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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

2017 CALIFORNIA LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE
March 7-9, 2017
UC Davis Conference Center

Day 1 / Plenary / Tuesday, March 7th

	REGISTRATION OPENS	
7:30 am	Continental breakfast and coffee	Lobby
	PLENARY SESSION	
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Welcome and Morning Plenary/Response Breakout	Ballroom
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch Break	Lobby
1:15 pm - 2:50 pm	Breakout Reports/Afternoon Plenary	Ballroom
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Regional Meetings	See program for room assignments
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	**A Night Celebrating California Conservation and Agriculture**	Seasons Restaurant 102 F Street Davis, CA 95616

Day 2 / Early-bird Session & Workshops / Wednesday, March 8th

	REGISTRATION OPENS	
7:30 am	Continental breakfast and coffee	Lobby
7:45 am - 8:45 am	**EBW.1** LTA Standards and Practices Update	Conference B
	MORNING WORKSHOPS	
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	**W.1** Regional Stewardship Symposium - Part I	Ballroom A
	W.2 Restoration and Fire Preparedness	Ballroom B
	W.3 Operations: Partnerships	Ballroom C
	W.4 Community Engagement	Conference B

Day 2 / Workshops / Wednesday, March 8th

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	**Lunch**	Lobby

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	**W.5** Agricultural Stewardship	Ballroom A
	W.6 Real Estate and Land Operations	Ballroom B
	W.7 Operations: Communications and Tools	Ballroom C
	W.8 Education and Recreation	Conference B
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	**Chairman's Reception, Award Ceremony**	Lobby/ Patio

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Day 3 / Concurrent Workshops & Sessions / Thursday, March 9th

MORNING SESSIONS

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	**TR.9** Executive Directors Forum	Ballroom A
	TR.10 Conservation Law Forum	Ballroom B
	TR.11 Regional Stewardship Symposium - Part II	Ballroom C
	TR.12 Mitigation Summit - Part I	Conference B
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	**Lunch**	Lobby

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	**TR.13** State Leaders on Funding Opportunities	Ballroom A
	TR.14 Advocacy Opportunities for Land Trusts	Ballroom B
	TR.15 Stewardship: Water Resources	Ballroom C
	TR.16 Mitigation Summit - Part II	Conference B

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Day One: Tuesday, March 7th

7:30 am	**REGISTRATION** Continental breakfast and coffee	Lobby
	PLENARY SESSION	Ballroom
9:00 am	**Welcome** *Linus Eukel*, Chair, California Council of Land Trusts Board of Directors	
9:05 am	**Call to Action** *Ane Deister*, Executive Director, California Council of Land Trusts	
9:25 am	**National Perspectives** *Wendy Jackson*, Executive Vice President, Land Trust Alliance	
9:50 am	**California Legislative Priorities** *Kevin de León*, President Pro Tempore, California State Senate	
10:15 am	**Break**	
10:30 am	**Response and Takeaways** *Ane Deister*, Executive Director, California Council of Land Trusts	
11:15 am	**Youth Programs: Creating Stepping Stones for Engagement and Inspiring a Love of the Land** *Ben McCue,* Executive Director, Outdoor Outreach *Kim Stolkowski*, Program Operations Manager, Outdoor Outreach *Sameer Azimi*, Field Instructor, Outdoor Outreach *Ariel Stevens*, Field Instructor, Outdoor Outreach	
12:00 pm	**Lunch**	
1:15 pm	**Reports, Group Discussions** *Ane Deister*, Executive Director, California Council of Land Trusts	
1:35 pm	**Accelerating Nature-Based Solutions: The Role of Land Trusts in Securing Our Future** *Ellie Cohen,* President and CEO, Point Blue Conservation Science	
2:00 pm	**Carbon Farming** *Jamison Watts,* Executive Director, Marin Agricultural Land Trust	
2:25 pm	**California Resources Forecasting** *John Laird,* Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency	

2:50 pm **Plenary Session Adjourns**

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **REGIONAL MEETINGS & REPORTS TO GROUP**

Gather with other land trusts and professionals working in your region for guided discussions about the strengths and challenges of your region. Help form the vision for the region's future, and discuss practical matters like collaborating for your *Take It Outside California!* events.

