CHARTER

of the

R.L. Harris Stakeholders Board
CHAPTER I
PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

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

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

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

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