



## CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM

### Policy & Permitting Committee Meetings

**Present:** Holly Steindorf, Sandi Jacobson, Anna Halligan, Stephanie Falzone

Meeting attendance:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NApL93PWEhVy2thUfWbRoe0ILJVullm5\\_YTjQfazKil/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NApL93PWEhVy2thUfWbRoe0ILJVullm5_YTjQfazKil/edit?usp=drive_link)

### 8/7 Agenda

- Add to spreadsheet of potential permitting-focused case study candidates.
- Develop next steps for case study interviews

### 8/7 Meeting Minutes:

Stephanie Falzone of Sustainable conservation is partnering with the Forum on this project.

Recap of last meeting: At our last meeting, the group discussed the value of case studies highlighting simplified permitting pathways, discussing why the practitioners chose their pathways, their experience and lessons learned. After the initial round of case studies, the group also agreed to provide a report of the agency perspective, an interview with major permitting agencies on their recommendations to practitioners or their perspectives on utilizing the pathway for maximum benefit to the project.

This meeting: The group worked to populate a spreadsheet of possible case study candidate projects which encompass a variety of both common and less commonly utilized permitting pathways, with representation across the state.

The group ranked projects into round 1 and round 2 of case studies, and determined the case study with which to start.

The group recommends finalizing the list of interview questions and scheduling interviews as video or phone calls.

#### Information for Practitioner Interview

- Details of the project? (Project size, impact, open up # habitat?)
- Do you have experience permitting restoration projects? How much?
- What types of permits were eligible or acceptable to them, what ones did you select and why? What motivated you to follow the path and why? What factors were at play? (sometimes there are unique circumstances that influence permit choice)
- Cost to permit? Time to permit?
- Other (non-cost or time) benefits to that pathway?
- What were your challenges, either getting the permit, or being compliant?
- If you were to do it again, would you do it the same way?

**8/7 Action Items:**

- Group to review and edit list of interview questions, consider if there are specific questions we want for certain permitting pathways.
- Group to finalize interview questions
- Stephanie to add a few more projects to list
- Holly to schedule interviews once questions are finalized. Group to be present for first interview, and Holly to manage subsequent interviews, and draft case studies.