Bay Area — **Conference B**
Sarah Barth, Executive Director, Sempervirens Fund
Walter Moore, Executive Directors, Peninsula Open Space Trust

Central Valley — **Ballroom**
Nita Vail, Executive Director, California Rangeland Trust

Central Coast — **Ballroom**
Stephen Slade, Executive Director, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
Mark Silberstein, Executive Director, Elkhorn Slough Foundation

Northern California — **Ballroom**
Harry Pollack, General Counsel, Save the Redwoods League

Sierras — **Conference A**
Kay Ogden, Executive Director, Eastern Sierra Land Trust

Southern California — **Ballroom**
John Howell, Executive Director, Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm **REPORTS FROM REGIONAL MEETINGS** — **Ballroom**

Each region will provide a report to all attendees that will be captured real-time and projected on screen.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **A Night Celebrating California Conservation and Agriculture** — **Seasons Restaurant**, 102 F Street, Davis, CA 95616

Celebrate California Conservation with local farm fresh food and wine. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Day Two: Wednesday, March 8th

7:30 am — **REGISTRATION** — **Lobby**
Continental breakfast and coffee

7:45 am - 8:45 am — **EBW.1 Land Trust Standards and Practices 2017: What's New?** — **Conference B**

In 2016, the Land Trust Alliance led a collaborative process to revise the *Land Trust Standards and Practices* to reflect changes in the operational and legal environment of the land trust community and to provide closer alignment with the Land Trust Accreditation Program, Terrafirma and other best practice resources for land trusts. Come hear about the results of the community input process and discuss a summary of the revised standards. Learn about what's new and the implications for land trust accreditation.

Sylvia Bates, Land Trust Alliance
Greg Good, Land Trust Accreditation Commission
Ann Johnston, Sonoma Land Trust
Harry Pollack, Save the Redwoods League

MORNING WORKSHOPS

9:00 am - 12:00 am — **W.1 Regional Stewardship Symposium - Part I** — **Ballroom A**

Moderator: *Tina Stott*, Stott Planning Associates

New Directions in Regional Stewardship
Throughout California, land trusts have formed partnerships with agencies, landowners and others to improve land management and stewardship on a regional scale. The resulting collaborative outcomes have been greater than an individual partner could accomplish alone. Fascinating stories uncover ways land trusts partner effectively to address complex regional stewardship issues and delve deeper into the challenges, funding, leadership, longevity and stewardship successes that sustain each collaboration.

W.1.1 Land Trust Partnerships: San Vicente Redwoods
Richard Campbell, Save the Redwoods League
Bryan Largay, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
Laura McLendon, Sempervirens Fund
Neal Sharma, Peninsula Open Space Trust

W.1.2 Inter-Island Collaboration: Breaking Down Silos in the Channel Islands
John Mack, Catalina Island Conservancy

W.1.3 Regional Wildlife Corridor Partnerships: Three Approaches
John Howell, Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy
Cathy Koehler, McLaughlin Reserve
Tony Nelson, Sonoma Land Trust

W.2 Restoration and Fire Preparedness

Ballroom B

W.2.1 40+ Years of Wetland Restoration in the San Francisco Bay

This session will provide "boots on the ground" lessons in restoration. Michelle Orr will discuss 40+ years of wetland restoration in the San Francisco Bay and explore emerging trends. Initial attempts at restoration were primarily driven by compensatory mitigation requirements and typically lacked ecological complexity. In the 1990s, projects began to rely on natural processes to create more sustainable habitat and fully integrate multiple objectives, such as flood protection. Current Bay restoration approaches are being developed to address accelerated sea-level rise, more extreme weather events, and increase habitat diversity.

Michelle Orr, Environmental Science Associates

W.2.2 The Napa River Restoration Project

This public-private partnership between Napa County and grape growers will soon have restored more than ten miles of the Napa River over a decade of effort. The scale of the project has allowed the partners to experiment with, and learn from, new ideas about how to restore rivers in working landscapes.

Andy Collison, Environmental Science Associates

W.2.3 Flood & Fire: Building Resilient Landscapes in a time of Climate Change

Sierra Foothill Conservancy and Santa Lucia Conservancy are both managing unprecedented post-fire conditions on their preserves and conservation easements. Presentation includes management plans to minimize impacts and maximize active preparedness. Lessons learned will help prepare your team and factor in climate adaptations.

