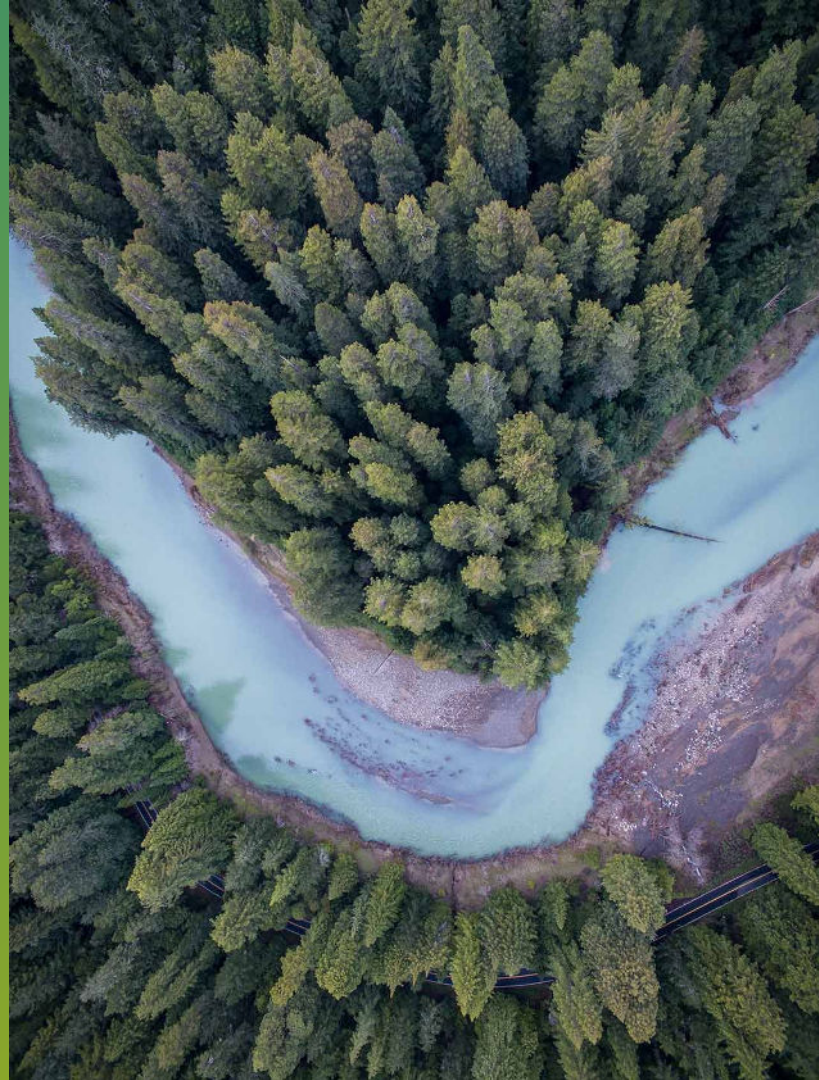


Eel River Native Plant Network

Orientation Session

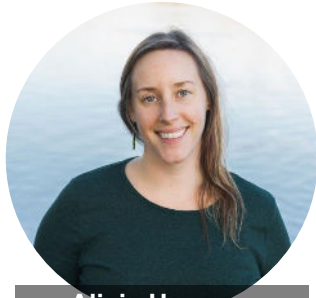
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Session Flow (90m)

- ❑ Connect with each other
- ❑ Review and gather feedback on the network's draft goal and initial scope
- ❑ Ask you to share your hopes and what you need from this work
- ❑ Preview what's coming in June and immediate next steps

Housekeeping

- ❑ We'll work in different configurations (small group, large group, asynchronous polling tool)
- ❑ If possible, we'd love see your faces
- ❑ We welcome whatever is part of your environment

Connecting our group

MeetingPulse link shared in the Zoom Chat, or use QR code:

- ❑ Please share your name and organization
- ❑ One value that consistently informs your life and work



