

# CHARTER

of the

R.L. Harris  
Stakeholders Board

# **CHAPTER I**

## **PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES**

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### **Article 1**

**The Purposes of the R.L. Harris Stakeholders Board are:**

- 1. To seek a balance between river restoration, hydropower generation, and reservoir needs through the implementation of an Adaptive Management Model for information-based consensus decision making;**
- 2. To improve and refine this model through long-term, continual examination of decision model results and impacts.**

### **Article 2**

**The Board Members, in pursuit of the Purposes of the Board, shall act in accordance to the following Principles.**

- 1. Membership on the Board shall not preclude the ability of Members to act independently and to exercise their rights (individually or on behalf of their represented group).**
- 2. Established and newly created laws, regulations, and other legal agreements will be respected and incorporated into discussions and decisions.**
- 3. The decision process will be long-term and continuing; Members of the Board will make commitments accordingly.**
- 4. Board Members will seek to communicate openly and honestly about the needs of their interest groups. If needs are not addressed, they will not be served.**
- 5. Members of the Board will strive for candid discussion of difficult issues in face-to-face situations. Confrontational public approaches will be recognized as generally unproductive to the process.**
- 6. Board Members will make every effort to be flexible and open to new ideas and to the input of fellow Members. No extreme positions that would result in dramatic win/lose proposals for Board Members will be introduced into Board discussions.**

## **CHAPTER II**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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#### **Article 3**

- 1. The Members of the R.L. Harris Stakeholder Board shall be appointed, elected, or clearly identified spokespersons for their respective interest groups. There shall be one spokesperson per interest group.**

#### **Article 4**

- 1. Membership in the R.L. Harris Stakeholder Board will be open to all groups who have a direct interest in the decision process, i.e. specific recreational, economic, or ecological interests in the water resources impacted by the R.L. Harris Dam.**
- 2. The process will not regress due to the entry of new Members. New stakeholders will familiarize themselves with the process-to-date and contribute to the discussion from their point of entry.**

#### **Article 5**

**A Member of the R.L. Harris Stakeholder Board who has missed two (2) consecutive meetings, and who has not provided an adequate Alternate, will be asked to resign.**

# **CHAPTER III**

## **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT**

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### **Article 6**

- 1. Members of the Board will make at least a five- to seven-year commitment to stay engaged in the decision process.**
- 2. Board Members will commit some level of time, talent, or treasure (resources) to the effort.**

### **Article 7**

- 1. A Technical Advisory Group (or Groups) (TAGs) will be established. The TAGs will consist of model builders, biologists, economists, and other technical experts as seen fit by the Board.**
- 2. The TAGS will not act as decision-making bodies, but will solely serve an advisory role.**

### **Article 8**

- 1. A facilitator will be employed to guide the early stages of model development.**
- 2. A project manager will be sought to coordinate Board activities.**
- 3. A Board Chairperson may be elected in the future if the Board deems it necessary.**

### **Article 9**

- 1. Regular agendas and times for Board meetings will be planned and posted well in advance to enable maximum participation.**
- 2. Before being incorporated into decision-making, scientific findings will be distributed well in advance of Board meetings to enable adequate technical preparation by Board Members.**

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **DECISION-MAKING**

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#### **Article 10**

- 1. The Board will seek consensus in all decisions, but when a vote is required, a two-thirds (2/3) majority will constitute a decision on the model and basic objectives.**
- 2. A quorum will consist of more than half (1/2) the Membership of the Board. With quorum, meetings may take place, but decisions will always require two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Membership.**

#### **Article 11**

- 1. Members of the Board may bring Alternates or Technical Advisors as non-voting participants.**
- 2. Alternates may vote if the Board Member is not present, provided the Alternate has attended Board sessions regularly and/or is well informed on Board issues.**

#### **Article 12**

**Post-decision minority positions will be captured for later review.**

#### **Article 13**

- 1. Proxy voting will be acceptable only on issues pre-determined by the Board. An alternate vote will not be considered a proxy vote.**
- 2. Teleconferencing will be acceptable only under special circumstances, as determined by the Board.**

#### **Article 14**

**Public input will be part of ongoing meetings and operations, but any such input will be strictly non-voting.**

**CHAPTER V**  
**RATIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

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