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HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANNING *AND* INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

OCTOBER 29 ♦ SAN DIEGO, CA

Habitat Conservation Planning and Invasive Plant Management

A Special Conference as part of the 2015 California Invasive Plant Council Symposium
October 29, 2015 ♦ San Diego Convention Center

Invasive plant management and habitat conservation planning are both dedicated to protecting native biodiversity, and each requires landscape-level strategy and cross-border coordination. But while it's widely understood that proactive management of incipient invasive plant infestations is critical, the geography of such management can be quite different from the geography of habitat conservation planning, which focuses on locations where protected species reside. How is proactive invasive plant management being supported by HCP/NCCPs, and how can support be strengthened as these and other conservation planning approaches evolve? Join fellow land managers and conservation planners in setting a course for the future protection of biodiversity in California!

Thursday, October 29

9:00–10:20 *Habitat Conservation Planning and Invasive Plant Management*

California, and the San Diego region in particular, have led the nation in habitat conservation planning. Where have we come from and what have we learned? And how does this intersect landscape-level invasive plant management, which has also been evolving? Our opening session sets the stage for the day's discussions.

- 9:00 Welcome to San Diego, the Nation's Most Biologically Diverse County!
- 9:25 Lessons from Habitat Conservation Planning in California. *Elizabeth Taylor, Staff Attorney, U.C. Irvine Law Center for Land, Environment, & Natural Resources*
- 9:50 Innovations in Landscape-Level Invasive Plant Management: A Cal-IPC Progress Report. *Doug Johnson, Executive Director, California Invasive Plant Council*

10:20–10:40 *Break*

10:40–12:00 *Invasive Plant Management through Habitat Conservation Planning*

Land managers from some of California's most successful HCP/NCCPs share what has worked for them to date, and what they envision for even stronger response to invasive plants in the future.

Chair: *Keith Greer, San Diego Association of Governments*

- 10:40 Invasive Plant Management through the San Diego MSCP. *Patricia Gordon-Reedy, Vegetation Ecologist, Conservation Biology Institute*
- 11:00 Invasive Plant Management through the Orange County NCCP/HCP. *Milan Mitrovich, Science Coordinator, Nature Reserve of Orange County*
- 11:20 Invasive Plant Management through the Western Riverside HCP/NCCP. *Laurie Correa, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (invited)*
- 11:40 Panel Discussion: What's working? What will be needed in the future?

12:00–1:20 *Lunch (provided)*

1:20–2:40 *The Future of Habitat Conservation Planning in California*

Where are the latest trends in HCP/NCCPs pointing? Will the HCP/NCCPs of the future be more standardized and systematic in California? When will all of the state be covered?

Chair: Michael Beck, San Diego Director, Endangered Habitats League

- 1:20 Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs). Karin Cleary-Rose, Chief, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (invited)
- 1:40 Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCPs). Monica Parisi, Acting Program Manager, Landscape Conservation Program, California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- 2:00 Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP). Stuart Kirkham, Senior Environmental Planner, Caltrans (invited)
- 2:20 Integrated Regional Planning. Denny Grossman, Senior Advisor for Environmental Science and Policy, California Strategic Growth Council (invited)

2:40 – 3:40 *Poster Session*

Visit the poster and exhibitor gallery to catch up on the latest findings in invasive plant management, biology, planning and policy.

3:40 – 5:00 *How Habitat Conservation Planning Can Support Strong Landscape-Level Invasive Plant Management in the Future*

Given the needs for invasive plant management and current developments in habitat conservation planning, what are the opportunities for strengthening the effectiveness of our approaches? How can the geography of habitat mitigation work together with the geography of landscape-level invasive plant management?

Panelists

Trish Smith, Senior Project Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy (invited)

Susan Wynn, Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (invited)

Paul Fromer, Program Administrator, San Diego Management & Monitoring Program (invited)

5:00 – 5:30 *Awards*

Organization of the Year

Golden Weed Wrench Award for Land Manager of the Year

Jake Sigg Award for Vision and Dedicated Service

5:30 – 8:00 *Social Hour, Raffle/Silent Auction (appetizers, no-host bar)*