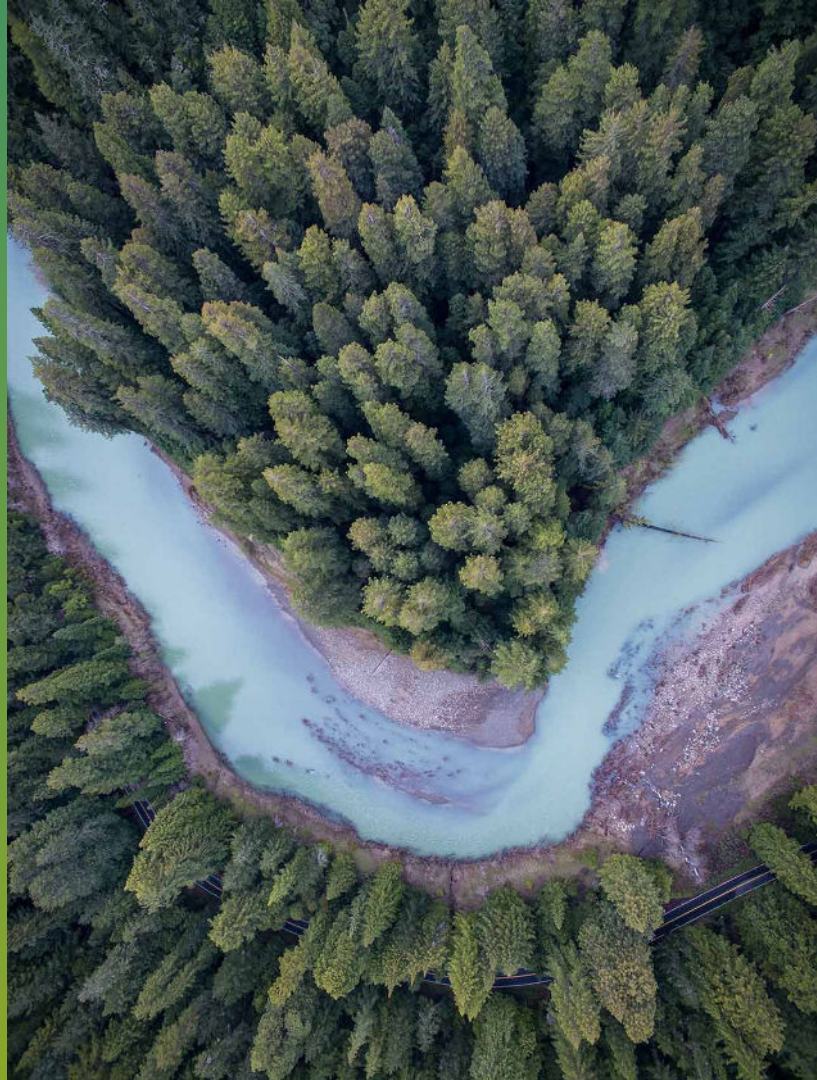
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Breakout rooms of 3-4 people:

- ❑ Share your name, organization
- ❑ Please share a bit more about why the value you shared matters to you

You will have a total of 8 minutes. Please share the speaking time.

What's our Intent?



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INITIAL FOCUS **(DRAFT)**

What we anticipate being an early focus of our work.

FRAME: We're not actively working on these things, but we want to keep in view as we work toward our focus.

Feedback on our draft intent

MeetingPulse link shared in the Zoom Chat, or use QR code:

- ❑ Goal: What about this resonates with you or feels important?
- ❑ Goal: What, if anything, would you change to make it more compelling or energizing?
- ❑ Scope: Is there anything you would want to add/change about the initial focus/frame dimensions?

Don't worry. We're not going to wordsmith it live!

