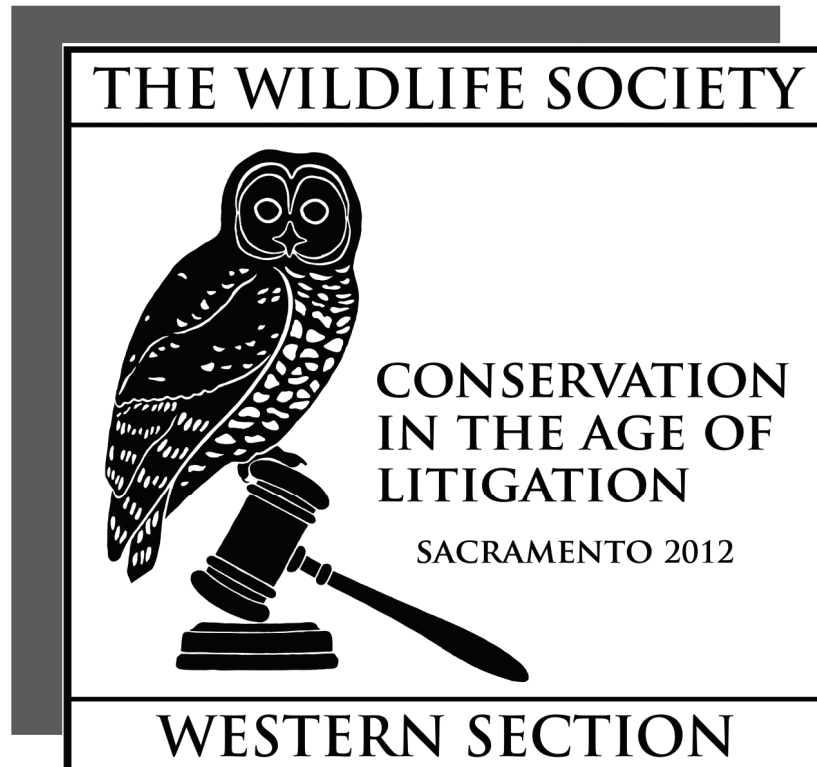


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Program and Schedule

February 1-3, 2012

Woodlake Hotel (formerly Radisson Hotel)

Sacramento, California

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DAY AND ROOM DESIGNATIONS

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Room	Tuesday Morning	Tuesday Afternoon	Tuesday Evening	Wednesday Morning	Wednesday Afternoon	Wednesday Evening
Foyer	Symposium Registration			Symposium and Conference Registration	Conference Registration Setup Posters	Poster Session Hawaii Chapter Meeting
Edgewater A					Concurrent Session: Conservation Planning	SF Bay Chapter Meeting
Edgewater B					Concurrent Session: Carnivores	Welcome Mixer, Poster Session, and Mini-Quiz
Edgewater C	Scientific and Technical Writing Workshop				Concurrent Session: Upland Birds	San Joaquin Chapter Meeting
Edgewater D	West Coast Fisher Symposium				Concurrent Session:	Nevada Chapter Meeting
Edgewater E					Shorebirds	California Central Coast Chapter Meeting
Edgewater F	Refreshments and Vendors		Fisher Mixer and Poster Session	Vendors, Exhibitors, Refreshments	Vendors, Exhibitors, Refreshments	Welcome Mixer, Poster Session, and Mini-Quiz Vendors, Exhibitors
Basil's Den		TWS-WS Exec. Board Meeting		Scientific and Technical Writing Workshop (cont.)	Conservation Affairs Committee Meeting	Southern CA Chapter Meeting
Executive Board Suite 116	Speaker Practice			Speaker Practice		North Coast Chapter Meeting
Executive Board Suite 117						Sacramento-Shasta Chapter Meeting

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DAY AND ROOM DESIGNATIONS

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Room	Thursday Morning	Thursday Afternoon	Thursday Evening	Friday Morning	Friday Afternoon
Foyer	Conference Registration Poster Viewing	Conference Registration Poster Viewing	Poster Viewing	Conference Registration Poster Removal	
Edgewater A	PLENARY SESSION: Conservation in the Age of Litigation		Keynote Program	Concurrent Session: Climate Change	Concurrent Session: Renewable Energy
Edgewater B			Awards Banquet and Raffle	Concurrent Session: Implementation of Mitigation Measures	Concurrent Session: Diseases and Pathology
Edgewater C		Concurrent Session: Songbirds		Concurrent Session: Mammal Ecology	Concurrent Session: Reptiles and Amphibians
Edgewater D		Concurrent Session: Waterfowl and Wetlands	Annual Business Meeting/ Member's Forum	Career Fair and Student Lunch	
Edgewater E		Concurrent Session: Military Lands			
Edgewater F	Vendors, Exhibitors, Refreshments		No-host Cocktail Reception Vendors, Exhibitors	Vendors, Exhibitors, Refreshments	
Basil's Den		Effective Oral Presentation Workshop Student Résumé Workshop		Job Interview Panel	
Executive Board Suite 116	Speaker Practice			Speaker Practice	
Executive Board Suite 117		California Bat Working Group HSU Alumni Association Meeting		Student Résumé Workshop (Repeat)	TWS-WS Exec. Board Meeting

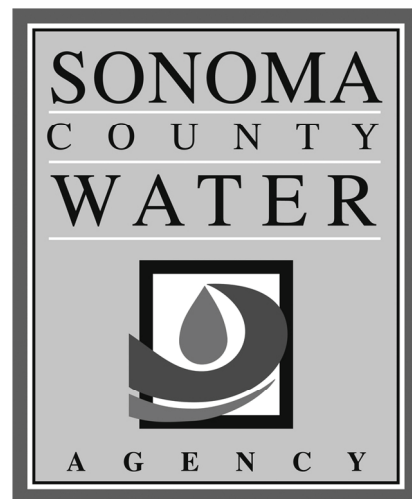
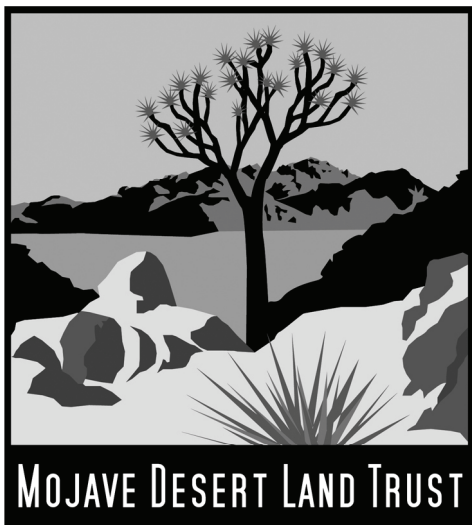
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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wilderness First Aid (Room 305)
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Adult CPR (Room 305)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wilderness First Aid continues (Room 305)
8:00 a.m. Registration (Foyer)
8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Coffee (Edgewater F)
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Speaker Ready Room (get key at Registration)
8:50 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. West Coast Fisher Symposium (Edgewater D, E)
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Scientific and Technical Writing Workshop (Edgewater C)
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Vendors and Exhibitors (Edgewater F)
10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F)
12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break (on your own)
3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F)
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. TWS-WS Executive Board Meeting (Basil's Den, members welcome)
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. West Coast Fisher Symposium Reception and
Poster Session with light hors d'œuvres, No-Host Bar (Edgewater F)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration (Foyer)
7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Coffee (Edgewater F)
8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. West Coast Fisher Symposium continues (Edgewater D, E)
8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Scientific and Technical Writing Workshop continues (Basil's Den)
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Speaker Ready Room (get key at Registration)
10:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Vendors and Exhibitors (Edgewater F)
10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F)
12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break (on your own)
1:00 p.m. 2012 Annual Meeting Opening
1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Session: Conservation Planning (Edgewater A)
1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Session: Carnivores (Edgewater B)
1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. Concurrent Session: Upland Birds (Edgewater C)
1:00 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. Concurrent Session: Shorebirds (Edgewater D, E)
2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F, Foyer)
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Conservation Affairs Committee (Basil's Den)
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Poster set-up (Foyer)
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception, Poster Session, Mini-Quiz (Edgewater B, F, Foyer)
(hors d'œuvres, No-Host Bar requires ticket or
symbol on name badge indicating payment)
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chapter Meetings (various locations; see Day and Room Designations for details;
see inside front cover and page 1)

