



**National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting**

Austin, Texas

October 25 – 27, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Austin, 6505 N Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, TX

**Evening Welcome Reception: Monday, October 24, 2022**

Room	Magnolia Room	
Time	Topic	
6:00 PM	Light refreshments, event check-in, and sponsor table assignments	
9:00 PM	End	

**Day 1: Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

Room	Phoenix South			Phoenix Central		
Time	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation
9:00 AM	Welcome					
	Welcome	Abby Fateman	Program Committee Co-Chair, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, <i>East Contra Costa County HCP</i>			
	Welcome from the NHCP Board President	Valerie Covey	NHCP Board President, Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 3, <i>Williamson County Regional HCP</i>			
9:30 AM	Keynote					
	Session Chair: Olivia Ybarra, Edwards Aquifer Authority, Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator, NHCP Texas Planning Committee Chair, <i>Edwards Aquifer HCP</i>					
	Keynote	Amy Lueders	USFWS, Regional Director, SW Region			
10:30 AM	Break					
11:00 AM	Engaging, Educating, and Empowering Communities and Stakeholders			Focus on Early Plan Implementation Actions		
	Session Chair: Heather Dyer, General Manager, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, CA, Board of Directors and Program Committee Member, <i>Upper Santa Ana River HCP</i>			Session Chair: Chris Chaput, Planning Manager, Thurston County, WA, Program Committee Member, <i>Thurston County HCP</i>		
	Community Engagement and the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve	Jaya Torres	Austin Water Wildland Conservation Division, <i>Balcones Canyonlands HCP</i>	How to Hit the Ground Running with HCP Implementation	Ellen Berryman	ICF



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	Garnering Public Awareness, Support, and Understanding of the Complexities of HCPs Through Video	Marcus Anderson	We Market For Humans	The New World of Online Portals and Databases for HCP Implementation	Scott Fleury	ICF
	Bridging the Culture Divide between Regulator and Developer: Creating greater regulatory certainty and better conservation	Rollie White	USFWS	Reforestation Degraded Landscapes	Jim O'Donnell	City of Austin, Balcones Canyonlands HCP
12:00 PM				Lunch and Major Sponsor Presentation	Steve Carothers	SWCA
1:00 PM	Welcome to Texas					
	Session Chair: Valerie Covey, NHCP Board President, Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 3, <i>Williamson County Regional HCP</i>					
	Welcome to Texas	Robert Mace	Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, TX			
1:15 PM	National HCP Coalition Year in Review					
	Message from the Secretary	Terah Donovan	NHCP Secretary, ESA			
	Executive Committee and Board	Terah Donovan	NHCP Secretary, ESA			
	Program Committee	Terah Donovan	NHCP Secretary, ESA			
	Financial Committee	Nathan Pence	NHCP Treasurer, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, <i>Guadalupe River HCP</i>			
	<u>Government Relations Committee Co-Chairs</u>					
	Government Relations Committee	Dave Ramey	Kadesh & Associates			
		Drew Tatum	Innovative Federal Strategies			
		Mark Kramer	The Nature Conservancy			
	HCP Improvement Committee	Paola Bernazzani & Lucas Bare	HCP Improvement Committee Co-Chairs, ICF			
1:50 PM	HCPs in Practice			Bats and HCPs		
	Session Chair: Rebecca Pfaller, Conservation Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, FL, Board of Directors and Program Committee Member			Session Chair: Jackie Rockey, CEC, Annual Meeting Volunteer		
	A Landscape-Level Look at the National HCP Program	Andrew Carter & Heather Harl	Defenders of Wildlife	Bat Conservation Banks as a Mitigation Solution for Wind HCPs	John Yarchoan & Abby Singer	Magnolia, Ohio Wind HCPs

