

**Carmel River Steelhead Association**

# Memo

To: Mr. Ernie Avila MPWMD  
From: Clive Sanders CRSA  
CC: Dave Dettman MPWMD  
Date: 04/29/2002  
Re: Operating Protocol for transferring juvenile steelhead to the sleepy Hollow Rearing Facility

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1. CRSA will maintain general liability insurance that covers the activities of the CRSA members & volunteers at all times they are on your & Cal-Am property performing their rescue & delivery tasks. Cal-Am & MPWMD are "additional insureds" on this policy.
2. CRSA will give as early notice as is possible of a need to deposit rescued fish from the tributaries at the facility. In the event that CRSA is hired to transport rescue & juveniles from a reach that is undergoing permitted in-stream work we would request on an as available basis for these fish to be moved to the rearing facility. At the latest by 4pm of the Friday before a rescue on the following Saturday and by 4pm the day before a rescue that will take place on a daytime or evening time during a weekday. This notification will depend on MPWMD best estimate of the reaches that will be rescued by MPWMD teams. No fish intended for the Fish rearing facility will be rescued on a Sunday.
3. Feeding costs. If this becomes a budgetary problem CRSA will provide feed in accordance with the MPWMD regular rearing diet program.
4. Whilst we understand that we have no rights over the fish delivered to the facility we would appreciate the opportunity to visit the facility by arrangement during the rearing season. In the event that CDFG/NMFS changes its policy on tagging of Steelhead smolts & subject to your permission we are willing to provide the funds & labor for the process. We are very interested in getting some information on whether the guys we rescue really make it through, migrate & get back home. We think there may well be a big difference between a fish raised in the river with no traumas and those rescued from dried up creeks. CRSA is interested in funding any electronic system for recording fish passage through the river.

5. We currently use SUV's & Pickups with large aerated picnic chests to transport small fry to the drop off. Local CDFG are trying to get a CDFG tanker truck for our use. The use of our personal vehicles is covered by the liability policy we have and we presume that with a CDFG truck there would be no problem for MPWMD.
6. In the June 5 2000 letter that we thought we had replied to there are two points that need clarification. We received confirmation from the board that Saturday delivery was possible & that adding MPWMD to CRSA's liability policy would meet your concerns. Reference is made to CRSA indemnifying MPWMD. If this is more than we placing MPWMD as additional insured, we shall need more information and a draft of the form of indemnification. This would have to be discussed with our insurance company. The other point is the general permission to plant rescued juveniles needed from NMFS & CDFG. We are undertaking rescues & placing juveniles in locations selected by CDFG/NMFS and we were under the impression that they have approved using the rearing facility once it is open to our use.