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration (Foyer)
7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Vendors, Exhibitors, and Posters (Edgewater F)
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Coffee / Light Breakfast (Edgewater F)
8:25 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	Plenary Session (Edgewater A and B)
10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F, Foyer)
11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break (on your own)
1:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.	Concurrent Session: Songbirds (Edgewater C)
1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.	Concurrent Session: Waterfowl and Wetlands (Edgewater D)
1:00 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.	Concurrent Session: Military Lands (Edgewater E)
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Speaker Ready Room (get key at Registration)
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	California Bat Working Group (Executive Suite 117)
2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Oral Presentation Workshop: How NOT to Give a Scientific Presentation (Basil's Den)
2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F, Foyer)
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Résumé Workshop (Basil's Den)
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	HSU Alumni Meeting (Executive Suite 117)

THURSDAY EVENING

5:10 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting and Member's Forum (Edgewater D)
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	No-host Cocktail Reception (Edgewater F)
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Banquet, Keynote Program,* Awards Ceremony, Raffle (Edgewater A and B) requires ticket or symbol on name badge

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Conference Registration (Foyer)
7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Vendors, Exhibitors (Edgewater F)
7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Coffee / Light Breakfast (Edgewater F)
8:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.	Concurrent Session: Climate Change (Edgewater A)
8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Session: Mitigation Measures (Edgewater B)
8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Session: Mammal Ecology (Edgewater C)
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Speaker Ready Room (get key at Registration)
8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Job Interview Panel: I Got a Job Interview, Now What? - Getting Jobs in a Tough Job Environment (Basil's Den)
9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F)
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Résumé Workshop (Repeat) (Executive Suite 117)
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Career Fair (Edgewater D, E)
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break (on your own)
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Student/Professional Lunch (Edgewater D, E) Free to students and professionals but requires ticket or symbol on name badge
1:00 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.	Concurrent Session: Renewable Energy (Edgewater A)
1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.	Concurrent Session: Diseases and Pathology (Edgewater B)
1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.	Concurrent Session: Reptiles and Amphibians (Edgewater C)
3:05 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.	Break (snacks provided) (Edgewater F)
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Western Section Executive Board Meeting (Executive Suite 117)

* Conference registrants are welcome to attend the keynote address without a banquet ticket. Limited seating will be provided starting at 8:15 p.m. in the back of the Edgewater B. The keynote address will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Executive Board Suites

Wedding Terrace & Koi Pond

Loading Dock

Map Legend

- Vending Machine & Ice: *
- Ice Machine: •
- Restrooms: ■
- Service Areas: ■

Basil's Den
Basil's by the Lake

Java Coast
Front Desk
Crocodile's Bar & Lounge
Gift Shop

Main Entrance

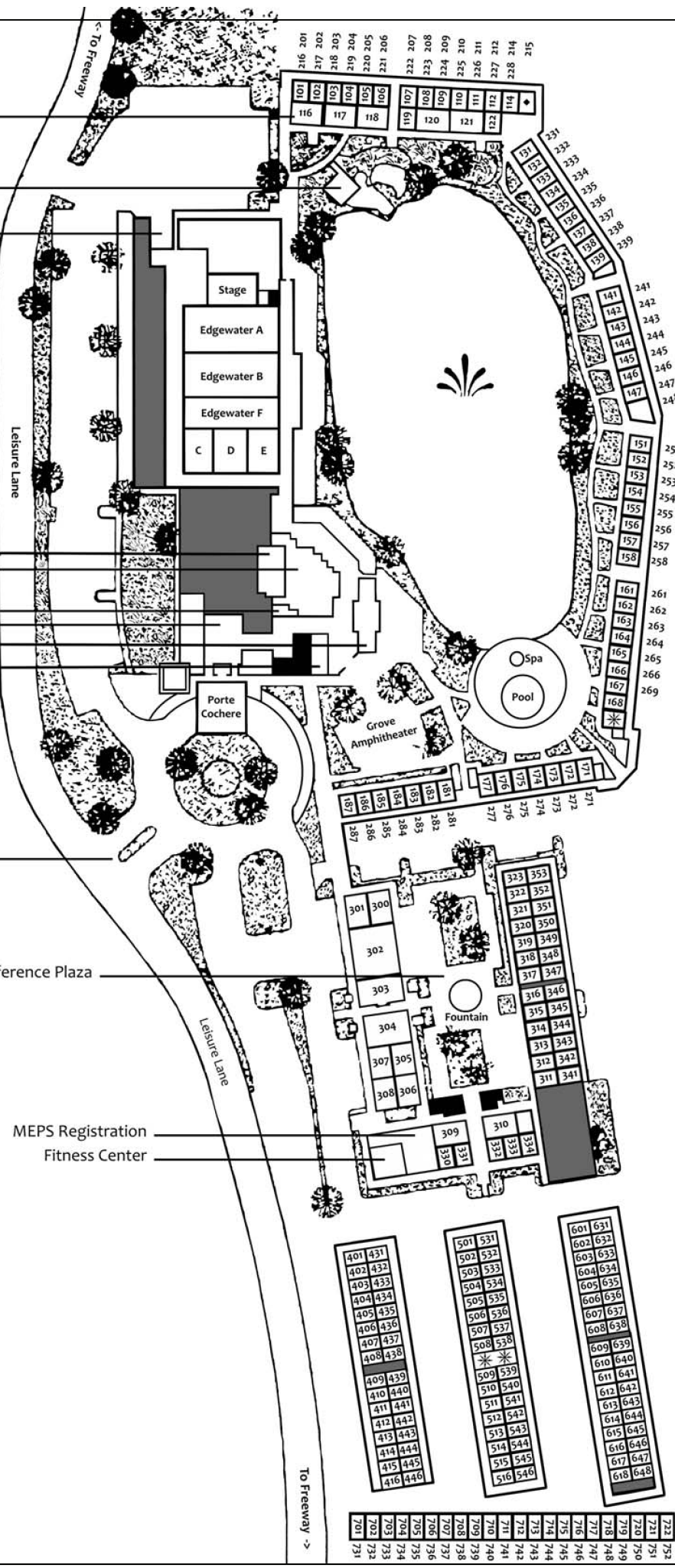
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Guest Services - 7422
Room Service - 7448



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Annual Business Meeting and Member's Forum. The Annual Business Meeting and Member's Forum will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 5:10 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Edgewater D. Officers and committee chairs of the Western Section will provide reports for membership information and discussion, and new officers and Executive Board members will be introduced. Attendance by all members is encouraged!

Career Fair and Student/Professional Lunch. The Career Fair will be held on Friday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Edgewater D and E. This is an opportunity for students to meet prospective employers and discuss careers in the wildlife sciences. Professionals from state and federal agencies and several consulting firms will be present. Student/Professional Lunch, served at noon, is free to students and professionals who have indicated they will attend on their registration form, but a ticket or name badge symbol is required. All are invited to attend the Career Fair.

Cell Phone Informal "Policy." The Western Section of The Wildlife Society strongly encourages all meeting participants to silence their cellular phones and similar devices prior to entering meeting rooms! The informal policy of the Western Section "Sergeant-at-Arms-for-Life" (Rhys Evans) is that, if your device makes an audible noise during any session, you will be expected to purchase a beverage for every person in your seating row at that evening's social function. Seriously...you beep, you buy!

Concurrent Sessions. Concurrent sessions will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon and all day Friday (see Day and Room Designations for locations; inside front cover and page 1).

Exhibits and Vendor Displays. Exhibits will be displayed approximately 10:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday in Edgewater F.

Field Trip: *Sampling for Federally Listed Species in Vernal Pool Landscapes.* Please join us on Friday February 3, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a half-day field trip to a natural northern California vernal pool landscape! The field trip will occur on a private ecosystem preserve one hour drive from Sacramento that is home to federally and State-listed species including vernal pool fairy shrimp, tadpole fairy shrimp, Conservancy fairy shrimp and California tiger salamanders. The trip will include carpool transit to and from the site from the Woodlake Hotel, introductory talk by a recognized expert on vernal pools and local species, and hands-on aquatic surveying in the numerous onsite features. Light snacks and water will also be provided. The maximum amount of attendees for this site visit is 20 people. You must sign up by Thursday, February 2, 5:00 p.m. at the registration desk and let us know if you are willing to drive. PLEASE COME PREPARED FOR THE FIELD. There are no trees or other cover and the site is subject to high winds and rain. You will need appropriate footwear, windbreakers and potentially raincoats/rain pants. If you plan on participating in the aquatic sampling, please bring knee-high (or higher!) rubber boots.

Job Board. Post and view job announcements the job board in the Foyer area near the Registration Desk. Please do not post résumés as we cannot be responsible for the security of your personal information.

Job Interview Panel: *I Got a Job Interview, Now What? - Getting Jobs in a Tough Job Environment.* Join us in a panel discussion about the skills employers desire to see in prospective new hires and what those candidates can expect in the interview process. Panelists include biologists from Federal and State Agencies and from private industry. Questions will also be fielded from the audience. The panel discussion will be held on Friday, February 3, from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Basil's Den).

