



CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM

Governance Committee Meeting

Present: Grace Adams, Sandi Jacobsen, Tim Loux, Van Hare

Absent: Marisa Parish, Anna Halligan, Andrew Hampton, Gena Lasko

[Meeting Attendance \(Google Sheets\)](#)

5/1 /25 Agenda

- Summer Forum Steering Committee meeting (Grace, Sandi)
 - Bylaw succession language change
- International Fish Passage Conference at UC Davis, May 4 – 8, 2026 (Sandi)
- Update of CA Effectiveness Assessment Project, funding, and upcoming TAC meeting (Sandi)
- In-Person Steering Committee (Marisa)
 - Location, is Klamath still the agreed area?
 - Date change? Currently proposed for December 4 – 5
- Prioritization meeting updates? (Andrew)

5/1/25 Meeting Minutes:

Summer Forum Steering Committee meeting (Grace , Sandi)

The summer Forum Steering Committee meeting will be held virtually on Thursday June 5, from 12pm-2pm. The Governance Committee will meet briefly following the Steering Committee meeting.

Initial agenda items include: (1) signatory updates, (2) reviewing the 2025 Work Plan, (3) a vote to change the bylaws to allow a rotating Chair, and (4) an overview of upcoming elections. We will need at least 10 signatories present in order to approve the change in bylaws, which is looking promising. Grace will send out an email next week with a reminder to RSVP and ask signatories to review and fill out a template slide for the signatory update portion of the agenda.

The changing bylaws language was reviewed and approved. See text from Sandi's email to the Steering Committee on 4/15/2025:

As part of our succession planning – we will vote on a minor change to the Forum by-laws at the June Steering Committee Meeting. What's proposed is that the Chair and Vice-Chair serve concurrent two-year terms (instead of staggered); and the Vice-Chair moves into the Chair position at the end of the two-year term (new). Vice-Chair candidates will be identified for the current and following term (new) – such that each signatory has the opportunity and anticipated duration to serve in this Forum management succession. The By-laws can be found in the Forum Intranet. See CFPF Strategic Framework 2023-2028, Appendix 2, Article 2.

Next Steps: Sandi and Andrew will get together to discuss Vice Chair nominations.

International Fish Passage Conference at UC Davis, May 4 – 8, 2026 (Sandi)

Sandi shared the link to the conference: <https://fishpassage2026.ucdavis.edu/>. It is a large conference with additional field trips and workshops folks can attend. Andrew is on the planning team. Sandi had had an initial discussion with CalTrout about putting together a session or workshop, but the question is where does the Forum fit in.

Tim has been to a couple of these events and noted that workshop/session slots fill up pretty fast, so it would be great for the Forum to piggyback on other sessions or workshops (e.g., CalTrout), unless the Forum already has a session/workshop idea pulled together. It would be great to hear from Andrew/the planning team to get a better sense of what they are looking for and if there are any content gaps.

Next steps: Sandi and Grace to keep in touch with Andrew.

Update of CA Effectiveness Assessment Project, funding, and upcoming TAC meeting (Sandi)

Sandi submitted a pre-application to fully fund the assessment with the Wildlife Conservation Board. They like it, but it does not follow the objectives outlined in Prop 4. Kurt suggested expanding the scope to include implementation elements (e.g., developing a planning document) or incorporating climate change considerations / greenhouse gas measuring. Sandi noted she is now looking into other funding avenues and that the entire project would be ~\$300k.

Tim noted that he can submit this to the USFWS field office to see if the regional office would be able to provide any funds towards the effort. If approved, the funds would come from the FY26 budget, which will depend on decision making at the federal level.

A few foundations were mentioned that might be worth looking into – World Wildlife Federation, Hewlett Packard Foundation, CalTrout Foundation. It was also noted that the extra ~\$40k-\$50k in the Forum's operations budget could potentially go towards this project. Van will contact Stan to ask about this possibility. That amount could go towards the literature review and developing a team.

NFWF has a grant opportunity open that are informed by annual business plans for each initiative. They have a few initiatives that might be applicable and could be explored.

In-Person Steering Committee

The current thinking for the in person steering committee meeting is for early December in the Klamath area. The Klamath basin is of interest for a possible field trip opportunity, but early December poses some potential weather challenges. Sandi noted that CalTrout had a director retreat in the basin last week and that they did a float through Ironwood.

It was decided to revisit this topic in June.

Agenda item for next meeting 6/5/25:

- Adjustments/changes to in-person meeting plan based on weather. Field trips to dam removal sites maybe not be possible during winter. Suggestions, move meeting up? Workarounds?
- Prioritization meeting updates