

**UC Davis Conference Center
March 7-9, 2017**

Preliminary Schedule at a Glance

The 12th Annual California Land Conservation Conference is fast approaching and 2017 is shaping up to be full of changes at the national, state, regional and local levels. The land and water conservation community is gearing up to pro-actively stay on course and to enhance conservation programs and efforts. Below is a snap shot of some of the compelling topics and best-in-class speakers that will make this conference one not to be missed. Register now to reserve your seat at the conference.

Day 1 Plenary Session

Linus Eukel, John Muir Land Trust & CCLT Board Chair
Ane Deister, Executive Director of California Council of Land Trusts
Wendy Jackson, Vice President of Land Trust Alliance
Kevin de Leon, California Senate President Pro Tempore
John Laird, Secretary of Natural Resources
Jamison Watts, Marin Agricultural Open Space
Ellie Cohen, Point Blue
Ben McCue and youth group, Outdoor Outreach

Breakout sessions and regional meetings

Day 2 Concurrent Workshops

Stewardship:

Illegal Cannabis Operations on Protected Lands
Stewarding Lands and Cultivating Relationships with a Stewardship Assistance Program
Managing Land for Fire Prevention

Community Engagement:

Community Organizing for Greenspace
How to Create a Viral Campaign to Encourage Park Visitation

Restoration:

Best Practices in Climate-Smart Restoration

Education & Recreation:

Recreational Access: Creating Connections and Inviting Spaces
Next Generation of Stewards & the Lincoln High School Farm

Real Estate:

Partnering to Conserve Agricultural Lands
Land Trusts and Appraisals: Managing a Difficult Process

Operations:

Collaborations and Opportunities for Land Trusts
5 Things Land Trusts Should Know About GIS

Water:

Instream Flows

Day 3 In Depth Sessions

Morning Sessions

Executive Directors Forum

Speak candidly and share experiences with your executive director peers about issues facing California land trusts. Get to know the new CCLT Executive Director Ane Deister and the CCLT priorities and programs in the coming year. Topics will include an expert speaker on trends of high-net-worth donors, a Conservation Horizons update including a draft of the CCLT Youth Employment Pipeline scoping plan, a discussion on land trust staff and volunteer safety measures and general discussions about emerging land trust issues. *This forum is for land trust executive directors only.*

Conservation Law Forum

Join a roundtable discussion among attorneys with land trusts, state and regional agencies and law firms to learn, discuss and help shape conservation law in California. Learn about emerging legal issues land trusts are facing.

Regional Stewardship Summit

Improving land management and stewardship is increasingly critical to long-term success for conservation. Land trusts have a wide diversity of capacity in this area and innovative regional programs will be explored to improve understanding and chart pathways for bringing together nonprofits and agencies for regional approaches to land management. This session will be an interactive series of conversations with stewardship leaders. The key questions and topics discussed will be compiled into an online resource that compiles and elucidates regional management collaborations, lessons learned, expenses, funding strategies, staffing levels and expertise, role of partners/consultants, and top recommendations for encouraging regional approaches to stewardship.

Mitigation Summit

A 'meat and potatoes' interactive presentation and discussion related to current and emerging issues in mitigation, including funding opportunities. Experts in the field will highlight regional conservation investment strategies (AB 2087), farming and conservation techniques and new tools for quality mitigation. There will also be an opportunity for a field trip to a nearby wetland mitigation bank.

Afternoon Sessions

State Funding Panel

Hear from state agencies as they share their priorities and funding opportunities for the year. Invited

speakers include the Department Directors of the Department of Conservation, United States Forest Service, Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the Strategic Growth Council.

Advocacy and Outreach

A key priority for CCLT members and conservation practitioners, advocacy and outreach is something that more land trusts are finding imperative to benefit their organizations and conservation priorities. Presentations will include leading local policy change, furthering landscape protection through public lands advocacy and how land trusts should engage in land use decisions.

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Mitigation Summit

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