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Keynote Program and Awards Banquet. The Keynote Program and Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Edgewater A and B. A no-host cocktail reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Edgewater F and the Foyer. A ticket or name badge symbol indicating payment is required for the banquet. Charlton Bonham, Director, California Department of Fish and Game will present the Keynote Address: *“DFG, Wildlife Management, and a Look Forward.”* Registrants of the conference can attend the keynote address without purchasing a banquet ticket; seating will be provided at 8:15 p.m., with the keynote to begin approximately at 8:30 p.m. Awards to be presented include the Raymond F. Dasmann Professional of the Year, Conservationist of the Year, Barrett A. Garrison Outstanding Mentor Award, James D. Yoakum Outstanding Service Award, and Chapter of the Year. The annual raffle will follow.

Local Services. A listing of local services (banks, pharmacies, grocery stores, hospital, etc.) is available at the Woodlake Hotel Concierge Desk.

Logo for Conference. This year’s conference logo was designed and donated by Cynthia Clark, Scientific Illustrator. The logo reflects the conference theme “Conservation in the Age of Litigation.” We greatly appreciated Cynthia’s time and talent in this elegant and effective logo. You can view her online portfolio: <https://picasaweb.google.com/megatherium/Sciencellustration?authuser=0&feat=directlink> or contact her at megatherium@gmail.com.

Messages and Announcements. Post and view messages and announcements at the message board in the Foyer near the Registration Desk.

Odor Sensitivity. Please be courteous to those who may be sensitive to chemical smells, and refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes and strong-smelling hand lotions.

Oral Presentation Workshop: *How NOT to Give a Scientific Presentation.* Whether you’re just starting out or looking to improve, this informative (and likely humorous) mini-workshop will provide you with helpful tips for presenting your research work to your peers. Instructor Jon Hooper will provide demonstrations on how to give an effective presentation....and how NOT to. Thursday, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in Basil’s Den.

Plenary Session. The plenary session, titled “Conservation in the Age of Litigation,” will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 8:25 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. in Edgewater A and B. There will be no concurrent sessions during the plenary session.

Poster Sessions. Conference posters will be available for viewing on Wednesday, February 1, starting at 5:30 p.m., concurrent with the Conference Welcome Reception in Edgewater B and F. Authors will be available to answer questions about their posters during these times. Most posters will also be available for viewing in Edgewater F and the Foyer throughout the week.

Professional Development. The number of contact hours for each workshop and contributed paper session is equal to the number of actual hours spent in a workshop or session and does not include time allotted for breaks or lunch. Generally, attendance at a meeting such as this is not creditable for an initial application for Certified Wildlife Biologist or Associate Wildlife Biologist (but the pre-conference Symposia may be); however, hours may be credited “one for one” toward CWB Renewal. For example, if you attend four 2.5 hour technical sessions (sorry, social events don’t count!) you may claim 10 hours toward a Professional Development Certificate (in category 1) or toward Certified Wildlife Biologist renewal. Speaking in or chairing a session is usually credited at 1 hour = 2 hours. Additional information on the TWS Professional Development Certificate and Certified /Associate Wildlife Biologist programs is available from the TWS-Western Section Professional Development Committee or on the national TWS website: www.wildlife.org

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Raffle and Silent Auction. The annual raffle will be conducted during Thursday evening's banquet, after the awards ceremony. You need not be present to win. The silent auction will open on Wednesday evening during the Welcome Reception and Poster Session and will close during the morning break (9:55 a.m.) on Friday. Items must be purchased and picked up by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3. Raffle and auction proceeds support the Western Section's student programs including travel grants, awards for best papers, and student-mentor activities. We encourage everyone to purchase raffle tickets, which are available at the Registration Desk or from Western Section Executive Board members and volunteers. Raffle and silent auction items will be displayed near the Registration Desk and/or in the Foyer.

Recycled and Low Environmental Impact Program Materials. This program has been printed on "Aspen 30" paper and "Fireworx" cardstock, both 30% post-consumer recycled and Forest Stewardship Council-certified paper, purchased through the company, "Give Something Back." For each case of paper used, seven meals were donated to the Sacramento Food Bank. In addition, the programs were printed using Xerox's dry-ink technology which uses non-toxic wax instead of chemically based toner and produces 90% less waste than typical laser printing.

Refreshment and Lunch Breaks. Light refreshments will be provided at the early morning, mid-morning and afternoon breaks. Lunch will not be provided. For information on local restaurants and services, inquire at the Registration Desk or at the Woodlake Hotel Concierge.

Registration Desk. Registration materials, general information, and Western Section membership applications can be picked up at the Registration Desk.

Résumé Workshop. The Western Section is pleased to announce the return of our fantastic résumé workshop! Barbara Peters from the Career Center at Humboldt State University (retired) will be present to offer outstanding guidance on job searching to students and young professionals. The same workshop will occur twice: Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Basil's Den), and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Executive Suite 117).

Re-usable Nametag Holders. The Western Section is now using re-usable nametag holders (aka name badges). At the end of the conference, please drop your nametag holder off at the Registration Desk so it can be re-used next year. Thanks!

Speaker Practice Room. Executive Board Suite 116 will be available throughout the meeting for speakers to practice their presentations. You may obtain a key from the Registration Desk.

Student Presentation and Poster Contest. Awards will be given to the best student presentations and posters. Poster awards will be announced during the banquet; oral presentation awards will be announced on our website after the meeting.

Welcome Reception. A welcome reception will be held on Wednesday, February 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Edgewater B and F, concurrent with the poster session. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a no-host bar will be available. A ticket or name badge symbol is required for this event.

When entering or exiting rooms during sessions, please be careful to open and close the doors quietly. Please do not congregate and converse in the hallway in the immediate area of a door, as your conversation may disturb ongoing sessions.

MEETING SCHEDULES

Official Meetings

Tuesday, January 31

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Western Section Executive Board Meeting (Basil's Den)

Wednesday, February 1

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Conservation Affairs Committee (Basil's Den)

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chapter Meetings (see Day and Room Designations for locations; inside front cover and page 1).

Thursday, February 2

2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Oral Presentation Workshop (Basil's Den)

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Résumé Workshop (Basil's Den)

5:10 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting and Member's Forum (Edgewater D)

Friday, February 3

8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Interview Panel (Basil's Den)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Résumé Workshop (Executive Suite 117)

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Western Section Executive Board Meeting (Executive Suite 117)

Unofficial Meetings

Thursday, February 2

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. California Bat Working Group (Executive Suite 117)

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Humboldt State University Alumni Association (Executive Suite 117)

THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN SACRAMENTO AND SURROUNDING AREA

January 31, 2012 – February 4, 2012

Get Footloose

- * Join hundreds of dancers at **Midtown Stomp for East Coast Swing and Lindy Hop** dancing every Friday night. Start with beginning swing lessons from 8 to 9 p.m., then join open dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Don't miss live music twice a month, featuring bands from around the world. No partner needed!
- * Put your rhythm to the test on Tuesday nights at **The Davis Graduate, where salsa lessons** start at 9:30, followed by open dancing.

Visit a public garden

- * The **UC Davis Arboretum** offers 100 acres of gardens and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- * In the southeast corner of **Sacramento's Old City Cemetery** sits the California Native Plant Society Demonstration Garden, where you can learn about medicinal, cultural and edible aspects of native plants used by local Native Americans. Flowers include the region's largest collection of California lilacs (mountain lilacs) and California sages.

Enjoy Fine Wines

- * **Rail Bridge Cellars – Urban Winery**, 400 North 16th St., Sacramento. Sacramento's original urban winery providing 6 different varietals primarily with Napa Valley grapes. Custom crush, wine storage, private tastings and event space available.
- * **Revolution Wines**. 2831 S Street, Sacramento. Sacramento's premiere winery & bistro. Open Tuesday - Sunday for wine tasting & artisan small plates. Friday night dinner and wine special \$15-salad, bread, main entrée and glass of wine. Focus on fresh, local ingredients.
- * **Clarksburg Old Sugar Mill - Six Wineries: One Location**, 35265 Willow Avenue, Clarksburg, CA 95612. The Old Sugar Mill is located in the historic town of Clarksburg, fifteen minutes southwest of the Capitol building in Sacramento. Come and discover for yourself, the wines and wineries of the Old Sugar Mill Open seven days a week.
- * **Wineries in Amador County** – in just 30 minutes you can enjoy over 30 wineries and historic Gold Rush Towns. <http://www.amadorwine.com/>
- * **Wineries in El Dorado County** - More than two dozen award-winning wineries in the Sierra foothills just one hour from Sacramento or South Lake Tahoe. Welcoming tasting rooms open daily. Special events year-round. Check out calendar of events at www.ElDoradoWines.org.

