



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

Location: Zoom/CDFW office in West Sacramento: 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA

Date: July 16, 2026

Time: 5:30-7:15 pm

- Call to Order and Introductions
- Verification of Quorum
 - a. 3 Elected officers: Kim, Chris, Matea
 - b. 3 Standing committee chairs: Jesse, Jim, Zach, Dave, Wayne, Dr. Capt. Stompe
 - c. Sub-units: UCI, Sac-Davis
 - d. Other attendees:

Agenda Review (ExComm): Refer to Item N below for additional details

- 2026 Conference budget is balanced!
- 2027 Conference Continuing Ed/Tour ideas
- Retreat committee goals
- Date for next retreat

Officer Updates

- a. Secretary (Marzia Fattori)
 - i. Current membership as of 7/13/2026: 305 members (up 7 from June)
 - 1. Check with Society about who they're cutting the check to for the rebate.
 - 2. Kim will email Kelly with correct Chapter Name
 - ii. May meeting notes were sent to Zach for publication on 7/13/2026.
 - iii. June meeting notes were sent to ExComm for review on 7/13/2026.
 - iv. Vote on meeting minutes for May ExComm Meeting.
 - 1 Chris motions to pass meeting notes as written, Kim seconds.

b. Treasurer (Asha)

i. Account balances :

1. Bank of America Checking Balance as of 07/16/2026: \$36,593.96
2. Bank of America Savings Balance as of 07/16/2026: \$58,803.98
3. Merrill Lynch Balance as of 07/16/2026: \$246,000.40
4. Total: \$341,398.34 (-9,142.60 from 06/15/2026)
5. Investment account change (-\$1,890.33 from 06/15/2026)
6. Checking account change (-\$7,252.75 from 06/15/2026)

ii. Spent - For what checking account money was spent on see below:

A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Date	Description	Income/Expense	Type	General Category
2	6/15/2026	Temporary Credit Adjustment on 06/15/26 Card # 4815870000116403 Claim # 260615534010	Income	Other	N/A
3	6/15/2026	Temporary Credit Adjustment on 06/15/26 Card # 4815870000116403 Claim # 260615534010	Income	Other	N/A
4	6/15/2026	Misc. Credit Adjustment on 06/15/26 Card # 4815870000116411 Claim # 260615523581	Income	Other	N/A
5	6/15/2026	Misc. Credit Adjustment on 06/15/26 Card # 4815870000116411 Claim # 260615523581	Income	Other	N/A
6	6/15/2026	Check 1592	Income	Other	N/A
7	6/16/2026	Pidd Rvds for Bus-Debit Rush Fee Waiver of \$15	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expenses - Hotel
8	6/17/2026	Pidd Rvds for Bus-Debit Rush Fee Waiver of \$15	Income	Other	N/A
9	6/17/2026	Pidd Rvds for Bus-Debit Rush Fee Waiver of \$15	Income	Other	N/A
10	6/22/2026	MANAO THAI CUISINE 06/18 PURCHASE WEST SACRAMEN CA DEBIT CARD *0552	Expense	Regular	Chapter Meeting
11	6/22/2026	EXTRA SPACE 3525 06/20 PURCHASE WEST SACRAMEN CA DEBIT CARD *0552	Expense	Regular	Storage
12	7/2/2026	AmFishSoc Paym 07/02 PURCHASE *13014374746 IA DEBIT CARD *2221	Expense	Regular	Excomm National Meeting
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iii. Other updates (Asha)

- 1) Still missing Subunit reports from all except for UCI, we need these ASAP as Sales Tax is due this month
 - a. Kim will follow up with Davis
- 2) Asha will need to follow up with the secondary form for the raffle before the end of the year (planning on doing this concurrently with taxes).
- 3) Asha will work on treasurer's guidance documents

iv. Other updates (Christina)

No updates

v. Other updates:

c. President (Kim Luke)

i. Chapter

1. Balanced Chico budget with Matea!

ii. Society

1. Chapter report due to Society 8/3
2. Society meeting is coming up! Chris, Kim, and Matea are all going

iii. WD

1. No updates

d. Past President (Chris)

i. No updates

e. President Elect (Matea)

i. No updates

- Student Subunit Updates ([society subunits page](#))

a. Sac/Davis (Alexandra Ginez/John Isla)

No updates

b. SCMBAS (Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area Subunit) (Paige Gardner/Abbie Ward)

No updates

c. Humboldt Cal Poly (Emily/Lennox)

i. No updates

d. SLOC (Hayley)

i. No updates

e. UCI (Elias Zamora)

i. No updates

- Committee Updates

i.

a. Continuing education (Jesse)

- i. Fall genetics class info was sent out in July Cal-Neva newsletter. I Still need to finalize the flyer. The main thing to do is to figure out our payment platform and

get a QR code on it. Ill need help with this from people with platform experience. Brainstorming ideas for CE classroom and fieldtrip later. Send out requests to Cal-neva members if they are interested in teaching or if they have requests?