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	ESA Section 7 and 10: Can Projects with a Federal Nexus be Covered in an HCP or Are They Oil and Water?	David Zippin	ICF	Bats in the Belfry: Lessons Learned from Regional Bat HCPs across five states	Paola Bernazzani	ICF
2:30 PM	Implementation Partnerships			Highlighted HCPs		
	Session Chair: Chris Chaput, Senior Planner, Thurston County, WA, Program Committee Member, <i>Thurston County HCP</i>			Session Chair: Hova Woods, Managing Director, Environmental Planning, ICF, IN, Program Committee Member		
	A Partnership for Implementation Success: Integrating Recreation into Preserves (panel)	Neoma Lavalle & Josh Philips	East Bay Regional Park District	California Department of Water Resources HCP for Operations and Maintenance of the State Water Project	Michael Henry	Dudek
		Abby Fateman	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy	Guam HCP: A Transformational Conservation Plan for a Pacific Island	Lauren Taylor	USFWS
				HCP for DifWind Farm Decommissioning and Reclamation in Alameda, CA	Elise Anderson	EDF Renewables
3:15 PM	Break					
3:45 PM	Focus on Texas HCPs					
	Session Chair: Kimberlee Harvey, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Secretary of the BCCP Coordinating Committee, City of Austin, TX, Program Committee and Texas Planning Committee Member, <i>Balcones Canyonlands HCP</i>					
	Creating Strategic Partnerships to Support Habitat Conservation Plans	Chad Norris	Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, <i>Guadalupe River HCP</i>			
	The Williamson County Conservation Foundation – Current Status and Planned Changes	Stephen Van Kampen-Lewis	SWCA, <i>Williamson County Regional HCP</i>			
		Josh Renner	Williamson County Conservation Foundation			
	Creative Collaboration – Implementing groundwater conservation and springflow protection measures in the South-Central Texas region of the Edwards Aquifer (panel)	Roland Ruiz, Adam Yablonski, Donovan Burton and Marc Friberg	Permittees of the Edwards Aquifer HCP			
5:10	Wrap up					
	Session Chair: Abby Fateman, Executive Director, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, Program Committee Co-Chair, Board of Directors Member, <i>East Contra Costa County HCP</i>					



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	Evening and Field Trip Logistics	Olivia Ybarra & Melani Howard	The Edwards Aquifer			
		Cait McCann & Kimberlee Harvey	Springs and Songbirds			
		Josh Renner & Rachel Arnold	Texas Caves			
	Committee Meeting Announcements	Terah Donovan & Abby Fateman	Program Committee Co-Chairs			
		Nathan Pence	Finance Committee Chair			
		Dave Ramey, Drew Tatum, & Mark Kramer	Government Relations Committee Co-Chairs			
		Paola Bernazzani & Lucas Bare	HCP Improvement Committee Co-Chairs			
5:30 PM	End of Day					
6:00 PM	Complimentary Shuttle to Downtown					
10:00 PM	Complimentary Shuttle from Downtown					



**Day 2: Texas Tour - Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

<b>Tour:</b>	<b>TEXAS CAVES</b>	<b>SPRINGS AND SONGBIRDS</b>	<b>THE EDWARDS AQUIFER</b>
Tour Leaders:	Josh Renner & Rachel Arnold	Cait McCann & Kimberlee Harvey	Olivia Ybarra & Melani Howard
Destination:	Inner Space Caverns and Avery Ranch Preserve, Georgetown, TX	Barton Springs Pool and Reicher Ranch, Austin, TX	SMARC and Meadows Center - San Marcos, TX
8:00 AM	Breakfast at DoubleTree	Breakfast at DoubleTree	Breakfast at DoubleTree
9:00 AM			Load Bus
9:30 AM		Load Bus	
10:00 AM		Barton Springs Pool Tour Begins	SMARC Tour Begins
10:45 AM	Load Bus		
11:00 AM			Load Bus : Travel to Meadows Center
11:15 AM	Lunch Break		
12:00 PM			Lunch Break
12:15 PM	Load Bus: Lunch Break Ends	Load Bus : Travel to Reicher Ranch	
12:30 PM		Lunch Break	
12:45 PM	Inner Space Caverns		
1:00 PM	Tour 1 Begins	Reicher Ranch	Glass Bottom Boat Tour - Begins
1:15 PM	Tour 2 Begins		
1:30 PM			Glass Bottom Boat Tour - Ends
1:40 PM			Self-guided Tour of Meadows Center wetlands and aquarium
3:00 PM	Load Bus: Depart for Avery Ranch Cave Preserve		Load Bus: Depart for The Oasis
3:20 PM	Arrive at Avery Ranch Cave Preserve		
4:00 PM		Load Bus: Depart for The Oasis	
4:10 PM	Load Bus: Depart for the Oasis		
5:00 PM	Oasis Dinner and Drinks	Oasis Dinner and Drinks	Oasis Dinner and Drinks
6:00 PM		Optional Early Departure for DoubleTree Hotel	
9:00 PM		Remaining Buses Depart for DoubleTree Hotel	



