



CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM

Science & Data Committee Meetings

Present: Grace Adams, Mark Gard, Gena Lasko, Anne Elston, Andrew Hampton, Emily Siegel, Sandi Jacobson

Absent: Adrienne Chenette, Marisa Parish Hanson, Van Hare, Tim Loux, Ted Masters

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

7/2/25 Agenda

- NFHP RFP updates – FY26 rankings, FY27 timeline
- Rapid Assessment Form updates / Continued planning for review/rebuild of Survey 123
- Workshop planning for International Fish Passage Conference (Spring 2026)
- 2026 Workplan
- New meeting time
- Future agenda items

7/2/25 Meeting Minutes:

NFHP RFP Updates

Grace shared that the FY26 project proposal sponsors have been notified that they were recommended for funding, she is drafting the email to let those who were not recommended for funding. The projects that were recommended for funding are noted below.

Rank	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Requested Funding
	CFPF Operations	PSMFC	\$125,000
1	CA Fish Passage Structure Assessment: Evaluation of Effectiveness and Durability	California Trout	\$88,920.00
2	Last Dam: Restoring Steelhead Rearing Habitat through Barrier Removal on Stuart Creek	Audubon Canyon Ranch	\$45,000.00
3	Coastal Del Norte Habitat Restoration Response Monitoring	Smith River Alliance	\$44,839.44
4	NF Ryan Fish Passage Project	Eel River Watershed Improvement Group	\$36,340.00
5	Little Grass Valley Creek Fish Passage Improvement	Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$99,325.00

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Grace shared that the NFHP Board voted to formally adopt a new RFP timeline given the slight change in ACE Act verbiage that allows for a quicker timeframe between the RFP and fund distribution. The new timeline is as follows:



Grace noted that due to the 'extended' timeframe FHPs have been operating under, there will not be an RFP this year, as the RFP for FY26 was completed in February 2025. The next RFP for FY27 will theoretically occur in the Fall of 2026, but this timeframe should be discussed further.

It was noted that a shorter timeframe is always preferred and that this might allow folks to count Forum/NFHP funds as soft match for the FRGP.

This information should be added to the funding page on the website, so people are aware that the timeline has shifted.

Action: Grace to update the website to reflect the change in RFP timeline.

Rapid Assessment Form Updates / Survey123

Anne noted that she has been updating the Rapid Assessment Form based on comments received at the SRF Workshop in April 2025. Grace uploaded the results of the survey in the [SRF Rapid Assessment Workshop google folder](#) (in the Science & Data Committee folder).

Changes suggested included:

- Making clear which fields are required vs optional
- Adding the PAD ID#
- Making it clear that sections 4-9 are a subset of section 3
 - Sections 4-9 refer to specific barrier types, and in Survey123, won't show unless that barrier type is selected.
- Making it clear what measurements are suggested for each structure/barrier type
- Adding a note that an inclinometer is needed and instructions on how to use
- Including stricter definitions on where to measure distance and width

There were additional comments that required a follow up, relating to adjusting the form better align with SNR needs (and what those are) and clarifying which fields should be required or optional.

The next step is to finish all changes and send the updated Form with changes highlighted to S&D committee for review.

Other comments included making a Survey123 version publicly available/free with instructions throughout (maybe as pop ups) as well as expressing interest in going through a full assessment during the workshop. Mark noted that it takes about an hour to complete a full assessment.

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Thinking ahead, we will put Survey123 on a future meeting agenda. The plan is for Van to update it once the Form edits are complete and then do some testing from different agency accounts to determine what settings are needed to make it public. Mark noted that he was able to fill it out but not submit information using his CDFW account.

Workshop planning/brainstorming

Questions to consider: How should the Forum retool the Rapid Assessment workshop from the 2025 SRF conference for an international audience? What should the workshop format be?

Workshop ideas:

- Include metric units in addition to imperial units
- Rapid assessment walkthrough in the morning, full assessment in the field in the afternoon.
- Recording the full assessment in the afternoon to share on the Forum website afterwards.
 - Need to consider the logistics and feasibility of something like this, such as number of participants, audio and video quality, gear needed to do this well, need to be familiar with the site/conduct an assessment prior to the workshop to be comfortable with the site, participants needing to sign a waiver to use their likeness in the video.
- Is there a participant cap or anticipated number of participants for workshops?
 - Andrew to ask the planning team and follow up.
- Focus on barriers that are common elsewhere (e.g., Europe, Asia)
 - Link to paper on European barriers: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-40922-6>

If the Forum was to host a session, we would need to develop a theme and solicit speakers. Andrew is already likely to host a session in his CDFW capacity.

Session ideas:

- Local to global or North America focus re: prioritization tools and various prioritization methodologies
- Assessments vs. planning vs. remediation, how do these differ across the globe?
- Dam removal

Regarding the cost of attendance, (1) Andrew is going to ask about volunteering to waive the registration fee, and (2) Grace is going to confirm if the Forum can assist with registration fees.

7/11/2025 Update: The Forum has some of the FY25 budget available to help members with travel costs, but it is primarily geared toward attending the in person Steering Committee meeting.

2026 Workplan

It was noted that the conference this October is the International Symposium for River Science at UC Davis. Link: <https://riversociety.net/>

Grace started a draft 2026 workplan for the S&D Committee to review that includes all tasks from 2025 that were assigned to the S&D committee. To prepare for further discussions, committee members should review the draft and brainstorm additional ideas. The committee will revisit this in August or September depending on the Active 150 report review timeline.

Link to draft workplan:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hrk2sYGC4o6RhvgulfdJNmF8lej2nOcvCR3V3dJji8/edit?tab=t.0>

Action: Committee members review 2025 tasks and brainstorm new tasks prior to next meeting.

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New meeting time

Grace shared that the new S&D Committee meeting time will be the first Tuesdays of the month from 10-11am, so our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 5, 10-11am.

Future agenda items

- Project sponsor presentations (August, September)
- 2026 workplan (August)
- Prioritization process updates (August)
 - o *Grace to check in with Adrienne on status
- PAD updates (September)
- Survey123 updates
- International Fish Passage Workshop