

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Enhancement Committee Meeting

June 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Event and Live Meeting

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<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Science/Environmental-Enhancement-Fund>

Public location for attendance: 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento CA 95605;
Garibaldi Conference Room.

Public comments were accepted via the chat function, unmuting, or live at the West Sacramento Location.

The meeting began at 10:02 am, and all three EEC members were in attendance via MS Teams. This was a hybrid meeting; the public was invited to attend and submit comments via MS Teams or in person at the West Sacramento location.

Bruce Joab read a statement about inclusion. He gave instructions for public members to use the Teams chat function for comments or questions, but to leave video off. EEC members were introduced: Julie Yamamoto as the acting OSPR Administrator, Amy Hutzel who is the Executive Officer Coastal Conservancy, and Stephanie Tom Coupe who is a director at National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Annie Bauer-Civiello, Restoration program director for Reef Check, attended as a member of the public.

Bruce reviewed the spending authority previously expected at the meeting in January and the subsequent reduction in May. He summarized the options including funding four of the five original projects, labeled as Option B3. This option allowed approximately \$33,000 of spending authority to be left over for other projects.

Stephanie Tom Coupe expressed that she is interested in public comments. Amy Hutzel indicated that having the left-over funds would be a positive development.

Bruce opened the discussion to the public. After confirming that only one member of the public was in attendance, Annie Bauer-Civiello, Bruce confirmed that she did not have any comments.

Julie made a motion to select option B3 for a funding decision, Amy seconded that motion, as shown on Bruce's spreadsheet. A vote occurred and was unanimously approved by all three of the EEC committee members.

The projects that will be funded, and the approved amounts, are below:

- Watershed Restoration and Protection Marsh Creek 7 Water Flows to the Delta, submitted by Save Mount Diablo, for \$67,074.00.

- Restoring the High Elevation Freshwater Ecosystems of Yosemite National Park, submitted by Freshwater Life, Inc., for \$108,000.00.
- Bull Kelp Restoration in Albion Cove, submitted by Reef Check Foundation, for \$44,000.00.
- Elk Creek Acquisition-Eel River Watershed, submitted by Bureau of Land Management, for \$25,000.00.

Morro Bay Coastal Enhancement Through Ice Plant Removal, submitted by Morro Bay National Estuary Program, will not be funded.

EEF project management will continue in a team approach with Bruce, Cristina Perez, and Peter Boucher, along with Brenda Brantley giving administrative support. Hiring is also happening, and efforts are being made to resolve future spending authority restraints.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.