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<p>Geographic Boundaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel River watershed ecosystem restoration 	&	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and national native plant initiatives
<p>Possible areas of work, efforts, or initiatives, based on early conversations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and collecting diverse native seed sources • Increasing small-scale amplification facilities and rooted plant production (bare root and container plants) • Seed cleaning and storage capacity • Forecasting plant material needs • Tracking data over time • Developing, adopting, and implementing best management practices 	&	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-scale seed production (e.g., 250K lbs seed demand for the project) • PG&E's Restoration Plan for the Potter Valley Project
<p>Timeframe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next five years, preparing for dam removal 	&	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generational restoration projects

Hopes & Needs



Understanding our individual hopes and needs

8 minutes in breakout rooms of 2-3 people:

- ❑ What is your highest hope for our work together?**
 - ❑ What needs to be true about our work together for it to be meaningful and impactful for you and your work?**
1. Agree on who will take light notes.
 2. Take turns sharing your responses to both questions. Listen for what resonates across your group.
 3. When you come back, notetaker: be ready to share 1-2 key themes from your conversation in the Zoom chat.

What's Coming Next



Our startup timeline

- Network Orientation Session
- 1:1 Conversations w/FOER

March-April

- June 18, Network Session in Fortuna (10a-3p): Understand the need
- Virtual report out call

June

- Sept. 17, Network Session in Ukiah (10a-3p): Understand the capacity and co-create priority production pathways
- Virtual report out call

September

May

- Develop "landscape map" with key insights from 1:1 conversations
- Analysis to define plant material needed for decommissioning
- Develop and distribute a "local" production capacity survey

July-Aug

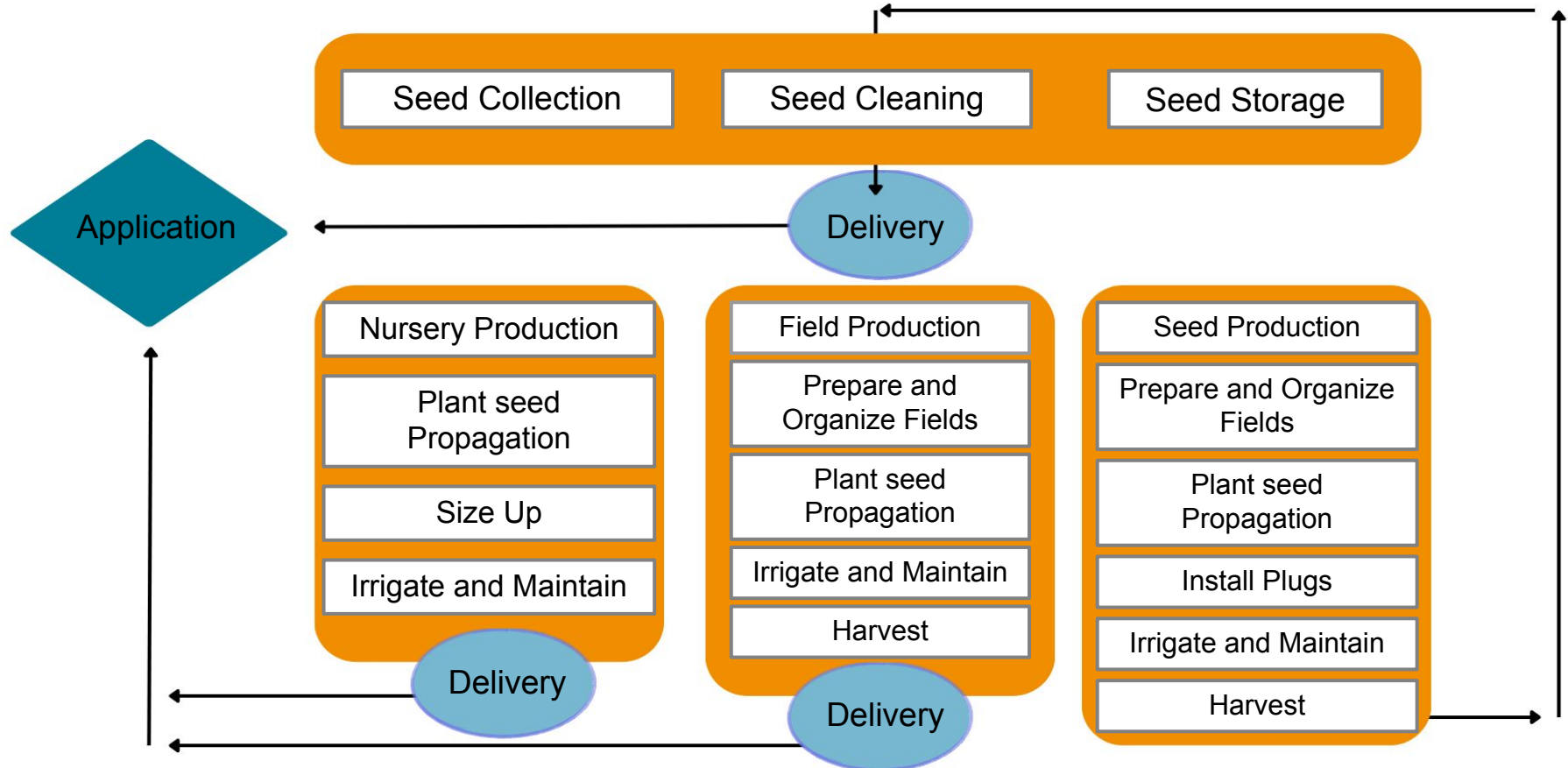
- Develop a capacity evaluation that connects plant material needs with capacity estimates and production pathways



