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Trinity County Planning Department
Natural Resources Division
Attn: Tom Stokely
P.O. Box 156
Hayfork, CA 96041

Subject: Trinity River Bridges Project Environmental Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Report

File: Trinity River Restoration Projects, WDID No. Pending

Dear Mr. Stokely:

We have reviewed the Environmental Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Report (EA/DEIR) drafted for the Trinity River Bridges Project. Our review focused on water quality related issues covered in the EA/DEIR documents.

The EA/DEIR covers water quality objectives listed in the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) intended to protect Trinity River beneficial uses. It appears that Basin Plan information was used to develop mitigation measures for minimizing water quality impacts. a.

At this time we do not have any specific comments regarding the proposed project based on the information provided. If new information deems additional mitigation measures necessary we will address these in upcoming permits required for the proposed project. We will also be drafting adequate monitoring and reporting programs. Permits required for the project have also been discussed in the EA/DEIR. We will issue these permits after we receive completed applications and required fees.

If you have any questions, contact me at (707) 576-2347.

Sincerely,

Miguel A. Villicana
Water Resources Control Engineer

MAV:js/Trinity River Bridges

RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 37

California Regional Water Quality Control Board – North Cost Region (Miguel A Villicana)

37-a: Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted, and will be transmitted to the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and federal officials for their consideration in connection with the merits of the proposed project. No further response is required.