Music and Entertainment:

- * The Wood Brothers – Blues – January 31st At Harlow's downtown Sacramento
- * Wilco – February 1st at The Mondavi Center-Jackson Hall, Davis
- * Kremlin Orchestra – February 2nd At Three Stages, Folsom Lake College, Folsom
- * Thursday Night Blues Jam Presented by Sacramento Blues Society at Vega's Nightclub & Sports Bar
- * Killer blues in Old Sac's Vega's Nightclub & Sports Bar--and enjoy a blues jam open to all jammers. This jam is supported by the Sacramento Blues Society.
- * Open Night Mic at Old Ironsides – Wednesday nights
- * Pub Quiz night at Fox and Goose Public House – go test your wits!

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Nature

- * **Effie Yaw Nature Center**, Tarshes Dr and San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA 95609. Wed-Thu 9 am to 1 pm, Fri-Sun 9 am-5 pm. Located where the Sacramento and American rivers meet, this 302-acre park provides many opportunities for relaxation and recreation. Covered shelters invite leisurely picnic lunches, and visitors may boat, bike, fish, ride horses, or participate in archery activities.
- * **Sacramento Zoo**, 3930 West Land Park Dr., Sacramento, CA 95822. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm. Set on 14-plus acres, Sacramento Zoo is the largest accredited zoological park in the Central Valley. Guests can view over 4,000 exotic animals, including snow leopards, red pandas, and Sumatran tigers. A quarter of the 130 resident species is endangered, and special programs are implemented by the zoo to combat such circumstances, including national breeding programs for two specific species. Adults and children learn while having fun by attending stage presentations, evening events, and weekend animal talks.
- * **Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge**, 1624 Hood-Franklin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Guided tours and special events only, General Office Line: (916) 775-4421
- * **Vic Fazio Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**. Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is a 16,000-acre reserve that is mostly seasonal and permanent wetlands. It also contains some riparian habitat and upland or grassland habitat. One of the best aspects of this reserve is its proximity to the City of Davis: it is only about three miles east of Mace Blvd. A trip to this area during the fall or winter provides the visitor with a chance to see thousands of over-wintering waterfowl, including many species of ducks and geese. The 16,000-acre Yolo Wildlife Area is one of the largest public/private restoration projects with 3,700-acres of land in the Yolo Bypass floodway restored to wetlands and other associated habitats, with more restoration in the works. The California Department of Fish and Game manages the Yolo Wildlife Area to promote an increase in waterfowl and other bird populations.

Directions from Sacramento: From Interstate 80 West take the Mace Boulevard Exit in Davis. Turn left at off-ramp light. Turn left at the next light at the Mace Boulevard and Chiles Road intersection. Once on Chiles Road east of the Mace intersection, Travel approximately 1.5 miles east to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters office at 45211 County Road 32B (Chiles Road). The Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is approximately two miles east of the Headquarters office. Drive up onto the levee at the end of Chiles Road (do not go under the freeway). Turn left at the top of the levee and enter the Yolo Wildlife Area.

- * **Cosumnes River Preserve**
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSERVATION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Conservation Affairs Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 1 at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Basil's Den). Members are welcome to attend, learn about the committee, and get involved. The committee will be discussing its role in the Section and brainstorming ways to better inform decision makers about wildlife!

Guest Speaker: Terra Rentz, Associate Wildlife Biologist[®], and Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Partnerships, The Wildlife Society will be speaking on Advocacy 101 (while avoiding conflicts of interest).

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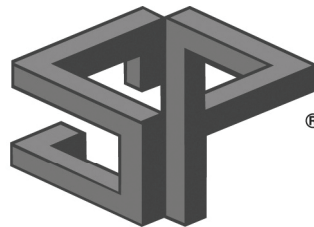
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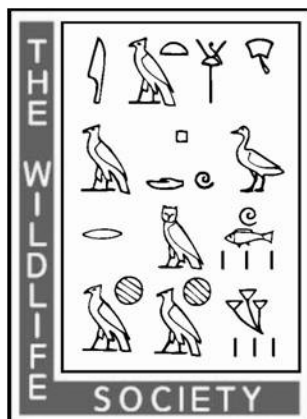
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CONSERVATION IN THE AGE OF LITIGATION

Thursday, February 2, 2012

8:25-11:50 a.m.

Edgewater A and B

Chair: Linda Leeman, TWS Western Section President-Elect

- 8:25 to 8:30 a.m. Welcome and announcements
- 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. ***Message from TWS National***
Darryl Walter, Director of Membership Marketing and Conferences and Terra Rentz, Assistant Director of Government Affairs
- 8:50 to 9:00 a.m. Plenary introduction: Linda Leeman
- 9:00 to 9:20 a.m. ***Roles of Resources Management Planning and Environmental Review in Conservation***
Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Principal, Ascent Environmental, Inc., Sacramento
- 9:20 to 9:40 a.m. ***Enforcing the Best Available Science Mandate: Ensuring the Data Does the Talking***
Chris Carr, Morrison & Foerster, San Francisco
- 9:40 to 10:00 a.m. ***Conservation in the Age of Litigation: The Important Role of Citizen Advocacy in Endangered Species Protection***
Brendan Cummings, Center for Biological Diversity, Joshua Tree, CA
- 10:00 to 10:20 a.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. ***Effects of Litigation on Conservation Priorities***
Ken Sanchez, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Field Office
- 10:40 to 11:00 a.m. ***Collaborative Conservation – The Other White Meat: How it Works, When it Works, and When it Doesn't***
Dave Ceppos, Managing Senior Mediator, CSU-Sacramento – Center for Collaborative Policy
- 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. ***Science and Litigation: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly***
Dr. John A. Wiens, PRBO Conservation Science
- 11:20 to 11:50 a.m. Panel discussion

CONSERVATION IN THE AGE OF LITIGATION

INTRODUCTION

Litigation, and the use of the judicial system, has increasingly become more common in our society to settle disputes over natural resource management. Early environmental laws protected species from over-harvesting. With growing environmental awareness, key federal and state laws were enacted to protect natural resources, including Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Forest Management Act, and California Environmental Quality Act. These laws and their regulations represent an evolving ethic to protect wildlife for their natural values, as well as aesthetic and moral reasons, to benefit future generations and to sustainably use and manage resources. With implementation of these laws and regulations, use of the courts to enforce the laws or find solutions to conflicts between resource conservation and consumption/development increased. Since the 1980s, deep polarization about resource issues has become the norm in our society as we struggle to implement these laws. Contentious issues have arisen, such as property rights, “regulatory taking,” protection of the commons, and environmental activism. More recently, diminishing non-renewable energy resources, climate change, and global needs for water, food, and fiber have further complicated the situation.

Environmental laws, court rulings, and threat of litigation have formed a legal landscape in which we, as wildlife biologists, now practice our profession. How does this legal landscape affect our actions to manage, research, and conserve species and their habitats? What role does advocacy play? How do we consider social, political, financial, or legal frameworks, while using sound science to inform our decisions?

The Plenary presentations and panel discussion will explore the idea of conservation in the age of litigation, drawing on our panelists’ backgrounds in applying environmental policy and regulation, judicial rulings, and settlement agreements to wildlife conservation and management.

ABSTRACTS AND SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

ROLES OF RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IN CONSERVATION

Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Principal, Ascent Environmental, Inc., Sacramento, Curtis.Alling@ascentenvinc.com

Abstract: When consumptive demands or development projects affecting sensitive natural areas compete with the need to conserve species, the threat of litigation can be a reality. Often, however, the competing needs can be resolved through effective planning and environmental review processes. Natural resources management planning can take many forms, such as land management plans for public properties, regional-scale land use and resources plans, and habitat conservation plans. These plans are derived from legal requirements and/or stewardship priorities. When objectively and openly prepared, clear and comprehensive information can be assembled regarding the details about both resource sensitivities of a plan area and the opportunities to serve the needs for use, consumption, or development. The choices for planning solutions can be arrayed for decision makers to consider. The planning process can (and should) be carried out with stakeholder and public involvement. Also, the environmental review process, such as through NEPA or in California, CEQA, can play a valuable role in evaluating conservation issues and recommending mitigating approaches. It is most effective when resources management planning and environmental review are conducted in a coordinated, mutually supportive manner. Although these planning and environmental review processes are also subject to litigation, if they are executed well, they can head off that threat. This presentation will provide a summary of some of the effective resources management planning and environmental review strategies that are useful when contentious resource conservation and use issues arise.

Speaker biography: Curtis is a founding principal of the environmental and natural resources consultancy, Ascent Environmental, Inc., based in Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. With 35 years of experience, he is an expert in CEQA and NEPA compliance and a specialist in planning for natural resources management, outdoor recreation, and ecosystem restoration projects. Recently, Curtis has also been heavily involved in climate

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change issues, including climate change implications for environmental impact assessment, local government climate action planning, and consideration of climate risks and adaptation in resource management planning efforts.

