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120 2022); also see the [Little River Report](#), (McDonald 2021). Member Matthew O'Connor of O'Connor  
121 Environmental, Inc. also provided a research presentation on [Stand Age & Forest](#)  
122 [Evapotranspiration: Implications for Forest Management, Streamflow and Salmonid Recovery](#).<sup>6</sup>

#### 123 **IV. EMC PRIORITIES**

124 Annual priorities are developed by the EMC and the Board as needs arise. The 2022 EMC priorities that  
125 were fulfilled are as follows:

- 126 • Support projects that relate to the EMC Themes and CMQs, including funding new projects where  
127 knowledge gaps exist, and monitoring progress of EMC-funded or EMC-supported monitoring  
128 projects.
- 129 • Revise the EMC's 2018 Strategic Plan to meet the 3-year revision cycle identify in the EMC Charter.
- 130 • Separate the Research Themes and CMQs from the Strategic Plan to accommodate differing  
131 revision cycles and begin revision process on this new standalone guiding document.

132 In 2023, the EMC priorities are as follows:

- 133 • Support projects related to the EMC Themes and CMQs, including funding new projects where  
134 knowledge gaps exist, and monitor progress of EMC-funded or EMC-supported monitoring projects.
- 135 • Monitor progress on EMC-funded or EMC-supported monitoring projects.
- 136 • Meet in the field at least once in 2023 to observe active or proposed monitoring projects.
- 137 • Identify and begin process to secure funding sources to support EMC member travel to public  
138 meetings.
- 139 • Finalize and adopt 2023 Research Themes and CMQs and identify up to five themes/CMQs for  
140 priority research funding in the 2023/24 RFP.
- 141 • Finalize and adopt new Project Liaison Guidance.
- 142 • Revisit the EMC's 2014 Charter to assess need for changes, and begin process of revision, if needed.
- 143 • Fill currently open and pending open EMC seats, as well as any seats for which terms expire in 2023,  
144 filling gaps in expertise and agency representation as needed.

#### 145 **V. EMC MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF**

146 The EMC has 17 mandated seats, including two co-chairs (one from the Board), eight agency  
147 representatives and seven monitoring community members. Additional staff support positions are provided  
148 by the Board, CAL FIRE, and other related agencies. In 2022, three seats were vacated and filled in 2022, two  
149 remain open, and four will be vacated once appropriate representatives are identified, nominated, and  
150 confirmed) (**Table 2**; currently open seats and terms expiring in 2023 are shown in **bold**; seats to be back-  
151 filled once an appropriate candidate is confirmed are in **bold italic**).

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<sup>6</sup> [https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/djsdd2wk/4-stand-age-m-o-connor-presentation\\_ada.pdf](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/djsdd2wk/4-stand-age-m-o-connor-presentation_ada.pdf)



































