

AGENDA

Salmonid Restoration Federation Fish Passage Design and Engineering Field School

Santa Barbara, CA February 19-21, 2025

Wednesday, February 19th

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Outline of the Day**
Dana Stolzman, Mike Love, Ross Taylor
- 9:10 a.m. Primer on Fish Passage Design Approaches**
Mike Love
- Spectrum of fish passage approaches
 - Walk through simple stream simulation design
- 9:30 a.m. Aquatic Species and Stream Crossings**
Ross Taylor
- Ecological continuity of stream channels
 - Aquatic organisms of concern in California's coastal streams
 - Characteristics of instream structures that block fish movement
 - Impacts of fragmenting populations
 - Fish swimming abilities and requirements
 - Ranking and prioritization of barriers for treatments
 - Reasons for implementing fish passage projects and
 - Fish passage resources
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. "What makes a successful stream crossing project?"**
Group Input lead by Ross Taylor
- 11:00 a.m. Assessing Geomorphic Risks for Stream Crossing Projects**
Mike Love
- Causes of perched culverts; plunge pool vs. incision
 - Causes and impacts of channel incision
 - Risk assessments for channel incision with stream crossing projects
 - Placing stream crossings in aggraded channels
- 11:30 a.m. Neefus Gulch Channel Profile Analysis - Part 1**
Exercise
- Identify stable slope segments and knickpoints
 - Estimate degree of incision (vertical offsets) at each knickpoint

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12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Pre-design & Project Layout

Mike Love

- Hydraulic verses Geomorphic design approaches
- Site assessment overview
- Project alignment and project profile
- Determining Vertical Adjustment Profiles (VAP)
- Selecting a design approach

1:45 p.m. NOAA Fisheries Fish Passage Guidance and Criteria

Emily Thomas, Hydraulic Engineer

- NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region Fish Passage Guidelines

2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:30 p.m. Neefus Gulch Channel Profile Analysis – Part 2

Exercise

- Set low and high VAP profiles
- Set a project profile at crossing
- Show final project designs

3:00 p.m. Stream Simulation Design

Mike Love

- Overarching principals of stream simulation
- Where it is/is not applicable
- Stream simulation design process
 - Project profile for stream simulation
 - Suitable reference reach
 - Bed design – bed materials, shape, thickness
 - Banklines, key features
 - Selecting crossing structure type and size

3:50 p.m. BREAK

4:05 p.m. Local Fish Passage Projects and Field Tour Teaser

Mauricio Gomez, South Coast Habitat Restoration

Tim Robinson, Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board

4:50 p.m. Field Tour Logistics

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Thursday, February 20th

9:00 a.m. Depart from Mar Monte Hotel Parking Lot

- Bradbury Dam Overlook
- Quiota Creek Crossings

12:15 p.m. Lunch at River Park, San Ynez River, Lompoc

- Salispuedes Creek at Highway 1 and Jalama Road
- El Jaro Creek at Rancho San Julian
- Arroyo Honda Creek

4:30 p.m. Return to Mar Monte Hotel Parking Lot

Friday, February 21st

9:00 a.m. Stream Simulation Design – Continued

Mike Love

- Stability/mobility analysis for stream simulation culverts
- Construction techniques

9:30 p.m. Nickerson Creek Tributary Stream Simulation Design

Exercise

- Section A – Interpret geomorphic site data
- Section B – Design profile and alignment
- Section C - Design streambed shape and material mixture
- Sections D and E – Optional

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. Overview of Hydraulic Designs for Stream Crossings

Mike Love

- Fishway with stream crossings
- Fish baffles in culverts
- Types, applications, and limitations

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- 10:50 a.m. CDFW Guidance on Fish Passage and Stream Restoration**
Kristine Pepper, CFDW Senior Hydraulic Engineer
- Fish Bulletin 183: Log & Boulder Weirs
 - Fish Bulletin 184: Large Wood in Stream Habitat Restoration
 - Fish Bulletin 185: Low-Tech Process-Based Stream Restoration
- 11:20 a.m. Geomorphic-Based Profile Control Techniques**
Mike Love
- Applications
 - Geomorphic based roughened channels
 - Basis of approach
 - Types and applications
 - Design process and construction techniques
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Geomorphic-Based Profile Control Techniques – Continued**
Mike Love
- Drop structure types (boulder, log, concrete weirs)
 - Shape, spacing, slope, and stability
 - Design Process
- 1:30 p.m. Monitoring and Adaptation**
Ross Taylor
- Questions that monitoring should answer
 - Monitoring techniques
 - Examples of previous fish passage monitoring
- 2:30 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:45 p.m. Traditional Hydraulic Designs for Stream Crossings**
Mike Love
- Fishways with stream crossings
 - Fish baffles in culverts
 - Types, applications and limitations
- 3:30 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:45 p.m. South Coast Fish Passage Projects: Opportunities and Challenges**
Sandra Jacobson, California Trout South Coast Region Director
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn**
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