- b.
- c. Policy and Resolutions (Karina)
 - i. No updates
- d. Conservation (Dave)
 - i. RPECC supported the Society's efforts to provide comments on the proposed OMB federal rule: "Regulation of Federal Financial Assistance" which will have a number of negative effects on federally funded scientific research including allowing political appointees without expertise to overrule decisions for peer-reviewed grant requests for federal science funding. The Society and WDAFS alerted and encouraged members to provide individual comments on the Rule. The comment period closed earlier this week and over 496,000 comments were received.
 - ii. You may recall that last September I recommended the Chapter submit a comment letter regarding the rescission of the Forest Service "Roadless Rule" but there was not sufficient time for the Excom to approve prior to the comment deadline. We will have another opportunity as the draft EIS for the Roadless Rule is reportedly about to be released, but it may have a very short review/comment period. Cal-Neva can provide comments and/or can support a likely RPECC/WDAFS comment effort.
- e. Bylaws & Nominations (Abigale Deen)
 - i. No updates
- f. Grants and Travel Awards (Matea)
 - i. Both travel grants were awarded to Chris Parker and Muhammad
- g. Historian (Jim)
 - i. No updates
- h. Outreach & Diversity (Open)
 - i. No updates
- i. Merchandise (Kim & Matea)
 - i. No updates
- j. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)
 - i. No updates

- k. Finance (Wayne)
 - i. No updates
- l. Native Fishes (Dylan)
 - i. No updates
- m. Student Liaison (Matt Young and Matea)
 - i. No updates
- n. Targeted discussion agenda
 - i. Budget is balanced! We made just over \$29K
 - 1. Look at our budget and what we projected to spend vs what we did spend.
 - 2. Discuss if/how to put some of the profit back into member benefits
 - 3. Jesse- is 29K good?
 - a. Kim-yes
 - ii. **2027 Conference Continuing Ed/Tour ideas**- Let's start nailing these down so we can build our budget and get registration open nice and early :) We'll be at Lake Natomas Inn in Folsom, so think about potential field tours or people that could teach a class. Bring your ideas to the excomm meeting.

Some ideas for tours can be found from the [2025 ISRS meeting](#) that Sarah Yarnell helped coordinate. I (Miranda) would be happy to figure out who the contacts were for any of those field trips.
 - iii. **Retreat committee goals**- How are we doing? How can we provide support to one another to reach our goals? Forgot your goals? They're [here](#)!
 - iv. **Date for next retreat**- We need to get back on schedule and have fall retreats. Let's look at calendars and plan!
- o. Other? (Dennis)

A few months ago, former coworker Grant was considering taking on the Continuing Education Chair role but ultimately was unable to commit to it. During that process, he brainstormed a number of potential continuing education opportunities that could be

offered for future trainings or conferences. The following are some of the ideas he shared:

Potential Training Opportunities

- Sturgeon tagging overview. Discuss different protocols and tags and include surgery exercise with pool noodles or bananas?
 - Training Staff: DWR REU or maybe Feather River?
- General tagging methods overview incl. protocols, BMPs, and lessons learned. If there's an opportunity to incorporate some field work and hands on experience that would be a bonus.
 - Training Staff: DWR REU or Feather River?
- Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) Delineation
 - This one isn't entirely relevant but helps to provide training on how to delineate the extent of wetlands and Other Waters of the U.S./State which is relevant for anyone working on restoration projects that require a 401 or 404 permit.
 - Presenters: Clay DeLong and Lesley Hamamoto, Grant Thornton, Caltrans Staff
 - External Training Opportunity: Wetland Training Institute
- Juvenile Production Estimate
 - Presenters: DISE? I know nothing about JPEs but I'm sure someone at DISE could provide this training.
- Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) Overview and Survey Protocol
 - This training could be done at several different locations (Chico State's Aquatic Bioassessment Lab, Sierra Streams Institute, or CDFW offices in Rancho Cordova or West Sac). Would recommend in person and field work if possible.

