in the water and sediment downstream from the dam and possible uptake of MMeHg by biota. Under the present configuration the Trinity River downstream from the Lewiston Dam has very low Hg and MMeHg concentration because sediment is deposited in Lewiston Lake. At present, the controlled releases from the Lewiston Dam to establish high flows in the Trinity River downstream from the Lewiston Dam to the Trinity River downstream from the Lewiston Dam.

This proposal also includes restoration of the approximately 7 miles of the former riverbed between Trinity Lake and Lewiston Lake. Restoration of the riverbed will lead to erosion and transport of Hg and MMeHg enriched sediment that presently occupies the riverbed and bank deposits. During high flows and flood events significantly more Hg and MMeHg will be released and transported downstream by the reestablished Trinity River. At present there is likely minimal transport of Hg and MMeHg in this segment of the river between Lewiston Lake and Trinity Lake.

Further work prior to implementing this alternative would require characterization of the Hg and MMeHg concentrations in sediments accumulated in Lewiston Lake and in the riverbed extending to the Trinity Dam. Procedures for characterizing Hg contaminated sediment would be similar to that carried out for the Daguerre Point Dam which is under consideration for removal (Hunerlach and others, 2004). It is likely that Hg and MMeHg concentrations will vary with depth and that some sedimentary layers will have concentrations of Hg that are high and require isolation in a repository. Erosion control of the sediments will be necessary to minimize release of sediment into the Trinity River under all flow regimes.

#### Alternative # 2 Dredging of the middle reach of the reservoir

Dredging of the middle reach of the reservoir will involve removing Hg and MMeHg enriched sediment that has accumulated in Lewiston Lake. The process of dredging will cause the concentration of Hg and MMeHg to increase in the water column of Lewiston Lake. Since Hg and MMeHg are primarily bound to particles, the elevated concentration of Hg and MMeHg will persist until the suspended sediment settles and is deposited on the lake floor. If this extends over a protracted period of time, it has the potential to increase MMeHg in biota within the lake.

Further work prior to implementing this alternative would require characterization of the Hg and MMeHg concentrations in sediments accumulated in the middle reach of the reservoir. It is likely that Hg and MMeHg concentration will vary with depth and that some sedimentary layers will have concentrations of Hg that potentially require isolation in a repository.

### Alternative #3 Tunnel or Pipe Trinity Flows

The alternative to transport water from the Trinity Dam to Lewiston Dam either in a pipe or tunnel will have no or minimal impact on Hg and MMeHg transport into Lewiston Lake. During transit water within a pipe or tunnel will not be in an environment in which methylation of Hg will occur. The expected low concentrations of Hg and MMeHg in the water released from Trinity Lake will not increase during transport to Lewiston Lake. However it is not known whether the cold water in the lower part of Trinity Lake has seasonally elevated levels of MMeHg. Characterization of the seasonal changes in MMeHg concentration in the lower level of Trinity Lake would be needed to assess whether the water transported to Lewiston Lake would potentially increase MMeHg in the lower water layer of Lewiston Lake. Since the volume of water from Trinity Lake would be low, mixing with the Lewiston Lake water would result in significant dilution of MMeHg concentration.

### Alternative #4 Raise Lewiston Dam

Raising the level of Lewiston Dam by 3-5 feet has the potential to inundate some of the dredge tailings and dredge ponds that are closest to the east side of the Lewiston Lake. This may cause Hg in sluice sands located beneath stacker cobble tailings to be mobilized (Rytuba and Goldstein, 2012). The Hg that is released may be locally methylated especially if wetlands are developed in and adjacent to the stacker cobble tailings and underlying sluice sands (Rytuba and others, 2010).

Further work prior to implementing this alternative would require assessing the area of dredge tailings that would be inundated and estimating the area of new wetlands that

would be created. It is expected that only a limited area of dredge tailings would be inundated. The dredge tailings that have the potential to be inundated would need to be analyzed for Hg and existing wetlands would need to be evaluated for methyl mercury formation and uptake by biota. These studies would provide a basis for estimating the additional MMeHg that would form. It is unlikely that a significant release of MMeHg into Lewiston Lake will occur if this alternative is implemented.

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# Lewiston Reservoir Bathymetry

Data from California Department of Water Resources, 2009



# Friant-Kern Canal Examples

- Friant Dam Outlet Works to Friant-Kern Canal, Energy Dissipator
- Canal to Tunnel Transition, Friant-Kern Canal to Siphon Intake
- Kaweah River Siphon, General Plan and Sections



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Figure 16. --Looking downstream at inlets of completed wasteway and canal siphon structure, St. Johns River, station 3765. FK-2286-CV, February 2, 1950.

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