ENFORCING THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE MANDATE: ENSURING THE DATA DOES THE TALKING

Chris Carr, Morrison & Foerster, San Francisco, CCarr@mofo.com

Abstract: Since the 1970s, courts have been called upon to review wildlife agency decisions that present complicated scientific issues. The framework laws for judicial review of such decisions direct the courts to show substantial deference to agency decisions, and only to find those decisions erroneous if they are based on a clear failure of reasoning or fail to follow the requirements of substantive laws. In reviewing agency decisions under the federal Endangered Species Act and its state counterparts, this determination includes examining whether the agency used the “best available science” (“BAS”) in making its decision.

The “best available science” mandate is the core provision of the federal Endangered Species Act and parallel state laws such as the California Endangered Species Act requiring wildlife agencies to use science in their decision-making both in listing species and in analyzing the impacts of activities on listed species. The BAS standard governs species data and the analysis of that data. It requires agencies to consider available data on a species, but has been interpreted not to require agencies to collect data that does not already exist. Some have argued for the extension of this limitation on collecting new data to the analysis of the data itself, asserting that agencies cannot be required to use statistical techniques that are standard in the relevant scientific discipline in analyzing the data if those analyses have not already been performed.

This presentation explains why so limiting the BAS mandate is misguided, both scientifically and legally, and why environmental organizations and the regulated community alike should both support holding wildlife agencies to using methods of analysis that are standard in the discipline involved and also increasing funding for wildlife agency science.

Speaker biography: Chris Carr is head of the Environment & Energy Practice Group at the international law firm Morrison & Foerster LLP. Based in the firm’s San Francisco office, he specializes in litigation and permitting under the federal Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and National Environmental Policy Act, and their California counterparts. He represents private and public entity clients in the water, timber, mining, land development, and renewable energy sectors. Prior to entering private practice, he worked on fisheries conservation issues at the U.S. Department of State (1994), and on endangered species issues at the U.S. Department of the Interior (1995). He received both his law degree and Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley.

CONSERVATION IN THE AGE OF LITIGATION: THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF CITIZEN ADVOCACY IN ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION

Brendan Cummings, Center for Biological Diversity, Joshua Tree, CA, bcummings@biologicaldiversity.org

Abstract: Species and ecosystems with strong advocates receive more conservation attention, more resources, and generally fair better than those without. Recognizing that federal agencies often lack either the resources or the will to fully enforce and implement the laws they are charged with overseeing, Congress added citizen suit provisions to numerous environmental statutes, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Perhaps more so than any other environmental statute, citizen involvement has driven implementation and enforcement of the ESA. Citizen petitions to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list species, as well as subsequent litigation if the agency either fails to act upon or denies the petitions, have prompted protections for many species. Similarly, while the Fish and Wildlife Service has only rarely prosecuted ESA violations, citizen suits against federal agencies, and less-frequently, against private entities, for failing to comply with the ESA’s substantive provisions are numerous. In an ideal world, the Fish and Wildlife Service would fully implement and enforce the ESA for the benefit of all imperiled species on its own volition. But the statute’s nearly four-decade history demonstrates that this has never been the case. Citizen advocacy, including litigation, has been an important and necessary component of the ESA since its inception, and will likely remain a driving force in endangered species management in the future.

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Speaker biography: Brendan Cummings is Senior Counsel and Public Lands Director at the Center for Biological Diversity. He is based in Joshua Tree, California. The Center for Biological Diversity works through science, law and creative media to secure a future for all species, great or small, hovering on the brink of extinction.

EFFECTS OF LITIGATION ON CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

Ken Sanchez, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Field Office, kenneth_sanchez@fws.gov

Abstract: I will discuss underlying role of the citizen lawsuit provision of the Endangered Species Act in shaping the priorities of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Some historical actions including the listing of the Northern spotted owl and the Fund for Animals lawsuits in the early 1990's were important events that resulted in significant allocation of funding and personnel towards specific conservation actions. Recent prioritization of several hundred listing actions has resulted from the "MDL" settlement. Looking forward; how will the Fish and Wildlife Service continue to utilize the finite funding that Congress allocates to accomplish our job while satisfying the conservation expectations of the public?

Speaker biography: Ken has worked the past 23 years for a variety of State and Federal government agencies including California Department of Fish and Game, US Forest Service and currently is with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Ken currently is a manager in the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office and administers Endangered Species Act regulatory responsibilities for urban development, infrastructure, and energy development in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley as well as managing the conservation banking and the Endangered Species Listing programs.

COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION – THE OTHER WHITE MEAT: HOW IT WORKS, WHEN IT WORKS, AND WHEN IT DOESN'T

Dave Ceppos, Managing Senior Mediator, California State University, Sacramento – Center for Collaborative Policy, dceppos@ccp.csus.edu

Abstract: Stakeholders affected by natural resource conflicts and challenges are not inherently litigious. They are self-interested. They seek durable and sustainable conclusions that serve their interests in the most cost and time effective manner. Litigation is an effective tool to achieve these interests however it is not the only option. Multi-party, interest-based problem solving, whether referred to as alternative dispute resolution, collaboration, mediation, or other terms offers a valuable option.

Collaborative approaches to solve conservation conflicts are an art and science. They require stakeholders to have absolute clarity about their best interests and the difference between what is "wanted" and what is "needed". They require all stakeholders to commit to protect and achieve their interests, while simultaneously committing to achieve the interests of all other parties involved. The process requires sequential design and mediation methods, in concert with intuitive skills to accommodate and honor human behavior. That said, collaborative methods are not universally appropriate. Conditions within and about a conflict can dictate that a collaborative approach will result in more damaged outcomes whether in the context of financial resources used, time elapsed, personal relationships affected, and other variables.

This presentation will describe the principles of collaborative, multi-interest problem solving about conservation and natural resource management. Through case studies and best practice examples, it will describe the conditions where collaborative options are appropriate and when they are not. It will provide examples of successful outcomes and examples where despite the best of intentions and conditions, collaborative solutions could not be achieved.

Speaker biography: Dave Ceppos is a Managing Senior Mediator with the Center for Collaborative Policy, a program of California State University Sacramento. With 26 years of professional experience, Dave has a comprehensive background developing consensus based, stakeholder-driven, resource management processes. He additionally has considerable management and field experience in watershed planning, ecological assessment, hydrology, hazardous waste management, habitat restoration, and landscape architecture and design.

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SCIENCE AND LITIGATION: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

Dr. John A. Wiens, PRBO Conservation Science, jwiens@prbo.org

Abstract: Science and litigation have a complex and often uncomfortable relationship. Some aspects are good, others are bad, and yet others are downright ugly. To explore these relationships, I draw on experiences with the Exxon Valdez oil spill, in which both science and litigation were front and center. The good: the litigants needed information on the short- and long-term consequences of the spill, demanded science that would stand up to rigorous examination, and provided funding to support studies that otherwise would not have been done. As a result, our understanding of the ecosystem was vastly enhanced. The bad: some studies began from the assumption that any changes in the environment could be attributed to the oil spill, leading to inappropriate study designs. In some cases, public perceptions of scientists were colored by their associations with parties in the litigation, influencing the credibility of their findings. The ugly: the litigation often pitted scientists against one another, creating the impression of dueling scientists. The line between objective science and advocacy for a position in the litigation was sometimes blurred, further eroding the credibility of science. Attention to the lessons learned from the Exxon Valdez experience can help to foster the good while eliminating the bad; dealing with the ugly is more challenging, requiring an understanding of human behavior, emotions, and sociology.

Speaker biography: John Wiens is an ecologist who, after spending decades in academia on the faculties of Oregon State University, University of New Mexico, and Colorado State University, joined The Nature Conservancy in 2001 as a Lead Scientist in the world office. Since 2008 he has been Chief Scientist for PRBO Conservation Science. He also is a Visiting Professor at the University of Western Australia in Perth.

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CONCURRENT SESSION

CONSERVATION PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL OFFSETS: TOOLS FOR SPECIES RECOVERY?

