



National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting

November 13-15, 2019

National Conservation Training Center

Shepherdstown, WV

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 13

- 8:30 am** **Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics**
Abby Fateman, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- 8:40 am** **National HCP Coalition Year in Review**
Rebecca Pfaller, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, FL
Kat Diersen, Defenders of Wildlife, NC
- 8:50 am** **HCPs and Climate Change: Strategies and Tools for Planning and Implementation**
Presentation and Panel Discussion
Facilitator: Shannon Lucas, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CA
Speaker: Dr. Jodi McGraw, Jodi McGraw Consulting, CA
Panelists:
- Melinda Mallia, Balcones Canyonlands HCP, TX
 - Kimberlee Harvey, Balcones Canyonlands HCP, TX
 - Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA
 - Edmund Sullivan, Santa Clara Valley HCP, CA
 - Dan Cox, USFWS, CA
- 9:50 am** **Wildlife Connectivity – The Role of HCP Preserves and Infrastructure**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA
- *Florida Panthers, Climate Change, and the Conservation Role for HCPs*
Dr. Bruce Johnson, Eastern Collier County HCP, FL
 - *Wildlife Crossings and Connectivity within the Western Riverside MSHCP*
Charlie Landry, Western Riverside County HCP, CA
 - *Current Federal and State Legislation to Protect Wildlife Corridors*
Susan Holmes, Wildlands Network, DC

- 10:40 am Break (20 minutes)**
- 11:00 am Featured Speakers**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Abby Fateman, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- Dr. Healy Hamilton, Chief Scientist, NatureServe
Data and Tools for Refining At-Risk Species Distributions
 - Gary Frazer, Assistant Director – Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters Update
- 12:30 pm Lunch (60 minutes)**
- 1:30 pm Highlighted HCPs**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Leo Lentsch, Environmental Solutions and Innovations, Inc.
- Midwest Wind HCP, Thomas Magnuson, OH
 - AEP Utility Wide HCP, Natasha Brown, IN
 - Thurston County HCP, Christina Chaput, WA
- 2:15 pm Integrating the Section 7 Process into Section 10**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Abby Fateman, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- Gary Boyd, Williamson County HCP, TX
 - Dr. Steve Carothers, SWCA Environmental Consultants, TX
 - Mike Thomas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CA
- 3:00 pm Highlighted HCPs**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA
- South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan/Aquatic Resources Program, Dr. Mike Henry, CA
 - Southern Orange County HCP, Rancho Mission Viejo, Laura Coley Eisenberg, CA
- 3:30 pm Break (20 minutes)**

- 3:50 pm** **Highlighted HCPs**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA
- Missouri Forest Bat HCP, Paola Bernazzani, OH
 - Lake States HCP, Shawna Barry, DC
- 4:20 pm** **Strategies to Facilitate Cooperation with Researchers**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Shannon Lucas, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CA
- *California's Natural Community Conservation Planning Local Assistance Grant Program*
Shannon Lucas, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CA
 - *Tipping the Scale: Leveraging Stakeholder Interest to Ecosystem Approaches*
Chelsea Jones, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, TX
 - *Comparing Alternative Models of Science Support for Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plans*
Dr. Kris Preston, San Diego County HCPs, CA
 - *Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units - a Model Partnership Program*
Dr. John Thompson, VA
 - *Scientific Research on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve*
Melinda Mallia, Balcones Canyonlands HCP, TX
- 5:50 pm** **NHCPC Committee Overview and Adjourn**
Abby Fateman, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- 8:00 pm** **Fireside Chats**

Thursday, November 14

- 9:00 am Coalition Business Session**
Commissioner Valerie Covey, National HCP Coalition President
Charlie Landry, National HCP Coalition Vice President
- Committee reports
 - Lobbying efforts & Washington D.C. trip
 - Fundraising
 - Membership
 - Elections to the Board
 - Bylaws and amendments
 - Adopt new policy
 - Website
- 9:00 am U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Meeting (for USFWS staff only)**
Trish Adams, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 10:30 am Break (30 minutes)**
- 11:00 am Highlighted HCPs**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA
- Salinas River HCP, Elizabeth Krafft, CA
 - Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority HCP, Nathan Pence, TX
- 11:30 am Latest NEPA and Secretarial Order 3355 Compliance News**
Expertise Overview and Panelist Q&A
Facilitator: Trish Adams, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Panelists:
- Michelle Shaughnessy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division Chief, DC
 - Scott Blackburn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National NEPA Coordinator, DC
 - Hova Woods, Senior Manager, ICF, IN
- 12:30 pm Lunch (60 minutes)**
- 1:30 pm Key Elements for Successful HCP Planning**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Rebecca Pfaller, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, FL
Panelists:
- Dr. David Zippin, Vice President, ICF, CA
 - Tim Day, Perdido Key HCP, FL
 - George Kelly, AWEA HCP and RES board member

- 2:30 pm** **Setting 2020 Priorities: Brainstorming to Improve the HCP Process**
Brainstorming session
Facilitator: Abby Fateman, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- Paola Bernazzani, Principal, ICF, OH
 - Shawna Barry, Conservation Planner, ICF, DC
- 3:30 pm** **Break (30 minutes)**
- 4:00 pm** **Highlighted HCPs**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA
- Green Diamond Resource Company Forest Habitat Conservation Plan, Keith Hamm, CA
 - Western Oregon State Forestry HCP, David Zippin, CA
- 4:30 pm** **The Unexpected in Preserve and Species Management**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Abby Fateman, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- *Homeless Encampments: Unique Challenges and Solutions for Effective Urban Stream Habitat Conservation*
Heather Dyer, Upper Santa Ana River HCP, CA
 - *Balancing Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation and Endangered Species Management*
Ronnie Glick, Oceano Dunes HCP, CA
 - *When Owl Species Collide*
Sal Chinnici, Humboldt Redwood HCP, CA
 - *Assessing Recreation Usage & the Need for Enforcement to Manage for Resources*
Betsy Miller, Upper Santa Ana River Wash HCP, CA
- 5:30 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **Government Relations Committee**
Dave Ramey, Government Relations Committee Chair
- 7:00 pm** **HCP Improvement Committee**
Paola Bernazzani, HCP Improvement Committee Chair
- 7:00 pm** **National HCP Coalition Board of Directors Meeting**
Commissioner Valerie Covey, National HCP Coalition President
- 8:00 pm** **Fireside Chats**

Friday, November 15

- 8:30 am Collaborative Regional-Scale Trend Monitoring**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Niki Desjardin, Ecological Associates, Inc., FL
- *Regional Prioritization and Monitoring of Species, Habitats, and Threats to inform Management across Several Multiple Species Habitats Conservation Plans in Southern California*
Dr. Kris Preston, San Diego County HCPs, CA
 - *Conservation of a Declining Species in an Urban Landscape: The Santa Clara Valley HCP's Burrowing Owl Conservation Strategy*
Dr. David Zippin, Vice President, ICF, CA
- 9:30 am Section 6 HCP Planning Assistance and Land Acquisition Grants**
Presentation followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA
- Kelly Niland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, D.C.
- 10:00 am USFWS Wrap Up**
- 10:05 am Break (25 minutes)**
- 10:30 am Congressional Perspectives**
Facilitator: Dave Ramey, Kadesh and Associates, D.C.
- Key staff from congressional committees and subcommittees
- 12:00 pm Final Wrap up and Adjourn**