Christy Fischer, Santa Lucia Conservancy
Bridget Fithian, Sierra Foothill Conservancy

W.3 Operations: Partnerships

Ballroom C

W3.1 Partnerships Enhancing Our Voice and Operations

Moderator: *Walter Moore*, Peninsula Open Space Trust

Presentations by some organizations outside the standard land trust circle, sharing their experience, success and models for developing and sustaining partnerships. Discover how diverse partnerships can strengthen and enhance your organization.

W.3.2 *Jennifer Bowles*, Water Education Foundation
W.3.3 *Brianne Riley*, Bay Planning Coalition
W.3.4 *John Kingsbury*, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
W.3.5 *Mary Creasman*, Trust for Public Land

W.3 Operations: Partnerships (Continued)

Ballroom C

W.3.6 Stronger Together: Collaboration Opportunities for Land Trusts

There are many ways in which collaboration can make land trusts stronger, improving efficiencies, increasing funding opportunities and providing additional capacity. This workshop will explore the spectrum of collaboration opportunities available to land trusts and provide real world examples of organizations that have collaborated their way to success and sustainability.

Shannon Meyer, Land Trust Alliance

W.4 Community Engagement

Conference B

W.4.1 What's the Deal with Vacant Lots? Community Organizing for Greenspace

Community engagement around greenspace has challenges—it is often more time intensive and can be difficult to predict community response. This presentation provides an overview of community engagement research and case-studies from urban green space projects, and best practices for project planning including: development of a community engagement plan, communication pathways for transparency between the land trust and project stakeholders, and tips for creating community buy-in.

Rebecca Campbell, Oak Park Sol

W.4.2 Conversations and Tools for Developing an Inclusive Outings Program

Land Trusts protect valuable resources within our communities; an outings program can be a great way to both serve the community and generate support for your mission. Designing a program that effectively engages a broad spectrum of the community can be a challenge. Join this interactive workshop to explore and identify the assumptions and limitations that may be holding you back, and learn useful tools to create and efficiently manage a successful program.

Ingrid Spetz, Sonoma Land Trust
Sarah Stearns, VISIONS, Inc.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch** — Lobby

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

W.5 Agricultural Stewardship — Ballroom A

W.5.1 Stewarding Land and Cultivating Relationships with a Stewardship Assistance Program

Learn about Marin Agricultural Land Trust's Stewardship Assistance Program – a small grants program that provides a framework to improve soil and water quality on agricultural easement lands, build and improve relationships with landowners and conservation partners while leveraging public funding with private donations. Information includes program operations, partners, and how SAP increases departmental efficiency with improving landowner relations and easement violation prevention.

Michelle Cooper, Marin Agricultural Land Trust
Jim Jensen, Marin Agricultural Land Trust

W.5.2 Partnering to Conserve Agricultural Lands

A panel discussion highlighting efforts to conserve working farmlands, and the future of Bay Area food and farming systems. California FarmLink supporting farmers and land trusts prepare conservation-minded farmers for farmland acquisition with business development support and an affordable farm mortgage program for farmers unable to access conventional credit. Innovative partnerships with land trusts and farm service providers can increase environmental and economic sustainability of farm businesses and build community support.

Liya Schwartzman, California FarmLink
Mika Maekawa, California FarmLink
Ben Wright, Peninsula Open Space Trust

W.6 Real Estate and Land Operations — Ballroom B

W.6.1 Land Trusts and Appraisals: Managing a Difficult Process

This presentation will provide guidance for how a land trust can get the most out of the appraisal process. It will focus on how the different types of appraisals have varying scopes and requirements, and how the review process will change based on the audience of the report. There will be a discussion of common issues found in appraisals, and best practices in managing the appraisal process. A basic understanding of the appraisal components is assumed.

Mike Conner, The Nature Conservancy
Kevin Ice, Peninsula Open Space Trust
Noelle Thurlow, Peninsula Open Space Trust

W.6 Real Estate and Land Operations (Continued)

W.6.2 Cannabis and Conservation: Impacts and Opportunities

Illegal cannabis growing operations have become a nearly inevitable part of the land conservation landscape. These growing operations often take place in the most biologically rich and pristine environments, threatening our ecosystems and listed species. This session will address illegal large scale cannabis growing on protected lands, introduce potential safety and liability answers, and provide strategies to make your protected land less appealing to illegal growers.

