



## CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM

### Governance Committee Meeting

**Present:** Grace Adams, Tim Loux, Marisa Parish, Anna Halligan, Gena Lasko

**Absent:** Sandi Jacobsen, Van Hare, Andrew Hampton

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

### 7/3/25 Agenda

- NFHP Updates – FY25 Project Allocations, FY26 Proposals, FY27 Timeline
- International Fish Passage Conference at UC Davis, May 4 – 8, 2026
- Prioritization meeting updates
- Steering Committee meeting – Select time/date for virtual December, select date/location for in person Spring 2026 meeting.
- 2026 Workplan brainstorming

### 7/3/25 Meeting Minutes:

#### NFHP Updates

##### FY25 Project Allocations:

Grace reminded the Committee that FY25 funds have been allocated to projects as follows:

Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount
CFPF Operations	PSMFC	\$125,000.00
Adobe Creek Barrier Assessment, Design and Permitting	Sonoma County Public Infrastructure	\$132,000.00
Dutch Bill Creek Market Street Weir Repair Fish Passage Improvement Project	Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District	\$77,773.00*

\*Dutch Bill Creek was originally set to receive partial funding, but PSMFC needed to allocate the extra funds from the FY23 operations budget (~\$60k) in the FY25 budget. The \$60k was originally labeled for operations, so it had to stay within that scope. As such, PSMFC used the \$60k from FY23 operations plus \$45k from the requested \$125k for FY25 operations to create the Forum's FY25 operations budget. This left \$60k from the requested FY25 operations funds available, however, due to typical annual allocations for PSMFC as part of the operations budget (e.g., travel, GIS support) and new federal directives increasing PSMFC's overhead, the actual amount available was ~\$30k. This ~\$30k was then allocated to the Dutch Bill Creek project, allowing it to be fully funded.

##### FY26 Proposals:

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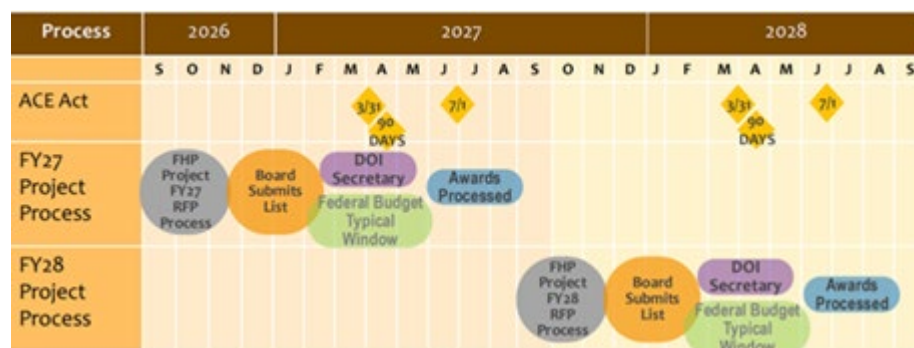
Grace shared that the FY26 project proposal sponsors have been notified that they were recommended for funding, she is drafting the email to let those who were not recommended for funding. The projects that were recommended for funding are noted below.

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

\*As of 7/16 all proposal sponsors have been notified.

### FY27 Timeline Change:

Grace shared that the NFHP Board voted to formally adopt a new RFP timeline due to the slight change in ACE Act verbiage that allows for a quicker timeframe between the RFP and fund distribution. The new timeline, to be implemented for FY27, 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 has to occur by the Fall of 2026, but it could occur sooner if the Forum wishes.

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.

### **International Fish Passage Conference at UC Davis, May 4 – 8, 2026**

<https://fishpassage2026.ucdavis.edu/>

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Discussed workshop ideas at Science and Data (7/2) and Education and Outreach (7/3) Committee meetings. The current idea is to retool the SRF workshop for an international audience – talk about the various barrier types in the morning and have a field portion in the afternoon with a walkthrough of a full barrier assessment. It was also suggested to film a live assessment that could be shared on the Forum website during this process.

The lingering question is how many participants to expect, as this will affect how the field portion is set up and how many sites/instructors we would need.

### **Prioritization meeting updates**

No updates.

### **Steering Committee meeting**

#### December 2025 – Virtual

The first week of December (M 12/1 – F 12/5) was previously mentioned for the in-person meeting, and it was decided that this timeframe still works for a virtual meeting.

**Action:** Grace will send out doodle poll with potential times.

#### Spring 2026 – In Person

Grace compiled potential weeks for the committee to consider:

- ~~March 16-20~~
- April 13-17
- April 20-24
- April 27-May 1 → SRF (confirmed by Anna following the meeting on 7/3)
- **May 11-15**
- **May 18-22**
- **May 25-29**

Potential conflicts included:

- March 24-29 – Cal Poly's spring break
- March 30-April 5 – CA State Universities' spring break
- April 6-10 – CA public school spring break
- May 4-8 – International Fish Passage Conference

Grace noted that she could not find any publicly available information on [SRF 2026](#) or [CalNev AFS 2026](#).

\*7/11 – Gena reached out to CalNev AFS, and they said the conference will likely be in March or April and will try to not have it at the same time as the Forum's Steering Committee meeting.

### **2026 Workplan brainstorming**

Grace briefly walked through the 2025 workplan and will pull together some materials for review for the August meeting to make a workplan discussion more productive.

### **Leadership Transition Planning**

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Sandi shared that Andrew will be transitioning into Chair role and that Gena nominated herself for Vice Chair. She is excited for Andrew and Gena to take the reins and noted that everyone is available for support. Sandi thanked Anna for her work as Vice Chair over the years.

The transition process will be as follows:

- Sandi to formally send nominations to the Steering Committee and give folks a couple weeks to respond.
- There will be a vote by email, to be wrapped up by end of July/first week of August.
- Andrew/Gena to assume new roles during the September 4<sup>th</sup> Governance Committee meeting.

Sandi noted that she will attend Governance Committee meetings through December, and then Claire Buchanan will be CalTrout's primary Steering Committee member with Russel Marlow as an alternate. Sandi will reach out to Claire and Russel to gauge interest in joining the Forum's committees.

\*7/16 update – the transition process will be shifted for an October 'start date' for Andrew and Gena to accommodate annual leave plans.

### **Agenda items for next meeting 8/7/25:**

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