

Governance Committee Meeting- December 12

Present: Holly Steindorf, Bob Pagliuco, Sandi Jacobson, Tim Loux, Anna Halligan, Holly Eddinger

12/12 Agenda

- Welcome to Andrew!
- Forum Meeting reflections and follow up.
- RFP release
- An assessment of our meeting schedule and platform.
- Report back from the NFHP Board meeting and Interagency Fish Passage Task Force Workshop.
- Assessment of increase-in-funding requests and approval/denial of additional funds for North Fork Ryan Creek Project.

12/12/ Meeting Notes

- Annas last GovCom meeting for several months, she's about to go on Sabbatical. Natalie from TU can attend as proxy.
- Welcome to Andrew Hampton from CDFW. Andrew has been in his role about 11 months and is still settling in, this is a more statewide role than his previous role, which was focused on the North Coast. Question from Andrew: Are the funds from the forum to be used only for man-made barriers, only fish passage in general? Answer from Bob: No, any barriers or things that hamper migration. Example is Eel River estuary restoration project, which restored estuary function as a means of enhancing connectivity.
- Steering Committee Meeting Follow-Up.
 - Good feedback from meeting. Good turnout and energy in the room.
 - Holly S. recommends scheduling meetings out to get things on the calendar early.
 - Bob mentions that Yellowjacket creek was a great example of relationship building as a means of gaining traction on projects.
 - Sandi mentions that Jackson Family wines is a large landowner with many holdings and the success of the Yellowjacket creek project may make them interested in other projects on JFW land.
- RFP is open now. Anna recommends putting the deadline on the website. Holly agrees!
 - January 19th RFP Close
 - Finalize review Friday February 2nd- 2 weeks for review committee review.
 - Send List Monday February 5th- 1 week for Governance Committee to review and finalize ranked list. Send ranked list to Steering Committee for approval.
 - Send list Monday February 12th - 1 week for Steering Committee to approve list.

- February 19th- Final List ready for NFHP report
- Send out request for steering committee members to review. Between 3-7 reviewers, if the non-profits or feds have applications in they generally recuse themselves. Damon from Caltrout may be putting in something.
- Holly to send out a request for reviewers. Bob has 17 transformational proposals to review due on the 30th, Tim is in the same boat. Bob and Tim are unable to review this round. However, they are able to provide details on projects if they have them. Holly E can be on the review team, as is Sandi. Gena would be good.
- An assessment of our meeting schedule and platform.
 - Holly S requests availability information from all committee members on standing meetings, to find a reoccurring time for committee meetings that its outside of these conflicts, the best of her ability. Hoping to get all meetings on same day, to condense load for both coordinators and members.
 - Tim recommends Monday and Friday afternoons.
 - Holly to ask all committees this same question and base frequency on degree of activity.
 - Anna suggests policy and permitting can be a quarterly meeting.
 - Governance and S&D will likely continue as monthly. Education and outreach, and Policy and permitting will be less frequent, likely every other month, or quarterly.
- Report back from the NFHP Board meeting and Interagency Fish Passage Task Force Workshop.
 - NFHP Board voted to increase ceiling for operational take from 85K to 120K. Taking more for operations leaves less for funding, however there is lots of good things we could do with this funding. Technical consultant or Grad Student for Permitting assessment, or Fishways assessment. Outreach events, etc.
 - Puget Sound Partnership has funding opportunity tool, like idea from Steering Committee Meeting from Bob from Klamath.
 - Called RAFT. <https://www.psp.wa.gov/psraft.php>. [Recovery Acceleration Funding Tool](#) Allows users to filter open funding opportunities. Possible opportunity to partner with them to create this for California, no need to reinvent the wheel.
 - American Rivers is creating prioritization list for Dam removals in California that will also include feasibility assessment. Their goal is to scale up 10x pace of removals by 2030.
 - All BIL opportunities have lots of applicants and are therefore competitive. A takeaway is that applicants may not need webinars to publicize the BIL

opportunities, but instead webinars on making their project more competitive or higher quality by connecting them with resources like TU project managers, technical consultants, permitting assistance etc.

- Idea of project readiness pipeline is well received, idea is to take priority watershed, solicit information on all identifies projects in that watershed, sort by project readiness and publicize. When NOFOS occur, simply crosswalk list to link projects with funding opportunities.
- Assessment of increase-in-funding requests and approval/denial of additional funds for North Fork Ryan Creek Project.
 - Project is in major Coho migration corridor but is still in design stage. Applicant requested an additional 5500 based on a new engineering design quote. Continuing conversation offline, though committee members have no specific objections to providing the funding. Continuing conversation over email

Action Items 12/12

- Committee members to send Holly their Standing Meetings
- Continue conversation over email and decide whether or not to provide additional funding to North Fork Ryan Creek.