Leslie Lew, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
Lena Septimo, The Land Trust of Napa County
Noah Levy, LandWater Consulting
Kurt Worley, Butte County District Attorney's Office

W.7 Operations: Communications and Tools

Ballroom C

W.7.1 Five Things Land Trusts Should Know About GIS

In this session we'll discuss how GIS can support your role as Land Steward including: conservation decision-making, public outreach, and fundraising for land trusts. Presentation includes principles of map design to maximize the impact of your work, software solutions, field collection options, and using your data for improved decision-making. Best practices discussed relate to managing your data, and how your efforts fit into the larger context of protected lands data in California and the United States.

Maianna Voge, GreenInfo Network
Jessie Parteno, Pacific Forest Trust

W.7.2 How to Create a Viral Campaign to Encourage Park Visitation

To draw visitors to California redwood state parks and increase awareness of Save the Redwoods League's role in this effort, the League worked with California State Parks to offer visitors a free pass to a redwood state park on Black Friday. The program was such a success that some 20,000 people visited 48 California redwood state parks that Friday and park systems in 12 states were inspired to make similar offers. We learned how a small team and great cooperation with a partner can allow our small organization to advance our conservation message and influence new supporters in a big way. A key lesson learned is the importance of being agile when a new opportunity arises.

Jennifer Charney, Save the Redwoods League
Kyle Cooper, Save the Redwoods League

W.8 Education and Recreation

Conference B

W.8.1 Next Gen Science Standards for Next Gen Land Stewardship

Who will be our NextGen land stewards? How can we reach students who are bored and "on the couch?" In keeping with Conservation Horizons and through key partnerships, John Muir Land Trust's POINTing to Success engages Contra Costa's diverse students using JMLT lands as expansive "classrooms" and innovative mobile technology to help students understand the importance of open space protection and impacts to land, while stimulating an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM).

Carla Din, John Muir Land Trust
Arthur Bart-Williams, Canogle, Inc., JMLT Board Member
Hilary Dito, Contra Costa County Office of Education

W.8.2 The Lincoln High School Farm: A Case Study for Agricultural and Environmental Education

Join the Wildlife Heritage Foundation and the Lincoln High School Farm as they explore their unique partnership which combines agricultural and environmental education on the largest working high school farm in the nation. Learn about programs and educational opportunities for high school students and the entire Western Placer Unified School District that encourage learning about traditional agriculture as well as wildlife, habitat, and the environment.

Kelly Velasco, Wildlife Heritage Foundation
Cassandra Walker, Western Placer Unified School District

W.8.3 Recreational Access: Creating Connections and Inviting Spaces

The presentation aims to demonstrate the ideal transportation connections to recreational spaces, along with the on-site amenities needed to make desirable destinations. Paolo will discuss The Trust for Public Land's efforts to create shuttle services from the Metro Gold Line light rail to the Angeles National Forest.

Paolo Perrone, The Trust for Public Land

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Chairman's Reception and Land Conservation Awards

Lobby/Patio

Grab a bite, have a drink, and join us as we honor individuals making a difference in California conservation.

Day Three: Thursday, March 9th

7:30 am **REGISTRATION** — **Lobby**
Continental breakfast and coffee

MORNING SESSIONS

9:00 am - 12:00 am

TR.9 Executive Directors Forum — Ballroom A

Moderator: *Ane Deister*, California Council of Land Trusts

An interactive dialog with land trust Executive Directors addressing some of the topics and issues suggested by Executive Directors. Potential topics are listed below, and participants will work collaboratively to select the topics to focus on:

- Implications of the new national administration regarding funding, agency partners, charitable deductions, potential for IRS interest in syndicated easements; potential changes in regulations affecting air quality impacts and conservation mitigation.
- Update on California state politics including land/ water conservation bonds and endowment requirements
- Accreditation
- Managing Board of Directors
- Local public funding including ballot initiatives
- Ways to cover operational expenses
- Tips on managing controversial projects
- Climate adaption projects
- Update on Conservation Horizons implementation

There will be a short presentation on CCLT's new youth Training and Apprenticeship Program for land trusts.

TR.10 Conservation Law Forum — Ballroom B

Moderator: *Tamara Galanter*, Shute, Mihaly, & Weinberger LLP

The Conservation Law Forum is a round-table discussion among attorneys and land trust professionals to learn, discuss and help shape conservation law in California.