**Day 3: Thursday, October 27, 2022**

Room	Phoenix South			Phoenix Central		
Time	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation
9:00 AM	Business Session					
	Session Chair: Tricia Campbell, NHCP Vice President, Riverside County Conservation Authority, <i>Western Riverside County MSHCP</i>					
	Opening Remarks	Valerie Covey	NHCP Board President, Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 3, <i>Williamson County Regional HCP</i>			
	Board of Directors Election	Tricia Campbell	NHCP Vice President, Riverside County Conservation Authority, <i>Western Riverside County MSHCP</i>			
	Bylaws Updates	Valerie Covey	NHCP Board President, Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 3, <i>Williamson County Regional HCP</i>			
	2022 Accomplishments/2023 Priorities	Tricia Campbell	NHCP Vice President, Riverside County Conservation Authority, <i>Western Riverside County MSHCP</i>			
	Comments from Members					
	Government Relations Update from Committee Co-Chairs	Dave Ramey	Kadesh & Associates			
		Drew Tatum	Innovative Federal Strategies			
		Mark Kramer	The Nature Conservancy			
	HCP Improvement Update from Committee Co-Chairs	Paola Bernazzani	ICF			
		Lucas Bare				
10:30 AM	Break					
11:00 AM	Keynote					
	Session Chair: Nathan Pence, Executive Manager of Environmental Science, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, NHCP Board of Director Member, Treasurer, and Finance Committee Chair, <i>Guadalupe River HCP</i>					
	Keynote	Suzanne Scott	Texas State Director, The Nature Conservancy, Texas			
12:00 PM	Lunch					
1:00 PM	Briefing from Headquarters and Updates on Implementing Regulations for Section 10, Section 6 Grant Funding, and NEPA					
	Session Chair: Trish Adams, National Habitat Conservation Planning Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, VA, NHCP Program and HCP Improvement Committee Member					

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	Briefing from Headquarters	Trish Adams	USFWS			
	Section 6 Update	Trish Adams	USFWS			
	NEPA for HCPs: Keeping up with the Regulation Changes	Hova Woods	ICF			
1:50 PM	Climate Change in Conservation Strategies			Working With Surrogate Metrics		
	Session Chair: David Zippin, Vice President and Practice Leader, Habitat Conservation Planning and Implementation, ICF, CA, NHCPC Board of Directors and Program Committee Member			Session Chair: Clifton Ladd, Senior Biologist, C.W.B./Project Manager, Blanton & Associates, Inc., TX, NHCPC Program Committee and Texas Planning Committee Member		
	Considering Climate Change in Changed Circumstances and Adaptive Management in Texas HCPs	Wendy Gordon	ICF	The Power and Promise of Surrogate Metrics for Incidental Take	Lauren Huff	SWCA
	Planning for Conservation Success in a Changing Climate	Kai Palenscar	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, <i>Upper Santa Anna River HCP</i>	Case Study for an HCP Renewal-- Updating Old Metrics with New Science	Michael Heimbuch	SWCA
2:30 PM	Integrating Species Conservation Banks with HCP Conservation Goals			Case Study for Collision-based HCPs – Demonstrating “Fully Offset” when Metrics for Take and Mitigation Don’t Match		
	Session Chair: Melissa Denena, Senior Principal Restoration Ecologist, ESA, CA, NHCPC Program Committee Member			Dr. Nicole Smolensky		
	Integrating Species Conservation Banks with HCP Conservation Goal (panel)	Hal Holland	Westervelt	Q & A	SWCA	
		Sara Johnson	Ecological Restoration Business Association			
		Chris Chaput	Thurston County, <i>Thurston County HCP</i>			
3:10 PM	Break					
3:40 PM	Improving Landscape Connectivity and Permeability with Wildlife Crossings			Monitoring: eDNA		
	Session Chair: Heather Dyer, General Manager, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, CA, NHCPC Board of Directors and Program Committee Member, <i>Upper Santa Anna River HCP</i>			Session Chair: Clifton Ladd, Senior Biologist, C.W.B./Project Manager, Blanton & Associates, Inc., TX, NHCPC Program Committee and Texas Planning Committee Member		
	How to Build a New Road and Maintain Landscape Connectivity	Laura Coley Eisenberg	Rancho Mission Viejo, <i>Orange County Southern Subregion HCP</i>	eDNA: Optimizing sample design and probability of detecting target species	Gregory Schumer	Genidaqs
	Pacheco Pass: Regional Collaboration for Conservation Success	Edmund Sullivan	Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency, <i>Santa Clara Valley HCP</i>	Incorporating molecular methods into terrestrial animal surveys: maximizing information content and minimizing uncertainty	Scott Blankenship	Cramer Fish Sciences - Genidaqs
4:20 PM	Innovations in Monitoring and Adaptive Management					
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	Rapid site inspections inform adaptive management priorities for urban HCP preserve systems Adrienne Lee ESA, <i>City of Carlsbad HCP</i>	
	Rediscovery of federally threatened salamanders from formerly extirpated locations: monitoring techniques and abundance estimates to inform management Zach Adcock Cambrian Environmental	
	Monitoring and Managing for Covered Species in Habitat Conservation Plans: Percent Area Occupied (PAO) Approach Cheryl Brehme USGS, <i>Upper Santa Ana River Wash HCP</i>	
5:20 PM	Wrap Up	
	Closing remarks Abby Fateman	Program Committee Co-Chair, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, <i>East Contra Costa County HCP</i>
5:30 PM	End	

**Friday, October 28, 2022**

Room	Phoenix Central	
Time	Topic	
8:00 AM	Breakfast provided for hotel guests	