Assessment Objectives

- Estimate annual plant material needs for watershed restoration.
- Estimate potential plant material needs for decommissioning.
- Estimate annual plant material production for three different types of plant material
- Identify production capacity limitations.
- Evaluate whether current watershed and regional plant material production could meet watershed or regional plant material needs, or plant material needs for a project like decommissioning.
- Estimate the cost to expand existing ERNPN plant material production capacity to meet the demands of a project like decommissioning.
- Identify where opportunities currently exist to expand capacity and potential limitations in expanding capacity.

Each plant material type (seed, containerized plants, and field grown plants) has a production pathway that defines the operational sequence, infrastructure, and materials required to produce a plant material type.



Volume based capacity approach:

Capacity = (Number of units produced)/Time

Estimating production capacity will involve estimating the number of producers for a given material type, and the production volume associated with each producer (number of units produced) in a one year period. Total production capacity will be a sum of all the producers and their production quantities

For example:

Nursery container production capacity =

(Producer 1 Annual Production)+ (Producer 2 Annual Production)+ (Producer 3 Annual Production) + (Producer 4 Annual Production)...



Potential Vegetation Recovery Strategy

- Revegetate with dominant species and seed co-dominant or commonly associated species.
- Recover woody vegetation on valley slopes and valley floor.
- Allow the active channel area to passively recover.



Landform	Area	Recovery
Valley Slope and Hillsides	550 acres	Revegetate
Valley Floor	1,840 acres	Revegetate
Estimated Active Channel	370 Acres	Passive Recovery
Lake Pillsbury Inundation Area	2,760 acres	Combination of Passive and active

Potential Vegetation Recovery Strategy will be assumed to be “one size fits all”

Initial plant material quantity assumptions

- One planting density everywhere
- Tree planting and seeding everywhere except for the active channel in the valley floor
- One type of material for nursery grown materials

Developing a range plant of material quantities

- Vary spacing
- Vary seeding application rates

Actual recovery strategy to be developed by PG&E via their FERC Management Plans



The Survey

We will use a survey to assess watershed and regional:

- Plant material need
- Production capacity
- Locations with high plant material needs
- Production centers

Survey question answers will help us develop a better estimate of

- How plant materials are identified and utilized within the watershed/region
- The facilities, plant material types and plant material quantities produced within the watershed/region
- Production bottlenecks
- Whether an organization's facilities could be expanded, and current limitations to expansion

What types of organizations make up the bulk of your annual sales? (check the top three)

- Internal/Organizational use
- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Tribal Governments
- Private Contractors
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Other: _____

What are the biggest challenges for you as a producer of native plant materials? (check the top three)