TR.10.1 Using Affirmative Covenants in Conservation Easements

In the past, conservation easements primarily told the landowners what they could not do. Today, some land trusts are also including what a landowner – or land trust – must do. This is a fundamental shift in how we think about conservation easements. The panel will discuss why their land trusts use affirmative covenants, give examples of what types of affirmative mandates they've employed, and discuss the long-term conservation and stewardship implications of adding affirmative language.

Ellen Fred, Conservation Partners
Crystal Simons, Sonoma Land Trust
Stephanie Tavares-Buhler, Marin Agricultural Land Trust

TR.10.2 Interactive Roundtable on Advanced Tax Issues and Case Update

This workshop will be interactive and will invite participants to share their experience and learn from others about the latest thinking on tricky tax issues such as: carbon credits, calculation of basis, small-scale syndication, and the deductibility of partial interests. The workshop will also cover creative tax tools for landowners, such as 1031 tax-deferred exchanges and ground lease structures, and will analyze 2016 tax cases of note. Come and hear the latest thinking and share your thoughts on these topics and others. Discussion material will be circulated prior to the workshop and attendees should be advanced practitioners familiar with the circulated topics.

Julie Baird, First American Exchange Company
Ellen Fred, Conservation Partners
Misti Schmidt, Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP

TR.11 Regional Stewardship Symposium - Part II

Ballroom C

Moderator: *Tina Stott*, Stott Planning Associates

Large Landscape Partnerships: Agency and Land Trust Perspectives

TR.11.1 Agency Partners in Regional Stewardship

Federal and state agencies have long realized the value of regional collaboration to address climate change and improve ecosystem stewardship. More effective management of natural resources at a broader scale can be achieved by sharing data and information; and partnering with each other, private landowners and NGOs on projects and planning. Five agencies discuss their regional stewardship partnership programs and their experiences working with land trusts to address large landscape stewardship challenges.

Alan Forkey, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Debra Schlafmann, US Fish and Wildlife, CA Landscape Conservation Cooperative
Jeff Bomke, California State Parks
James Weigand and Karen Montgomery, Bureau of Land Management
Lynn Sadler, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways

TR.11.2 Large Landscape Stewardship Collaborations: Different Models and Lessons

Throughout California, regional stewardship efforts take many forms but all have a goal of improved and more efficient resource management and stewardship. Four NGO partners share their engaging stories and discuss with the audience their regional stewardship experiences including structure and partner relationships, benefits and challenges, funding and leadership, and resource management successes.

Sharon Farrell, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
Frazier Haney, Mojave Desert Land Trust
Michael O'Connell, Irvine Ranch Conservancy
Daniel Olstein, Peninsula Open Space Trust

TR.12 Mitigation Summit - Part I

Conference B

Moderator: *Ken Sanchez*, WRA, Inc.

TR.12.1 Regional Conservation Investment Strategies - Understanding This Tool and Advance Mitigation

Assembly Bill 2087 creates a new conservation tool: Regional Conservation Investment Strategies (RCIS's). These conservation strategies can be used to guide investments in resource conservation, guide infrastructure design, identify conservation priorities, including those needed to address climate change, and identify potential mitigation for impacts to wildlife and habitat. The bill also provides the authority for the creation of mitigation credits based on RCIS's approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Chris Beale, Resources Law Group
Graham Chisholm, Conservation Strategy Group
Elizabeth O'Donoghue, The Nature Conservancy
Ron Unger, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
David Zippin, ICF International

TR.12.2 Potential Funding for Wetlands Restoration on Your Conserved Lands

In-Lieu Fee programs like the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Sacramento District California ILF Program represent an increasingly important funding source for the acquisition, restoration, and long-term stewardship of wetlands on conserved lands. A complex regulatory framework may present obstacles to otherwise qualified organizations from pursuing funds to restore wetlands on their properties. A general overview will be provided regarding regulations surrounding compensatory mitigation funding and the process and requirements for tapping into mitigation funds to successfully implement compensatory mitigation projects.

Chris Gurney, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Stephanie Tom Coupe, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch** — Lobby

TR.13 State Funding Leaders

Ballroom A

Moderator: *David Bunn,* Department of Conservation

Join leaders from the California Department of Conservation, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Natural Resources Agency, and the Wildlife Conservation Board as they discuss emerging funding opportunities in agriculture, watersheds, restoration, urban greening and mitigation.

