



## California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Executive Committee Meeting

**Location: Zoom Call**

**Date: August 16, 2023**

**Time 6:30-8:00 PM**

1. Call to Order and any Introductions (Eva)
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie)
  - a. 3 elected officers: Mollie, Matt, Eva, Miranda, Chris
  - b. 3 standing committee chairs: Kathleen, Jim, Wayne, JT, Andrew, Zachary, Kelly
  - c. Subunits
3. Agenda Review (Eva & ExCom)
  - a. Addition of new business if applicable
4. Focused Discussion, New/Ongoing Business
  - a. Draft Conference Budget for Redding (Chris/Kelly)
    - i. \$32,000 from the Sheraton- abandon Red Lion
      1. Includes using Whova in the budget
        - a. Issue getting money from cvet, would not be a problem here
      2. Nothing close to state or fed rates
      3. No room block
      4. \$229/night is the best price at Sheraton
      5. Other places to stay other than the Sheraton that are close & cheaper
    - ii. We need to be realistic about what we are trying to offer with the prices we are asking- need to probably raise the prices in order to put on a better conference and make money and increase membership. Discussion about where to discount- early professional could come down. Early outreach to increase membership/make it more expensive as a non-member to incentivize. Lots of ideas thrown round here, but the goal is to increase attendance/membership to be profitable.
    - iii. **Motion** (Kelly): change location to Sheraton, approve budget that includes Whova, Eva seconds. Passed
  - b. Additional updates about the Annual Conference (Chris)

- c. Communication on change in conference schedule (Kathleen)
      - i. Want to communicate details and reasoning to membership properly
        - 1. Cost analysis, time analysis. Etc
        - 2. Will send out to ExComm for edits before sending out wider
- 5. Officer Updates:
  - a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)
    - i. Current membership: 321
    - ii. Vote on the meeting minutes- July minutes approved
  - b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta)
  - c. President (Eva)
    - i. Op-ed regarding Snake River
    - ii. Ideas for Bylaws and Nominations welcome
      - 1. Ideas??
      - 2. Couple of people comments on meeting planning guide- will approve if no more
      - 3. Venmo or clover for pre-pays/workshops?
        - a. Transaction fees- non-profit or business
        - b. Will table until Tommy is here
  - d. Past President (Matt)
    - 1. Draft of the strategic plan, requests to talk it through with someone- let him know
  - e. President Elect (Miranda)
    - i. No updates
- 6. Student Subunit Updates- none present, no updates
  - a. Sac/Davis (Caroline)
  - b. SCMBAS (Emily)
  - c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James)
  - d. SLOC (Hayley)
  - e. UCI (Matea)
- 7. Committee Updates
  - a. Time & Place (Kelly)
    - i. Nothing other than above discussion (#4)
  - b. Continuing Education (Cynthia)
    - Updates:
    - 17 August 2023 Update

- Continuing Education (CE) 2024 Redding Conference Update
- Proposed Field Tours (FT)
- FT I. Fantasy Floodplains - Lead Matt Johnson, CDFW and others
- Participants will visit several floodplain restoration sites along the Sacramento River including Nur Pon Open Space and Anderson River Park. Participants will learn about the planning, implementation, and monitoring of these floodplain restoration projects.
- FT II. 30 Years Post Cantara Revisited – Lead Dr. Richard Lis, CDFW and others
- In 1991, a Southern Pacific Railroad chemical tank car fell off the track known as the Cantara Loop into the upper Sacramento River near Mt. Shasta spilling 19,000 gallons of the herbicide metam sodium impacting 45 miles downstream and into Lake Shasta eliminating life. Learn about the recovery processes from millions of dead fishes, amphibians, aquatic invertebrates, and riparian corridors to the \$38 million settlement, restoration, land acquisition and protection, research and public education lead by the Cantara Trustee Council.
- FT III. Revisioning of Clear Creek – Leads Derek Rupert, BOR, DJ Bandrowski, Yurok Tribe
- Unique opportunities created unique partnerships! Participants will learn about the planning, implementation, and monitoring of floodplain restoration and spawning site projects.
- FT IV. Native Fishes Placeholder – Leads Damon Goodman, CalTrout and Dr. Stewart Reid
- Proposed Field Learning Experiences (FLE)
- FLE I: Drone Detectives: Using Drones to capture Realtime Fishery Data – JT Robinson, CDWR
- Participants will learn about drones function, record data, and different data analysis techniques. Participants will observe drone deployment techniques, discuss strengths and weaknesses of using drones for field work, and potentially assist with drone deployment.
- FLE II: Urban Streams = Winter Refugia to the World Class Trout Fishery – Mike Berry, retired CDWR

- Learn about how urban streams function (or not) to assist (or not) in providing winter refugia for the rainbow trout that contribute to the Sacramento River's World Class recreational fishery. It is possible that participants may assist with fish capture and tagging.
- FLE III: Hatchery and Health Lab Tour
- This could be Feather River Hatchery, Coleman, Livingston, Darah, and the USFWS Health Lab
- Student Subunit ExCom ONLY - Sacramento River Boat Tour - Lead Matt Johnson, CDFW and others
- On one afternoon, Matt Johnson has offered to take the Student Subunit ExCom's on a float boat tour of the restoration sites visited by land in the Fantasy Floodplain FT.
- Declined CE FTs and FLEs, but when I asked about presenting a Session, they said YES!
- Assign a follow up person!
- Juvenile Salmon Collection System (JSCS) – Randy Beckwith, CDWR
- McCloud Reintroduction - Randy Beckwith, CDWR
- Lamprey – Dr. Josh Boyce, USFWS
- Fire, Fishes, and the Future - SPIs Dr. Cajun James – Cynthia will follow up
- Reservoir Ecology and Climate Change -
- McCloud River Winter-Run Reintroduction
- Thiamine-deficiency and hatchery practices (Nate Mantua or Rachel Johnson ?)
- Steelhead session (Erin Ferguson)
- Dam Removal in California and Nevada watersheds
- The Trinity River is NOT the north west fork of the Sacramento River
- Stormwater impacts to salmonids – contaminants
- Plenary Speakers
- Chief Calleen Sisk, Arthur Garcia, Toby McLeod, Rebekah Olstad, Wintu Tribe

- c. Awards (Zach)
    - i. No updates
  - d. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn)
    - i. No update
  - e. Conservation (Dave)
    - i. No update
  - f. Communications (Kathleen/Adrienne)
    - i. Adrienne requests a summary of activities/highlights from this past year from subunits other than Sac/Davis for Western Division to forward to national
    - ii. Posting a lot this week about upcoming event (bbq!), please share
    - iii. Annual meeting- sooner info/photos out the better
  - g. Bylaws & Nominations (Ramona)
    - i. Not present/no update
  - h. Grants (Shawn)
    - 1. We awarded the Semi-annual Travel Grant to Kelly Hannan to support attendance at the Indo-Pacific Fish Conference this November.
  - i. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther)
    - i. Quarterly meeting with western division- positive response from them about the every other year model
  - j. Merchandise (Kim & Matea)
    - i. Matea and Kim met with Chris to discuss the Merchandise and we're going to set up a meeting Miranda as well to go over the Zazzle shop.
  - k. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)
    - i. Update above
  - l. Finance (Wayne)
    - i. No update
  - m. Native Fishes (Damon)
    - i. No update
8. Next Meeting September 21, 2023, at 5:30 PM via Zoom & in person (USGS W Sac)
- a. Agenda will come from Miranda