

Governance Committee Meeting

Present: Holly Steindorf, Sandi Jacobsen, Bob Pagliuco, Andrew Hampton, Gena Lasko, Stan Allen

Absent: Tim Loux, Natalie Stauffer-Olsen, Holly Eddinger

Meeting attendance:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NApL93PWEhVy2thUfWbRoe0ILJVuIlm5_YTjQfazKil/edit?usp =drive_link

4/4 Agenda

- Status of NFHP Accomplishments report and FY24 allocation
- Welcome to Gena Lasko
- Brief report from subcommittees
- Benefits/Risk of pursuing prioritization meeting partnership- Andrew Hampton (continuing conversation from S&D 4/3)
- Report from 4/5 Webinar

4/4 Meeting Minutes:

Status of Accomplishments Report

The Forum Project Review Committee recommended seven out of eight projects to **NFHP** for funding. Our funding request and accomplishments report is submitted to NFHP for the next funding cycle, FY25. Our allocation from Congress for FY 24 is pending, should be arriving within the next month or so. Total allocation is \$337,040. This means for 2024, we can fund 4 projects in full. 1-Coordination & Operations, 2- Designing for Sturgeon Passage in the San Joaquin River at Eastside Bypass Control Structure, 3-Jenny Creek Man-made Barrier Removal, 4- Weaver Basin Fish Passage Assessments, and 1 project partially with \$69,840 (Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project (Phase 3)). Stan and Holly have confirmed that the Watershed Project will accept partial funding.

This means 4 projects will not get funding. Mid-Klamath Rearing Habitat Assessment and Enhancement Project, North Fork Schooner Gulch Culvert Replacement, Channel Design at River Road Bridge Crossing, Gill Creek, Sonoma County, CA, and Blodgett Dam Restoration Feasibility.

Because North Fork schooner gulch has applied for funding twice and will not get funded either time, Holly inquires how else the forum can help support their project. We will send a separate email, drafted with permission from Governance Committee, for notice of funding decision, that connects the project applicants with some other services and possible funding options. This can extend to other projects not receiving funding.

Welcome to Gena

The group welcomes state Gena Lasko to the Governance Committee. Bob explains that the governance committee handles administrative matters to ensure continuation of the forum (helping move along NFHP report, and deciding fiscal management matters, etc.) and makes decisions about where to focus the forms efforts to help steer the work of the coordinator. We made the first Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM, the day after the science and data committee meeting.

Work of Subcommittees

Science & Data: Region 2 PAD webinar went well (March 20th) Region 1 coastal set for May 15th. Region 1 inland will be after that. Effectiveness Assessment Proposal is looking good, developed enough so start putting out feelers for funding.

Education and Outreach: The Committee put together a poster, which was presented at SRF last week. Stan is bringing the poster to AFS Cal-Neva, which occurs April 9th through 12th. We have a virtual Happy Hour and Trivia planned for March 24th, from 3:30-4:30pm.

Policy & Permitting: The form coordinator will solicit quarterly updates from signatories on policy and bond information likely to affect fish passage, for reporting at steering committee meetings, and on the newsletters as deemed appropriate. The coordinator will develop a case study template and we will pursue some policy focused case studies. These tasks are added to the form work plan.

Prioritization Meeting

Andrew mentions that he would like a central place to discuss alignment and prioritization for different agencies/ organizations. Bob tried to have a central priority list compilation for NMFS and other organizations in the past, after continued attempts with little buy-in, Bob abandoned the project. Holly with Andrews input clarifies that the output of this meeting would not be a centralized priority list, nor would we as the forum compile, publish or house a central priority list because of the meeting, instead the meetings would be a regular chance for agencies/organizations to coordinate and share rational in developing their own priority lists. The meeting would be a come-as-you-are, you get out-what-you-put-in, type of meeting. This may increase by-in and reduce potential conflict, and reduce the workload for the Forum, since we would be a platform, not a list-compiler. Next step could be drafting a meeting description. Holly will work with Andrew on this.

4/5 Funding & Resources for Fish Passage Projects Webinar Report

*The governance committee meeting occurred on Thursday 4/4, the coordinator did not compile these notes until after the webinar on 4/5. As such the post-webinar report is included in these notes for efficiency.

The funding and resources webinar was a success. **The webinar had 91 registrants, 70 attendees, and 56 maximum concurrent viewers**. The webinar lasted for just under four hours (from 10:00 AM to 2:00

PM). We had presentations about the Forum, 3 funding databases, funding opps from NOAA NMFS, USFWS, BOR, CDFW and DWR, and presentations on putting together cost share, resources from EPIC, permitting, ShaRP Recommendations from North Coast Salmon Project, and SONCC Monitoring. We had good engagement from Q/A for each presenter. The recording is available on https://www.cafishpassageforum.org/funding-and-resources-webinar/ (The attendee tiles are covering some of the presentation- I did not realize it would be captured by the recording- I will not make that error again, ugh). I am awaiting a few presentations and then I will upload the slides to the website once received.

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