MEETING AGENDA – CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM

Objectives:	Follow-up previous meeting action items; develop new action items to address emerging issues; discussion of progress implementing work plans
Date and Time:	January 12, 2017, 1:00PM—3:00PM
Location:	GoToMeeting conference call/webinar
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		OUTCOMES
1:00PM–1:15PM	**<u>Welcome and introductions – review of agenda:</u>** Introductions of Forum members and guests, housekeeping, agenda review, announcements, receive updates from Forum members on their respective action items from the past Forum meeting; remind committee chairs about Forum work plans	**INFORMATION**
1:15PM–1:30PM	**<u>Cradle to Grave Engineering Discussion – Introduction to a Discussion for our April Forum meeting</u>** **PROBLEM STATEMENT** The civil service (state and federal) employs engineers who possess full veto authority over projects prior to and following award of grant funds. In theory, that veto authority is based on design standards promulgated by resource agencies. In practice, however, that authority is sometimes wielded to assert design preferences or even modeling preferences, without any reference to law, code or regulation. Design and modeling approaches and engineering approaches vary amongst engineers. Staffing changes within agencies complicate the review process and comprehension of design approaches. This situation contributes to the inefficient use of limited recovery funds and should be addressed at a statewide level. **PROPOSAL** It is proposed that State and federal agencies should adopt a "cradle to grave" approach to design review by agency engineers. At a minimum, a team of two engineers would be assigned to each project at the feasibility stage level so they can converse and learn to work together on a design approach. If during the design process one leaves or is too busy, there is consistency on design approach and methodology. In the event that both leave, and a new engineer is assigned, it should be expressly prohibited that a new arrival or engineer reverse or alter the design approach through the introduction of new design preferences or concerns. **What would be a key next step to advance this discussion among engineers to achieve consensus early on design approach so that as projects are proposed and move toward implementation, the probability of success is increased?**	**INFORMATION and PREP for April meeting**
1:30PM – 2:00PM	**<u>Projects supported by the Forum in 2016—Status</u>** **<u>Projects the Forum has prioritized to fund in 2017</u>**	**INFORMATION**
2:00PM – 2:15PM	**<u>FISH*Pass*</u>** Review outcomes of the FISH*Pass* testing from December 2016, review the FISH*Pass* action plan, and discuss key next steps for updating and testing FISH*Pass*, including a possible small group convening in February 2017 to retest the watersheds tested in December and potentially test one or two new watersheds. Share action plan – four categories (requirements, enhancements,	**DECISION**

	ongoing needs, completed) – date for FISHPass testing in February; watersheds to test – all previous watersheds, any Northern watersheds, does anyone have knowledge of the Pescadero watershed?	
2:15PM–2:20PM	**NFHP 2017 Performance Report and Forum Annual Report** Quick reference to the NFHP 2017 performance report and any updates from USFWS on timelines associated with review and Level 1, 2, 3 decision making. Note completion of annual report.	**INFORMATION**
2:20PM–2:45PM	**April 2017 Forum Meeting in Southern California** Candice Meneghin and Sandy Jacobsen have been asked to provide us with their thoughts on some possible venues to host the meeting, which is scheduled for April 25-26, 2017.	**DECISION**
2:45PM – 2:55PM	**Additional updates and discussion**	**INFORMATION**
2:55PM — 3:00PM	**Summarize Outcomes**	
3:00PM	**Adjourn**	