- Presenters: Chico State Aquatic Bioassessment Lab (Dan Pickard) or Allie (Matt Buckman's girlfriend)?
- Tribal Engagement/Working with Indigenous Communities
 - Presenters: Mariko Falke/Anecita Augustinez (DWR), David Price (Caltrans), Austin Stevenot (River Partners)
- Fish Gates and off channel habitat projects – Passive and Active examples
 - Presenters: DWR (Big Notch), USACE (Sac Weir), River Partners (Willow Bend)
 - [Riverside Rest Stops for Salmon Recovery - River Partners](#)
- Weir Monitoring Systems
 - Presenters: DWR Oroville and Fishbio?
- Women and/or minorities in Biology
 - Presenter/Facilitator: Bayan Ahmed if available (unsure if she's a part of AFS but she has experience as DEI Chair for Wildlife Society and very detail oriented) or others within AFS?
- ArcGIS Pro Workshop
 - Course through UC Davis would most likely be easiest. May be able to provide through DWR but might be challenging with ESRI licenses.
- Motorboat Operators Safety Certification
 - Presenter: State Parks? [Boating Safety Classes and Courses](#)
- Golden Mussel Overview and Vessel Surveys
 - Presenters: DWR, could include field component at Lake Oroville/Afterbay
- Aquatic Vegetation Management
 - Presenter: Division of Boating and Waterways, Michael Kwong, Gina Darin.
- Angler engagement and Survey Methodology – BMPs
 - Presenter: DWR and CDFW Creel Survey/ CIRAS staff
- Sonar camera Overview

- Presenters: DISE and CDFW?
- Holistic design approaches for riparian restoration
 - Riparian plan design
 - Incorporation of Large Woody Debris (LWD)
 - Herpetofauna considerations (e.g., WPT or CRLF/FYLF)
- Planting Design for Habitat Restoration Projects
 - Presenters: River Partners, Caltrans, State Parks, DWR, etc.
- Native Fish of California and Nevada overview
- Skinner Fish Facility – Overview and Delta Smelt Research
 - Presenters: UC Davis and Javier?
- Crash Course in Environmental Permits and Regulations in California
 - Presenters: Myself, someone from ESB, someone from Caltrans District 3.
 - Chris will contact Dan Kratville CDFW pair with someone from fish and wildlife and NOAA
- Cutting the Green Tape Initiative
 - Presenter: Brad Henderson (CDFW)
- California Fish Data and Management
 - Presenters: Staff from UC Davis, CDFW, DWR
 - [PISCES](#)
 - [Passage Assessment Database](#)
 - [California Fish Passage Assessment Database](#)
 - [CalFishTrack](#)
- E-Fishing Overview
 - Presenter: Ben Ewing
 - Note: Would be great to have this be a field workshop with backpack and boat experience.
 - Chris could do a lamprey 101 training
 - Contact Patrick Cooney about e-fishing certificate

- Overview of Fish Working Groups in California and Nevada
 - Resident Fishes PWT
 - FishPAC ([Home :: FishPAC](#))
 - Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative
 - Others?
- Other Options (External training or outside of the box opportunities)
 - Early career mentorship
 - Streambank Assessment and Restoration | Continuing and Professional Education
 - River Restoration Course – Sagehen Creek Field Station
 - Symposiums through UC Berkeley River Lab
 - <https://berkeleyriverlab.org/>
 - Wild and Scenic Film Festival?
 - Nevada City: Home - Wild & Scenic Film Festival
 - Chico: Friends of Butte Creek - Wild & Scenic Film Festival
 - Align training opportunities with other groups
 - Field Schools | Salmonid Restoration Federation
 - The Western Section of the Wildlife Society
 - California Society for Ecological Restoration
 - California Invasive Plant Council – Protecting California’s environment and economy from invasive plants
- HRL overview
- EDI
- Yuba river restoration sites
- Lodi USFWS
 - Fish ID or larval fish ID
- Seine restoration sites
- Zach has 10 topics on R that he would like to share on the website for folks to work through on their own

- How to install R
- Basic tasks
- Pub-quality graphs
- Dplyr
- Dates & time Tidyverse
- Create an app
- Create a loop
- Create a map
- Using Claude/AI to use Rstudio
- Python course- related to machine learning
 - Jesse can look into it
 - ArcGIS and Qgis is python
- 3D slicer- measurement for fish skulls- Elias
 - Uses more R in ecology courses. Depends on what level. ArcGIS could also be very helpful because not many people get to use it.
- Class on how to get a job after graduation- CV review, panel discussion, interview practice, strategy and preparation. Where to look. Have a job posting and have people tailor- get someone from CRNA.

Field trip ideas from Jesse

How many field trips can we do?

What did we do last time?- last meeting was 2022- went to nimbus

What's new and exciting in the area

Big Notch- Noaki could help

Yuba River- 5 hours of tour.

Zach- Wix: If we go to Wix then we could get a website, a platform, and a newsletter.

1,500 people receive newsletter- payment for Wix would depend.

Tagging class-

Jim knows a chemical tagging person

Next retreat- 11/7/26 at Cramer Fish Sciences

p. Next meeting: August 20, 2026

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