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Edgewater A

Chair: Lucy Harrington, Westervelt Ecological Services

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session introduction and announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Restoration Site Selection: Considerations to Maximize the Sustainability of Restoration and Meet Species Recovery Goals;***
Greg Sutter and Greg DeYoung
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Black Abalone Habitat Surveys and the Restoration of Intertidal Recruitment Habitat on San Clemente Island – A Pilot Study to Aid in the Species Recovery;***
Christy Bell, Karah N. Ammann, Nathaniel C. Fletcher, Maya K. George, David P. Lohse, C. Melissa Miner, Daniel W. Orr, Peter T. Raimondi, Melissa A. Redfield and Sara E. Worden
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Species Guided Restoration for Multi-objective Projects;***
Trevor Meadows, J.E. Hammond and F.T. Griggs
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Meadow Restoration in the Upper Pit River Region: Lessons Learned, Barriers, and Novel, Large-scale Projects;***
Todd Sloat
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Restoring Habitats and Connective Corridors to Support Species Recovery in the Natomas Basin;***
Kelly Fitzgerald-Holland and Steve Chainey
- 2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:00 to 3:05 p.m. Announcements
- 3:05 to 3:25 p.m. ***Los Vaqueros Reservoir Creation (1997) and Expansion (2011): Assessing Past Project Mitigation Requirements to Improve Current/Expansion Mitigation Requirements;***
Cheryl Davis, Fran Garland and Mary A. Shea
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Quantifying Habitat Quality and Standardizing Mitigation in Eastern Alameda County;***
Troy Rahmig
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Successful Implementation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Operation and Maintenance Activities***
Kayla Paschal
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***Habitat Conservation and Species Recovery in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties;***
Brad Olson
- 4:25 to 4:45 p.m. ***Land Rich, Cash Poor Public Infrastructure Habitat Mitigation: An Innovative Way for Public Infrastructure Projects to Mitigate for Species Impacts;***
Greg Lyman and Debbie E. Craven-Green
- 4:45 p.m. Session concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CARNIVORES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Edgewater B

Chair: Katie Moriarty, Oregon State University

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session introduction and announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Effects of Diet Composition on Home Range Size in Fishers in California***
Keith Slauson and William J. Zielinski
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Identification of Occupied Home Ranges Using Travel Distances, Changes in Speed and Final Settlement of Translocated Fishers (Martes pennanti)***
Roger Powell and Aaron N. Facka
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Reproductive Ecology and Den Site Selection of Fishers in the Southern Sierra Nevada***
Rebecca Green, Kathryn L. Purcell, Craig M. Thompson, James D. Garner, Douglas A. Kelt and Heiko U. Wittmer *Student Paper*
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Reproduction, Recruitment and Dispersal of Fishers (Martes pennanti) in a Managed Douglas-Fir Forest in Northwestern California***
Sean Matthews, J. Mark Higley, Kerry M. Rennie, Rebecca E. Green, Charles A. Goddard, Greta M. Wengert, Mourad W. Gabriel and Todd K. Fuller *Student Paper*
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Effects of Fuels Treatments and Thinning on Pacific Martens in the Southern Cascades of California: Pre-treatment Results***
Keith Slauson and William J. Zielinski
- 2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:00 to 3:05 p.m. Announcements
- 3:05 to 3:25 p.m. ***Anticoagulant Rodenticide Exposure in Carnivores and Predators: A Review***
Stella McMillin, Bob Hosea and Brian Finlayson
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Home Ranges and Annual Food Habits of Ringtails (Bassariscus astutus) in the Sutter Buttes, Sutter County, California (2008-2010)***
David Wyatt, Kathleen M. Norton, Michael Starkey, Sarah West and Brian Brown
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Evaluating Connectivity Models Using Puma Occurrence Data in the Santa Cruz Mountains***
Morgan Gray, Adina M. Merenlender and Chris C. Wilmers
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***Evidence for the Persistence of the Native Cascade Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes cascadenis) in Southern Washington: Preliminary Results***
Jocelyn Akins, Mark J. Statham, Mason Reid, Keith B. Aubry and Ben N. Sacks *Student Paper*
- 4:25 to 4:45 p.m. ***What We Know So Far About the Second Sierra Nevada Red Fox Population***
Ben Sacks, Mark Statham, Chris Stermer, Jocelyn Akins, Preston Alden, Cate Brown, Adam Rich, Sherri Lisius and Esther Burkett
- 4:45 p.m. Session concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF UPLAND GAME BIRDS

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

Edgewater C

Chair: Erik Blomberg, University of Nevada, Reno

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session introduction and announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Greater Sage-Grouse Nest Survival in Relation to Raven Abundance, Habitat Features and Timing of Nest Initiation***
Peter Coates, Zachary B. Lockyer, Michael L. Casazza and David J. Delehanty
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Temporal Variation in Male Breeding Propensity Influences Lek Count Indices of Population Growth in Greater Sage-Grouse***
Erik Blomberg, James S. Sedinger, Daniel V. Nonne and Michael T. Atamian Student Paper
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***The Impact of Radio Collars on Survival and Behavior of Male Greater Sage-Grouse***
Daniel Nonne, Jim S. Sedinger and Erik. J. Blomberg Student Paper
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***First Credible Repeat Census of Sierra Sooty Grouse (*Dendragapus fuliginosus sierrae*)***
James Bland
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Regional Extirpation of Mount Pinos Sooty Grouse (*Dendragapus fuliginosus howardi*)***
James Bland
- 2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:00 to 3:05 p.m. Announcements
- 3:05 to 3:25 p.m. ***The Impacts of Energy Development Noise Playback on Lek Attendance and Behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse***
Jessica Blickley, Diane J. Blackwood and Gail L. Patricelli Student Paper
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Incorporating the Impacts of Noise Pollution into Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Planning***
Gail Patricelli, Jessica L. Blickley and Stacie L. Hooper
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Determining the Impact of Noise from Energy Development on Greater Sage-Grouse Using Computer Model Simulations***
Stacie Hooper, Gail Patricelli and Jessica L. Blickley
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***NRCS California Collaborative Sage-Grouse Conservation Through Sustainable Ranching***
Thomas Moore
- 4:25 p.m. Session concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF SHOREBIRDS

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

Edgewater D & E

Chair: Dr. Mark Colwell, Humboldt State University

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session introduction and announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Long-term Nesting Trends for California Least Terns and Western Snowy Plovers at a Small Beach on the Central Coast of California***
Carie Wingert, Jennifer M. Turner, Nancy W. Fox Fernandez, Steven J. Hongola and Duane Vander Pluym
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Semi-colonial Nesting in the Snowy Plover***
Allie Patrick, Mark A. Colwell and Wendy J. Pearson Student Paper
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Nest-site Selection and Nest Survival in the Western Snowy Plover (Charadrius nivosus)***
Michael Hardy and Mark A. Colwell
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Nest Success, Mate Fidelity and Dispersal in Snowy Plovers (Charadrius nivosus)***
Wendy Pearson and Mark A. Colwell Student Paper
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Survival and Reproductive Success of Captive-reared and Oiled Snowy Plovers in Central California***
Kristina Neuman, Lynne E. Stenzel and Jenny L. Erbes
- 2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:00 to 3:05 p.m. Announcements
- 3:05 to 3:25 p.m. ***Apparent Survival of Snowy Plovers Varies with Reproductive Effort, Year and Between Sexes***
Mark A. Colwell, Wendy J. Pearson, Luke Eberhart-Phillips and Steven J. Dinsmore
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Population Viability of Snowy Plovers in Coastal Northern California***
Luke Eberhart-Phillips and Mark A. Colwell Student Paper
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Trends in Winter Shorebird Abundance on a Central California Estuary Over a Forty Year Period***
Lynne Stenzel, Gary W. Page and Matthew E. Reiter
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***Wintering and Migrating Shorebird Responses to Enhancement Efforts and Unintentional Water Level Manipulations at Pond SF2***
Stacy Moskal, L. Arriana Brand, John Y. Takekawa and Scott A. Shaffer Student Paper
- 4:25 to 4:45 p.m. ***Sharing the Bay: Can Waterbirds and Trail Users Co-Exist?***
Lynne Trulio, Jana Sokale, Heather White, Caitlin Robinson-Nilsen and Kevin Lafferty
- 4:45 to 5:05 p.m. ***Behavior of a Nest Predator: Attracting and Deterring Common Ravens and American Crows***
Sara Peterson and Mark A Colwell Student Paper
- 5:05 p.m. Session concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SONGBIRDS

Thursday, February 2, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.

Edgewater C

Chair: Steve Henderson, Ascent Environmental, Inc.

