### CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

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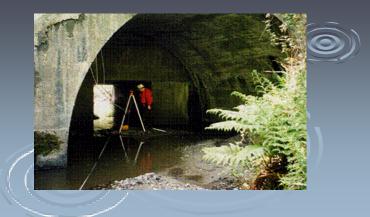
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## "Fish Passage Forum"

A Joint Effort to approach an old Problem... "improving habitat by modifying or removing barriers to fish migration"





## BRIEF HISTORY:

- > 1999 California Fish Passage Forum established
- > 2008 Candidate NFHAP partnership
- > 2010 Board approved Forum as a partnership

# In the approval letter from the Board, the following was recommended:

- Coordination with Science/Data Committee
- Consider a name change
- > Provide advice on fish passage at a national level
- Coordinate with other FHP's

#### **MISSION/GOAL:**

Protect and revitalize anadromous fish populations in California by restoring connectivity of freshwater habitat.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Facilitate coordination and communication among agencies, agency staff, and other entities that may propose, review, or promulgate fish passage criteria within California.
- Identify, assess and prioritize fish passage barriers on public lands and to the extent practical or consistent with landowner goals, private lands.

#### **Objectives continued:**

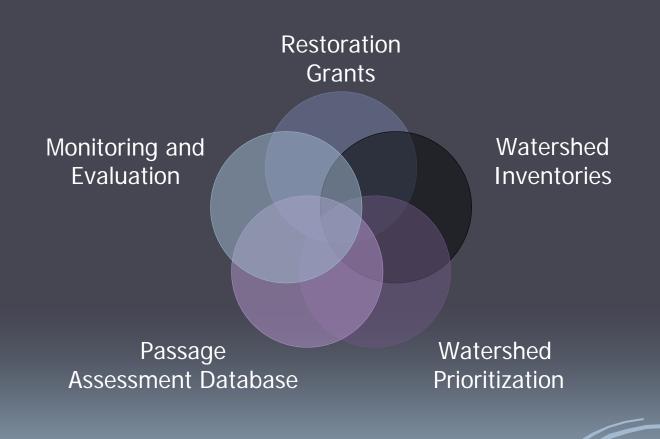
- Disseminate guidelines and design criteria for replacement of barriers.
- Coordinate funding mechanisms to remove fish passage barriers.
- Promote State and Federal permit coordination and streamlining.
- Facilitate plans to monitor and evaluate fish passage restoration effectiveness to ensure accountability.
- Work to promote state and national policy that supports fish passage.
- Implement education and outreach activities, targeting both the general public and fish passage practitioners.

## Members of Fish Passage Forum

- California Department of Fish & Game (chair)
- California Department of Water Resources
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- California Coastal Conservancy
- US Forest Service
- FishNet4C
- Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program
- > Cal Trout
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- > US Army Corps of Engineers
- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

And many other participants...

#### **COMPONENTS & TOOLS OF THE FISH PASSAGE FORUM**





# Example "Products" produced/provided by the Fish Passage Forum

- Passage Assessment Database (PAD)
- Brochure and Video
- "First Pass" Data Sheet
- Standards for Evaluating Fish Passage
- Workshops and Training
- Barrier Inventories and Prioritization

- Monitoring

FISH PASSAGE INCIDENTAL REPORT (First Pass Data Sheet)
This form is intended to be used for rapid barrier invetorying and barrier data collection. It is not intended for barrier passag

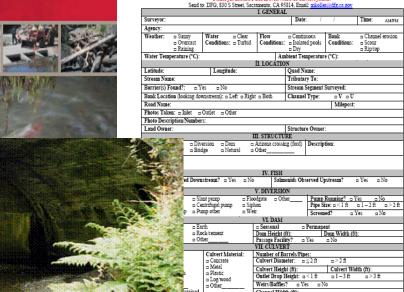
assessment and is not meant to replace any existing barrier assessment protocols

**IMPROVEMENT** in California's Watersheds

**FISH** 

**PASSAGE** 

Assessments & Recommendations by the Fish Passage Forum

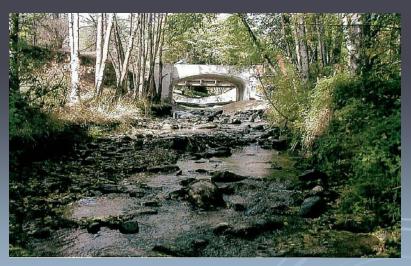


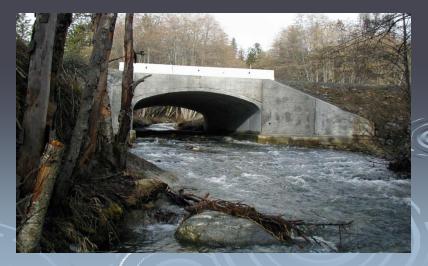




## Example: West Weaver Creek Culvert





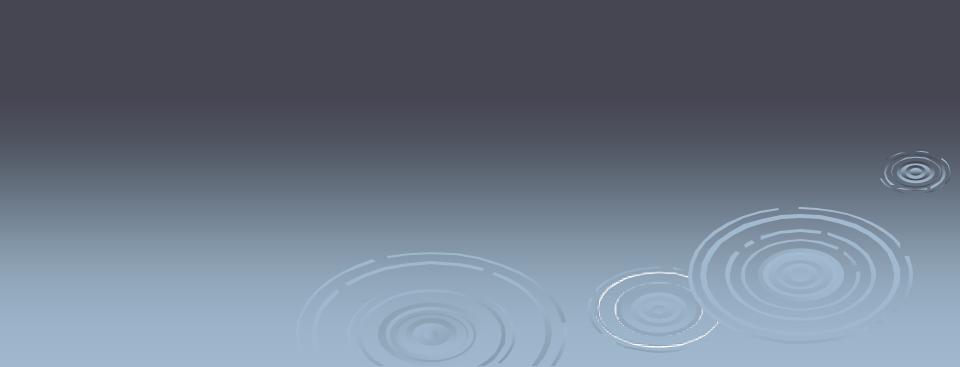


# "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it."

Lucille Ball







#### Passage Assessment Database

#### The Passage Assessment Database (PAD):

- Collects and standardizes available data from contributing dataset sources
- Presents a map-based inventory of known and suspected barriers to anadromous fish passage in California's coastal watersheds
- Enables analysis of the effects of these barriers in the context of overall watershed health & identifies barriers suitable for removal or modification



Jordan Creek,
Del Norte County



**BEFORE** 

**AFTER**