TR.13.1 Funding for Agricultural Conservation Easements

David Bunn, Department of Conservation

TR.13.2 CDFW Funding Opportunities

Helen Birss, Department of Fish and Wildlife

TR.13.3 Urban Greening, Urban Rivers, Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation
Julie Alvis, California Natural Resources Agency

TR.13.4 Wildlife Conservation Board Funding Opportunities
Peter Perrine, Wildlife Conservation Board

TR.14 Advocacy Opportunities for Land Trusts

Ballroom B

TR.14.1 Leading Policy Change: Advocacy Strategies and Lessons

As land trusts encounter increasing need to engage in policy as a strategy to preserve parks and open space, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) will present its experience leading a successful community-based advocacy campaign to overhaul LA City's Quimby Park Fee Ordinance. Through cross-sector coalition building, community education and leadership development, and direct advocacy, LANLT led the campaign to victory in September 2016. LANLT will share strategies, tools, challenges, and lessons learned in order to bolster the voice of land trusts in local policymaking.

Elsa Mei Tung, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

TR.14.2 Furthering Landscape Protections through Public Advocacy

Landscape scale conservation objectives often require protection of both private and public lands. In the last two years, land trusts and conservancies have worked on both private land acquisition and advocating for stronger protection of public lands by engaging local communities. Panelists will relate their experience in public lands advocacy, and discuss how the work has deepened their mission and energized new supporters.

Frazier Haney, Mojave Desert Land Trust
Sara Husby, Tuleyome
Ann Cole, Mendocino Land Trust

TR.14.3 How Land Trusts Can Engage in Land Use Decisions

Land trusts traditionally have kept a low-profile in local land use decisions, perhaps fearing that engaging in advocacy could scare away property owners or funders. But land trusts throughout California have faced situations where local decision-making threatens to impair protected property or potential projects. Learn why your land trust might want to test the advocacy waters and what steps you can take to ensure you can be effective, control costs, and stay on mission.

Tamara Galanter, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP
Sara Clark, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP

TR.15 Water Resources

Ballroom C

Moderator: *Frances Spivey-Weber*, State Water Resources Control Board Member

TR.15.1 Resources and Methods for Protecting and Managing Water Resources: On Land and Instream

Water is an integral part of the landscape and an important issue for land management whether it is used to maintain working landscapes and/or species habitat. A variety of ways will be discussed regarding how thoughtfully implemented water rights and water management projects can be used to enhance a land trust's conservation efforts. A variety of strategies, tools, challenges, and resources available to navigate the world of water rights, onsite water management, and instream flow protection will be discussed.

Chris Alford, Alford Environmental

TR.15.2 Spring Surveys for Land Trusts - Lessons Learned from a Regional Survey

Spring habitats throughout California provide important ecological benefits in wide-ranging environments. Although these environments vary regionally, many of the potential impacts to springs are common regardless of region. A recent regional spring-survey covering the Mojave Desert, one of the most important ecological regions in the southwestern United States, was conducted. Both the groundwater and surface water in the region support isolated, unique and diverse ecosystems, while also supporting human needs through domestic, agricultural, wildlife, stock-watering, mining and other uses.

Andy Zdon, Water Resources, Partner Engineering & Science, Inc.

TR.16 Mitigation Summit - Part II

Conference B

Moderator: *Ken Sanchez*, WRA, Inc.

TR.16.1 Central Valley Habitat Exchange: A New Tool for Quality Mitigation

The Central Valley Habitat Exchange, one of several habitat exchanges across the country, is collaborating with farmers and ranchers, conservation nonprofits, and state wildlife and water agencies to improve habitat on working lands while fulfilling California's mitigation requirements and conservation goals. Hear how land trusts and land managers are working with the Exchange to improve restoration outcomes, increase funding opportunities, and create Conservation Certificates.

Dan Kaiser, Environmental Defense Fund
Justin Wages, Placer Land Trust
John Brennan, California Ag Properties, Inc.

TR.16.2 The Sacramento River Ranch Agriculture, Mitigation and Conservation

Wildlands will present on the Sacramento River Ranch (SRR). SRR is 4000-acre working farm which also supports a wetland mitigation bank, Valley elderberry longhorn beetle conservation bank, salmon conservation bank and wildlife friendly farming. They will tell the story of how farming and conservation of important species and habitat can co-exist. SRR was identified by U.S. Department of Agriculture as one of 5 "Future Farms of America."

Brian Monaghan, Wildlands Inc.

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www.riversidelandconservancy.org

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