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session introduction and announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Spatial Ecology of Steller's Jays in Redwood National and State Parks***
William Goldenberg, T. Luke George and Jeffrey M. Black Student Paper
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***A Test of Taste Aversion Conditioning on Steller's Jays to Provide Short-term Improvement of Nest Survival of Marbled Murrelets in Northern California***
Pia Gabriel and Richard T. Golightly Student Paper
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Estimating Post-fledging Survival in Passerines: Insights from Separate Analyses of Radio Telemetry and Mark-recapture Data***
Kristen Dybala Student Paper
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Comparison of Call-playback and Passive Detection Methods to Monitor Avian Management Indicator Species in the Sierra Nevada***
Alissa Fogg and L. Jay Roberts
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Resource Subsidies to Riparian Songbirds: Using Compound-specific Stable Isotope Ratios to Characterize Diet in Tree Swallows***
Robert Walsh Student Paper
- 2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:00 to 3:05 p.m. Announcements
- 3:05 to 3:25 p.m. ***Bank Swallow Population and Habitat Status – Declining Trends on the Middle Sacramento River***
Joseph Silveira, Jennifer E. Isola, Neil M. Carpenter, Michael A. Wolder, Adam W. Henderson and Gregory H. Golet
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Birds in Spartina-dominated Versus Native Salt Marsh of Humboldt Bay, California***
Matthew Johnson and Steven C. Hackett
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Songbirds as Providers of Ecosystem Services in Vineyards***
Katherine Howard Student Paper
- 4:05 p.m. Session Concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF WATERFOWL AND WETLANDS

Thursday, February 2, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

Edgewater D

Chair: Shaun Oldenberger, California Department of Fish and Game

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session introduction and announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Effects of Predation Risk on Incubation Behavior in Waterfowl***
Monica Stupaczuk, Kevin M. Ringelman and John M. Eadie Student Paper
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Harvest of Tule Greater White-fronted Geese at Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 2000-2010***
Melanie Weaver, Daniel R. Yparraguirre, J. Gregory Mensik and Mike A. Wolder
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Monitoring Greater Sandhill Cranes on Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, California: Piecing Together a History of Greater Sandhill Cranes 1980-2010***
Dominic Bachman and Cameron T. King
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Habitat Use by Long-billed Curlews in California's Central Valley Using Satellite Telemetry***
Kristin Sesser, Mark A. Colwell, Nils D. Warnock, Gary W. Page, T. Lee Tibbitts
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Lake Elevation and Three Indices of Reproductive Success in Aechmophorus Grebes***
Renee Weems, Kristofer M. Robison and Daniel W. Anderson Student Paper
- 2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:00 to 3:05 p.m. Announcements
- 3:05 to 3:25 p.m. ***Factors Influencing the Distribution and Abundance of Shorebirds in Managed Wetlands of the Sacramento Valley, California***
Matthew Reiter, Catherine Hickey, Mike Wolder, Jennifer Isola, Mike Carpenter and Joe Silveira
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Assessment of Wetland Management Practices in the Central Valley of California***
Michael Brown, John M. Eadie, Rob H. Doster and Mark N. Lubell
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Cost-effective Wetland Management: Experimental Evaluation of Moist-soil Management Techniques in the Central Valley***
Natalie Washburn, John M. Eadie, Brian Olson and Dean Kwasny
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***Building Regional Shorebird Conservation from the Farm Level***
Khara Strum, C. Alex Hartman, Monica Iglecia, Rodd Kelsey, Catherine Hickey and Matthew E. Reiter
- 4:25 p.m. Session Concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE ON MILITARY LANDS

Thursday, February 2, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

Edgewater E

Chairs: Kirsten Christopherson, Beale Air Force Base, and Rhys Evans, Vandenberg Air Force Base

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session introduction and announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Pioneering Military Environmental Policy: Origins of the U.S. Air Force Conservation Program***
Jean Mansavage
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Innovative Methods for the Design and Site Assessment of Vernal Pools***
Niall McCarten, Kirsten Christopherson, Ruben Rosas and Maggie Christman
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Morphological Changes in Two Sister Taxa of Neotoma in Areas of Allopatry and Sympatry Along a Zone of Secondary Contact***
Michaela Koenig, F.X. Villablanca, M. Matocq, A. Schaffner and S. Steinmaus Student Paper
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Exploring Mussel Bed Restoration Strategies on Vandenberg Air Force Base***
Kristin DeNesnera and Laura M. Anderson Student Paper
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Innovative Technology for Predator Research and Management Supporting Listed Species Recovery on the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, San Clemente Island, California***
Daniel Biteman, Andrew S. Bridges and David K. Garcelon
- 2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:00 to 3:05 p.m. Announcements
- 3:05 to 3:25 p.m. ***Bat Diversity and Management at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton***
Drew Stokes and James Asmus (presenting)
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Population Size of the San Clemente Island Fox***
William Andelt, Kenneth P. Burnham, Nicholas P. Gould and Kyran E. Kunkel
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Where Have Half the Foxes Gone? Determining the Mechanisms Underlying Population Decline in San Nicolas Island Foxes***
Brian Hudgens and David K. Garcelon
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***Habitat Relationships of Birds Wintering in an Oak Woodland of Coastal-Central California***
Michael Hardy, William D. Tietje and Justin K. Vreeland
- 4:25 to 4:45 p.m. ***Managing the Endangered Hawaiian Goose During Army Training at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawai'i Island***
Rogelio Doratt, Lena D. Schnell, Robert Brozka, Bridget A. Frederick, John T. Polhemus and Peter Peshut
- 4:45 to 5:05 p.m. ***Integrated Pest Management for Minimizing and Avoiding Impacts to Sensitive Species from Airfield Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard Management Measures***
Raymond Hasey
- 5:05 p.m. Session Concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

CHALLENGES OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Friday, February 3, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

Edgewater A

Chair: Armand Gonzales, California Department of Fish and Game

- 8:00 to 8:05 a.m. Session Introduction and Announcements
- 8:05 to 8:25 a.m. ***High Spatial and Temporal Resolution Interpolated Climate Surfaces for California***
Otto Alvarez
- 8:25 to 8:45 a.m. ***Managing Across the Landscape & Jurisdictional Boundaries***
Jody Erikson and Julie Shapiro
- 8:45 to 9:05 a.m. ***Can Pikas Adapt to Rising Temperatures? Comparisons of Behavior Between High and Low Elevation Pikas in the Sierra Nevada***
Cody Massing Student Paper
- 9:05 to 9:25 a.m. ***Pikas in the Hot Zone: Surveys at the Range Periphery***
Joseph Stewart and David H. Wright Student Paper
- 9:25 to 9:45 a.m. ***Birds and Buffers on Military Lands in California: The Impacts of Climate Change and Land-use Change***
Dennis Jongsomjit, Sam Veloz and John Wiens
- 9:45 to 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 10:00 to 10:05 a.m. Announcements
- 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. ***Habitat Interaction Between Two Species of Chipmunk in the Basin and Range Province of Nevada***
Christopher Lowrey and Kathleen M. Longshore
- 10:25 to 10:45 a.m. ***A Mammal's Take on the Rapture Hypothesis, Jacob's Ladder, and Other Notions of Doom, Gloom and Uniform Change in Alpine Ecosystems***
Rob Klinger, Tom Stephenson and Sarah Stock
- 10:45 to 11:05 a.m. ***Using Environmental Clustering to Examine the Potential Regional Effects of Climate Change on Birds on Military Lands in California***
Sam Veloz, Dennis Jongsomjit and John Wiens
- 11:05 to 11:25 a.m. ***Planning for Climate Change for Nevada's Key Habitat and Species of Conservation Priority***
Larry Neel, Louis Provencher, Jennifer Newmark, Jon Sjoberg, Kristen Szabo and Jock Young
- 11:25 a.m. Session Concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

MITIGATION MEASURES: CHALLENGES AND REALITIES DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Friday, February 3, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Edgewater B

Chairs: Stephanie Parsons, ESA and Jon Waggoner, AECOM

- 8:00 to 8:05 a.m. Session Introduction and Announcements
- 8:05 to 8:25 a.m. ***The Evolution of Mitigation – A Commitment to Continual Improvement***
Stephanie Parsons
- 8:25 to 8:45 a.m. ***The Role of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Implementing Mitigation on Flood Control Projects***
Jennifer Hobbs and Harry Kahler (presenting)
- 8:45 to 9:05 a.m. ***Enforcement and Protection Measures of Fish & Game Code Section 1600-1616***
Sandi Jacks
- 9:05 to 9:25 a.m. ***An Owner's Perspective of Mitigation Implementation***
Michael Callahan
- 9:25 to 9:45 a.m. ***Protocols for Surveying for Bat Roosts in Trees***
Dave Johnston
- 9:45 to 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 10:00 to 10:05 a.m. Announcements
- 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. ***The Realities of Compliance Enforcement***
Jon Waggoner
- 10:25 to 10:45 a.m. ***A Contractor's Perspective – Adapting Mitigation Measures to Improve Environmental Protection***
Chad Brown
- 10:45 to 11:05 a.m. ***California State Lands Commission – Incorporating Effectiveness Criteria into the MMP***
Christopher Huitt
- 11:05 to 11:45 a.m. Discussion
- 11:45 a.m. Session Concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

LARGE MAMMAL AND BIG GAME ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

Friday, February 3, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Edgewater C

