

EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING COMMITTEE

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Effectiveness Monitoring Program Grant Guidelines Fiscal Year 2022–2023 Request for Proposals

Initial Project Concept Proposals Due **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

I. EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING COMMITTEE PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Effectiveness Monitoring Committee (EMC) is an advisory body to the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) that is intended to fund robust scientific research aimed at testing the efficacy of the California Forest Practice Rules (FPRs) and other natural resource protection statutes, laws, codes, and regulations. The EMC creates an active feedback loop to policymakers, managers, agencies, and the public by facilitating the transfer of research results to policy; the EMC does so by working with Project Investigators to produce white papers, publish scientific reports and journal articles, and present policy implications to the Board for consideration. The FPRs and the Board's related policies and regulations address a variety of natural resource issues including, but not limited to, watershed science, wildlife concerns, and wildfire hazard. As a result, projects funded by the EMC span a wide array of topics and approaches but are generally focused on timberlands and rangelands in California, consistent with the Board's jurisdiction.

The Effectiveness Monitoring Committee (EMC) is seeking project proposals that:

- (1) Address one or more of the **critical effectiveness monitoring questions** identified in the [EMC 2018 Strategic Plan](#),¹ and
- (2) Address **natural resource protection issues** that are important for **California forestlands**.

The critical monitoring questions referenced in (1) above are organized under 11 themes:

1. Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone (WLPZ) riparian function
2. Watercourse channel sediment
3. Road and WLPZ sediment
4. Mass wasting sediment
5. Fish habitat
6. Wildfire hazard
7. Wildlife habitat: species and nest sites
8. Wildlife habitat: seral stages
9. Wildlife habitat: cumulative impacts
10. Wildlife habitat: structures
11. Hardwood values

¹ <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/9122/2018-emc-strategic-plan-ada.pdf>

