Executive Directors Report to the Budget Committee

September 2025 Council Meeting

High Level Summary

- All anticipated revenue for 2025 has been received (base funding, IRA funding, NCE)
- The significant delay in receiving funds made planning and executing Council functions very difficult
  - This led to several key decisions that reigned in expenses (small September council meeting, leaving staff officer position vacant)
- The proposed 2025 budget includes a full in person November meeting and backfilling the staff officer position late this year

Summary of start of year versus end of year fiscal status

No Cost Extension	
Funds remaining at end of CY 2024	$ 2,210,192
Planned Expenditures 2025	(2,210,192)
Expected funds remaining at end of CY 2025	$ -
2024-2027 Special Funding Grant	
Funds remaining at end of CY 2024	$ 2,315,303
Planned expenditures through December 31,2025	$ 953,000
Funds obligated to contracts through 2026	$ 190,000
Unobligated Special Project funds expected at end of CY 2025	$ 1,172,303
2025-2029 Grant Funds	
Funds Received through August 31, 2025	$ 4,932,337
Planned expenditures through December 31	$ 2,764,000
Funds remaining at end of CY 2025	**$ 2,168,337**

Proposed 2025 Budget

Category	Adopted 2025 Provisional Budget	Updated 2025 Budget from Grant Funds	Updated 2025 Budget from Ext. Funds	Updated 2025 Budget from Spec.Projects	Updated 2025 Operational Budget	Increase (Decrease) from Adopted Provisional
Staff Wages & Benefits	2,729,735	1,168,789	916,347	461,695	2,546,831	(182,904)
Travel	1,243,130	564,295	322,335	164,744	1,051,375	(191,755)
Supplies & Services	827,829	375,888	259,776	74,454	710,118	(117,711)
Contractual					-	-
Council Member Compensation	274,955	122,529	85,735	55,275	263,538	(11,417)
Advisory Body Stipends	74,559	47,633	21,866	5,060	74,559	-
Liaison (State, PSMFC)	719,235	452,669	266,566	-	719,235	-
Other (Salmon SAFE, GF Spex, etc.)	603,407	32,096	337,733	191,250	561,079	(42,329)
Total	6,472,850	2,763,899	2,210,357	952,478	5,926,734	(546,116)

Contract details related to 2025 proposed budget

Contract	Adopted 2025 Provisional Budget	2025 Grant Funds	2025 Ext Funds	2025 Spec. Projects	Updated 2025 Operational Budget	Increase (Decrease) from 2025 Provisional
California - Liaison & Planning	$ 197,951	124,575	73,376		$ 197,951	$ -
Idaho - Liaison & Planning	$ 55,822	35,130	20,692		$ 55,822	$ -
Oregon - Liaison & Planning	$ 210,068	132,200	77,868		$ 210,068	$ -
Washington-Liaison & Planning	$ 196,800	123,850	72,950		$ 196,800	$ -
PSMFC-Liaison & Planning	$ 58,594	36,914	21,680		$ 58,594	$ -
Subtotal	$ 719,235	452,669	266,566	-	$ 719,235	$ -
Other (Salmon SAFE, GF Spex, etc.)	$ 603,407	32,096	337,733	191,250	$ 561,079	$ (42,329)
Total for Contractual	$ 1,322,642	484,765	604,299	191,250	$ 1,280,314	$ (42,329)

Level of spending to date relative to proposed 2025 budget (does not include obligated but unspent funds)

Category	Staff Draft 2025 Operational Budget	Expenditures Though 8/31/25	Balance Remaining	% of Budget Spent as of 8/31
Staff Wages & Benefits	2,546,831	$ 1,855,390	691,441	73%
Travel	1,051,375	$ 529,328	522,046	50%
Supplies & Services	710,118	$ 446,912	263,206	63%
Contractual				
Council Member Compensation	263,538	$ 111,078	152,460	42%
Advisory Body Stipends	74,559		74,559	0%
Liaison (State, PSMFC)	719,235	$ 42,262	676,973	6%
Other (Salmon SAFE, GF Spex, etc.)	561,079	$ 264,427	296,651	47%
Total 2025	5,926,734	$ 3,249,398	$ 2,677,336	55%

Discussion of 2025 budget

- Between funds spent to date and funds obligated, there is little ability to deviate from the proposed budget
- Two points for debate include:
  - The size of the November meeting
  - Backfilling the vacant staff officer position

2026 Pre-provisional budget

Category	Staff Proposed 2025 Budget	Pre-Provisional Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Staff Wages & Benefits	2,546,831	2,606,037	$ 59,206
Travel	1,051,375	1,083,489	$ 32,115
Supplies & Services	710,118	719,840	$ 9,722
Contractual	-	-	$ -
Council Member Compensation	263,538	240,785	$ (22,753)
Advisory Body Stipends	74,559	74,559	$ -
Liaison (State, PSMFC)	719,235	719,235	$ -
Other (Salmon SAFE, GF Spex, etc.)	561,079	609,023	$ 47,945
Total	5,926,734	6,052,969	126,235

Break-Down of 2026 Pre-Provisional Budget

Category	Proposed 2025 Operational Budget	Proposed 2026 Budget from Grant Funds	Proposed 2026 Budget from IRA Funds	Proposed Provisional Budget	Increase (Decrease) from 2025 operational
Staff Wages & Benefits	2,546,831	2,055,309	550,728	2,606,037	59,206
Travel	1,051,375	873,729	209,760	1,083,489	32,115
Supplies & Services	710,118	623,059	96,781	719,840	9,722
Contractual				-	-
Council Member Compensation	263,538	182,047	58,738	240,785	(22,753)
Advisory Body Stipends	74,559	69,499	5,060	74,559	-
Liaison (State, PSMFC)	719,235	719,235	-	719,235	-
Other (Salmon SAFE, GF Spex, etc.)	561,079	326,350	282,673	609,023	47,945
Total	5,926,734	4,849,229	1,203,740	6,052,969	126,235

Fiscal risk considerations

- We will end the year in good fiscal shape
- Revenue outlook for 2026 and beyond remains uncertain
  - House NOAA budget would implement large cuts, which may or may not translate to Council budgets
  - Senate version and President's request are much less drastic than the House
- IRA funding is supporting a large portion of our annual expenses. These funds should exist through 2027, after which we will need additional supplemental funding, or substantial expense reductions
- Inflation has moderated, but is still higher than last 20 year average
- We are continuing to implement Council efficiencies. These steps are resulting in substantial savings, but we will eventually exhaust options