Chair: James Asmus, U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

- 8:00 to 8:05 a.m. Session Introduction and Announcements
- 8:05 to 8:25 a.m. ***The Emergence of Big Game Ecology and Management in Hawai'i***
Edwin Johnson
- 8:25 to 8:45 a.m. ***Internet Surveys of Current Deer Management Issues***
Kent Webb
- 8:45 to 9:05 a.m. ***Intraspecific Black Bear Spatial Patterns and Interactions at a Small Spatio-temporal Scale***
Desiree Early
- 9:05 to 9:25 a.m. ***A Review of Mule and Black-tailed Deer Population Dynamics***
Tavis Forrester and Heiko W. Wittmer Student Paper
- 9:25 to 9:45 a.m. ***Survival of Pronghorn Fawns on the Carrizo Plain National Monument: Relationships Between Predation, Habitat Use and Birth Synchrony***
Diego Johnson, Kathleen Longshore and Chris Lowrey Student Paper
- 9:45 to 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 10:00 to 10:05 a.m. Announcements
- 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. ***Discontinuous Habitat Occupancy by Sensitive Mammals in the Southern San Joaquin Valley***
Christine Van Horn Job, Brian L. Cypher, Craig M. Fiehler, Scott E. Phillips, Erin N. Tennant, Tory L. Westall and Alexandra Y. Madrid
- 10:25 to 10:45 a.m. ***Isolation and Behavior of Island Foxes: Insights from Responses to Approaching Vehicles***
Nicholas Gould, William F. Andelt and Nathan P. Snow
- 10:45 to 11:05 a.m. ***Genetic History of the San Joaquin Valley Woodrat (*Neotoma fuscipes riparia*)***
Marjorie Matocq
- 11:05 a.m. Session Concludes

CONCURRENT SESSION

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Friday, February 3, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Edgewater A

Chair: Steve Henderson, Ascent Environmental, Inc.

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session Introduction and Announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***A Tool for Predicting Bat Activity and Informing Mitigations at Wind Energy Facilities***
Theodore Weller and James A. Baldwin
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Wind, Wings and Wilderness – Decision Support for Minimizing Ecological Impacts of Wind Energy Development in the Southern Sierra and Tehachapis***
Jerre Stallcup, Susan Antenen, Wayne D. Spencer, Nancy L. Staus, Allison Anderson and James R. Strittholt
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Modelling Effects & Mitigation: Solar Energy Development and the Mojave Desert Tortoise***
Catherine Darst, Philip Murphy and Nathan Strout
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Renewable Energy in the Desert Southwest: Assessing the Impacts on Habitat and Genetic Hotspots***
Richard Inman, Amy Vandergast, Ken Nussear, Todd Esque, Robert Fisher, Stacie Hathaway, Kelly Barr, Megan Lahti and Dustin Wood
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***The Whole Enchilada***
Todd Sloat, Kit Mullen and Jonathan Kusel
- 2:45 to 3:05 p.m. ***Status Survey for Endangered Bakersfield Cactus***
Brian Cypher, Erin N. Tennant, Christine L. Van Horn Job and Scott E. Phillips
- 3:05 p.m. Session Concludes
- 3:05 to 3:20 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)

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CONCURRENT SESSION

WILDLIFE DISEASES AND PATHOLOGY

Friday, February 3, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

Edgewater B

Chair: Dr. Leslie Woods, California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System,
School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session Introduction and Announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Emerging Pathogen Discovery***
Patty Pesavento and Leslie W. Woods
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Novel Disease Discovery of the Federally Endangered Amargosa Vole (Microtus californicus scirpensis)***
Caitlin Ott-Conn, Deana L. Clifford, Tammy Branston, Leslie Woods and Janet E. Foley Student Paper
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Assessing Disease Risk from a Novel Parasite Infection in Pacific Fisher (Martes pennanti)***
Deana Clifford, Leslie Woods, Vasyk Tkach, Eric Hoberg, Richard Callas, Richard N. Brown, J. Mark Higley, Ken Haynes and Mourad W. Gabriel
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***Salmon Poisoning Disease in Trout in the Lassen National Forest***
Richard Todoroff, Tom Rickman and Richard N. Brown
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Prevalence of Trichomonas gallinae in California Band-tailed Pigeons and the Potential Impacts on Population Health: A Preliminary Analysis***
Krysta Rogers, Yvette A. Girard, Nadira Chouicha and Christine Kreuder Johnson
- 2:45 to 3:05 p.m. ***Antibody Persistence After Canine Distemper Virus Vaccination in the Endangered Catalina Island Fox***
Julie King, Calvin L. Duncan, T. Winston Vickers and Deana L. Clifford
- 3:05 to 3:20 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:20 to 3:25 p.m. Announcements
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Marine "Algal" Bloom Toxicity in Wildlife***
Linda Lowenstine
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***Fertilizer Research Funded by the California Department of Food and Agriculture to Reduce Environmental Impacts***
Dale Woods
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***Exposure and Poisoning with Anticoagulant Rodenticides in California Fishers (Martes pennanti) Inhabiting Public Lands***
Mourad Gabriel, Leslie W. Woods, Robert Poppenga, Rick Sweitzer, Craig Thompson, Sean M. Matthews, J. Mark Higley, Stefan Keller, Kathryn Purcell, Reginald H. Barrett, Greta M. Wengert, Benjamin N. Sacks and Deana L. Clifford
- 4:25 p.m. Session Concludes

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CONCURRENT SESSION

CONSERVATION OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

Friday, February 3, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

Edgewater C

Chair: Michael van Hattem, California Department of Fish and Game

- 1:00 to 1:05 p.m. Session Introduction and Announcements
- 1:05 to 1:25 p.m. ***Clinically Significant Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis (Bd) Infection Associated with Bullfrog Mortalities in Northern California***
Deana Clifford, Allan Pessier, Megan Jones, Sarah Krycia, Jane Vorpagel, Tony Welch, Janet Foley
- 1:25 to 1:45 p.m. ***Landscape Epidemiology of Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in Central California***
Gretchen Flohr and Robert L. Hopkins, II
- 1:45 to 2:05 p.m. ***Translocation of California Red-legged Frog (Rana draytonii)***
Patricia Tatarian, Thomas Newcomb, Bert Mulcahey, Jose Setka and Jessica Purificato (presenting)
- 2:05 to 2:25 p.m. ***A Sustainably Managed Urban California Tiger Salamander (Ambystoma californiense) Population***
Raymond Hasey and H.B. Shaffer
- 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. ***Ecological Role of the Salamander Ensatina eschscholtzii: Direct Impacts on the Arthropod Assemblage and Indirect Influence on the Carbon Cycle in Mixed Hardwood/Conifer Forest in Northwestern California***
Michael Best and Hartwell Welsh Student Paper
- 2:45 to 3:05 p.m. ***Persistence of Larval Tailed Frogs and Torrent Salamanders in Headwater Streams on Redwood Timberlands in North Coastal California***
Ryan Borque, Lowell V. Diller, Matt R. House and David W. Lamphear
- 3:05 to 3:20 p.m. Refreshment Break (Edgewater F)
- 3:20 to 3:25 p.m. Announcements
- 3:25 to 3:45 p.m. ***Development of an Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and Management Strategy in California***
Brian Todd, Betsy Bolster and Aaron Lotz
- 3:45 to 4:05 p.m. ***California's Western Pond Turtle (Emys marmorata): Conservation Issues and Options***
Betsy Bolster, Don Ashton (presenting), and Hartwell Welsh
- 4:05 to 4:25 p.m. ***California's Amphibian and Reptile Species of Special Concern***
Robert Thomson, Amber N. Wright (presenting) and H. Bradley Shaffer
- 4:25 p.m. Session Concludes

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POSTER SESSION

February 1, 2012

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Edgewater B and F

(Also available for viewing throughout the conference)

Chair: Canh Nguyen, California Department of Fish and Game

Carnivore Distributions in Relation to Roads on the Sierra National Forest, California

Jodi Berg and Rick A. Sweitzer

Reconstructing Time-specific Diet Composition of Greater Sage-Grouse Chicks Using Feather Stable Isotopes

Erik Blomberg, Simon R. Poulson, James S. Sedinger and Daniel V. Nonne

Student Poster

Hot and Cold Spots of Snowy Plover Breeding

Justin Brice, Allie Patrick and Mark A. Colwell

Student Poster

Distribution and Estimated Fecundity for Female Black Bears (*Ursus americanus*) in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, California, Using Images from Automatic Cameras

Joseph Bridges and Rick A. Sweitzer

Physical and Chemical Factors that Affect Diversity of Aquatic Invertebrates in Vernal Pools in Sacramento County, California

Angela Calderaro

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