- Insufficient demand
- Unpredictable demand
- Plant demand without an associated contract to grow
- Insufficient time to grow requested plants
- Lack of available stock seed from appropriate ecotypes or seed transfer zones
- Difficult species to propagate
- Variability in seed viability
- Lack of infrastructure or facilities

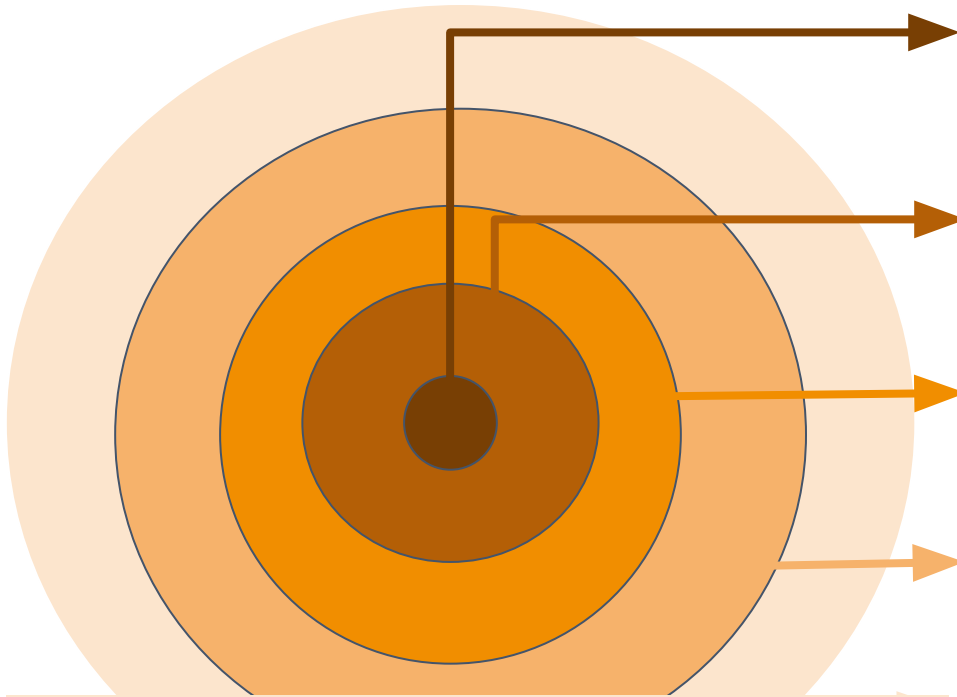
On average over the last three years, what percentage of your production inventory remained unsold?

- 0 - 4.9%
- 5 - 9.9%
- 10 - 14.9%
- 15 - 24.9%

Production capacity and plant material quantity estimates will be used to evaluate how much of the current and future needs could met within the watershed/regional production capacity.



Why a network? How the work gets done



Individual Strategy & Organizational Change

Members apply network learning to their own organizational work

Small Collaborations

2-3 members discover shared opportunities and team up spontaneously (e.g., Lily Restoration, Mattole Range Partnership)

Initiative Groups

Subsets form around key intervention points with coordination support (e.g. large-scale seed cleaning, storage)

Whole Network Projects

Major initiatives involving the full network moving together

Beyond the Network

Influencing the larger system, spin-offs, work picked up by other organizations

Not all valuable network activity requires everyone working together on all things. Fluidity is based on what's emerging and where energy exists.

Our network launch: June 18, Fortuna (10a-3p)

Everyone in the room brings the expertise

A structured process designed for you to share your best thinking, identify what needs attention

Working both analytically and intuitively, leveraging our collective wisdom



Our next steps

What we will do with your work today:

- ❑ Goal and focus/frame feedback will inform revisions that we'll bring back in June
- ❑ Hopes and needs will shape how we design the in-person sessions

Requests for you:

- ❑ Respond to the convening invitations you will receive from FOER & requests for 1:1 conversations
- ❑ Complete the survey
- ❑ Reach out with questions or concerns