

DRIP Collaborative

Reducing Ecosystem Impacts of Drought Workgroup Meeting #2

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 2:30-4:00PM

California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P St, Sacramento, CA 95814 – Room 06-212

Zoom: <https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/lqoMM85CTH6WjFb51kyF8A>

Objectives: Advance recommendation ideas proposed at the May 16th 2025 DRIP Collaborative meeting related to in-stream flow requirements and granting & contracting streamlining. Discuss other recommendation ideas raised during the meeting to decide how to address/incorporate them.

Meeting Agenda

2:30pm Welcome, Roll Call

2:35pm Refresher & Proposed Pathways

Based on the DRIP Collaborative discussion and members' interest in leading the development of recommendations, the membership agreed the following three ideas would be further developed and presented at the July meeting. This meeting will be used to briefly review these ideas, explore combining the two related to in-stream flow requirements, and discuss how to weave in elements from other recommendation ideas.

1. Prioritize in-stream flow requirements for streams of high ecological function and pick a pilot project (Recommendation lead: Redgie Collins)
2. Create incentives for setting in-stream flows through landowner cooperative agreements
3. Streamline granting and contracting processes for habitat restoration projects (Recommendation co-leads: Redgie Collins and Samantha Arthur)

2:40pm In-Stream Flow Requirements: Prioritization and Incentives

Discuss opportunities to advance and align the two recommendations.

3:10pm Streamline Granting & Contracting for Habitat Restoration Projects

Evaluate opportunities to reduce administrative burdens and support project implementation through improved granting and contracting processes

3:40pm Other Recommendation Ideas: How to Incorporate?

Assess remaining ideas from the May discussion, including:

- Develop watershed-scale ecosystem management planning framework
- Elevate Tribal partnerships and Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Support workforce transition by connecting restoration projects to local job opportunities
- Incorporate soil health, headwaters protection, and groundwater-surface water interactions as key components of drought-resilient restoration strategies.

3:55pm **Public Comment**

4:00pm **Adjourn**