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Accomplishment/Progress Reporting

Project/Program Title: Lower Stotenburg Creek Fish Passage Project

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Dates covered by this report: Start Date: 12/02/2022 End Date: 08/01/2023 Difference: 242 days

Expected Completion Date for Forum-funded Activities Sep 30, 2024

Briefly summarize (2-3 sentences) overall progress and accomplishments applicable to this time period. During the reporting period, Smith River Alliance completed all pre-construction work necessary to support project implementation in 2023. This included securing permits, finalizing contracts, and completing project site preparation.

Task specific/deliverable updates (for each task in the cooperative agreement, provide a brief update on progress; provide brief update on significant work toward, or completion of any deliverables from the cooperative agreement): Task 1 - Project Management: SRA has completed project monitoring and reporting. Contracts were finalized with the heavy equipment operator, McCullough Construction Inc, the project engineer, Stillwater Sciences, the California Conservation Corps, and the cultural monitors from Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation.

Task 3 - Project Implementation: The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for 8/2/23, and the contractor plans to begin mobilization on 8/14/23.

Task 4 - Project Monitoring, Maintenance, and Evaluation: Pre-construction photo points were collected, the project was selected for monitoring by FRGP, and construction oversight monitoring will begin on 8/14/23

Any significant developments beyond those reported for specific tasks/deliverables: Task 2 - Implementation Preparation, Permitting, and Environmental Compliance
(*Not funded by CFPF): All permitting for the project was finalized. Secured permits include the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration, FRGP 401 and 404, a Coastal Use Permit from Del Norte County, and CDFW Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement.

Any delays/issues that are impacting or may impact progress of the project: All projects are on track to be completed during the project timeline.

Summary of invoices/charges No charges were made during the reporting period.

to the agreement (include amount and date of any invoices submitted for payment under the agreement that occurred during the reporting period. Optionally, include a summary of charges incurred during the reporting period that will be invoiced during the next reporting period):

Anticipated work in the next six months (if this timeframe includes Oct 1, please describe any accomplishments that will occur before this date):

Work completed during the next six months - 8/1/23 to 2/28/24 will include:

Task 1: Complete project management tasks including grant reporting, invoicing and communicating with project partners.

Task 2: Follow all permit conditions during construction.

Task 3: Complete project implementation including the removal of 2 and upgrade of 2 crossings, installation of 5 BDA's, installation of riparian plants and fencing, and installation of large wood structures and trenched willow structures. Construction that will take place after October 1 includes: Installation of the arch culvert at Cedar Lodge Lane, the removal of the ford crossing, and the installation of 5 BDA structures.

Task 4: Initiate post-project monitoring.

Summary and number of any outreach activities or significant meetings related to the project:

Several site tours were held with responsible agency staff including USFWS and CDFW. Smith River Alliance gave a presentation on the work in the Smith River Plain at the Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference in Fortuna in April 2023. Smith River Alliance discussed the project with the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council on April 13, 2023.

Summary and number of any monitoring activities conducted as part of this project:

Pre-project photos were collected. Photo files are too large to attach in jot form and will be sent via email.

Please include any additional information (pictures, documents, presentations, or similar outputs developed during the reporting period related to the project). **PLEASE NOTE: USFWS requires before and after photos for every barrier removed/remediated. Please supply when available AND include in the final report when submitted.**
