



NATIONAL HCP COALITION ANNUAL MEETING

October 5 - 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

DAY 1

Tuesday, October 5

9:30 am – 3:30 pm PDT

ALL TIMES IN PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME

- 9:30 am **Annual Meeting Opens**
Join conference in Remo to set up your profile and find your table.
- 10:00 am **Welcome**
Abigail Fateman, Program Committee Chair, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- Opening Remarks from the National HCP Coalition President**
Commissioner Valerie Covey, National HCP Coalition President,
Williamson County HCP, TX
- 10:25 am **Introductory Remarks**
National HCP Coalition: Why Are We Here?
Mark Kramer
The Nature Conservancy, Director of Federal External Affairs, CA Chapter

Presentation followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Abigail Fateman, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- 10:35 am **Break (10 minutes)**
- 10:45 am **Renewable Energy HCPs**
Presentation followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Leo Lentsch, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC), PA
- Brief history: Use of HCPs by the Renewable Energy Industry*
Leo Lentsch, CEC, SC
- Pruning the Scope of Analysis for Wind HCP Covered Activities*
Amanda Aurora, SWCA, TX
- Challenges of the Lesser Prairie Chicken HCP for Renewable Energy*
Wayne Walker, Common Ground Capital LLC, OK
- The Science Behind Wind Energy HCPs*
Karen Tyrell, PhD, Western EcoSystems Technology, TN

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- 11:55 pm **Break (15 minutes)**
- 12:10 pm **HCP Amendments and Renewals**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Terah Donovan, Environmental Science Associates, CA

Overview of the HCP Amendment and Permit Renewals Process
David Zippin, PhD, ICF, CA

Coachella Valley MSCP Amendment
Katie Barrows, Coachella Valley HCP, CA
- 12:50 pm **Break (15 minutes)**
- 1:05 pm **Highlighted HCP**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Heather Dyer, Upper Santa Ana River HCP, CA

Placer County Conservation Plan – HCP/NCCP and More!
Gregg McKenzie, Placer County HCP, CA
- 1:25 pm **USFWS Updates from Headquarters**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Heather Dyer, Upper Santa Ana River HCP, CA

Latest from USFWS Leadership
Gary Frazer, Assistant Director – Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Washington, DC

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Update
Trish Adams, National Habitat Conservation Planning Coordinator, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, VA

Section 6 Grants Update
Kelly Niland, Grants Administrator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, VA
- 2:15 pm **Wrap Up and Social Hour**
Abigail Fateman, Program Committee Chair, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- 3:30 pm **Social Hour End**

DAY 2

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

9:30 am – 3:30 pm PDT

ALL TIMES IN PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME

- 9:30 am **Annual Meeting opens**
Join the Annual Meeting in Remo to set up your profile and find a table.
- 10:00 am **Welcome**
Abigail Fateman, Program Committee Chair, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- Report from NHCPC Board of Directors: Coalition Year in Review**
Terah Donovan, Board Secretary, ESA, CA
- 10:15 am **Keynote Speaker: Lynn Scarlett**
The Nature Conservancy, Chief External Affairs Officer
Thinking Big, Acting Smart, Working Together--The Potential of Habitat Conservation Plans
- Presentation followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Abigail Fateman, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- 11:00 am **Break (10 minutes)**
- 11:10 am **Highlighted HCPs**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Chris Chaput, Thurston County HCP, WA
- Fur trapping – Lynx incidental trapping in Maine*
Mark McCollough, USFWS, ME
- Piping plover and beach use –Massachusetts*
Susi von Oettingen, USFWS, MA
Carolyn Mostello, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, MA
- Prairie Dog HCP, UT*
Barbara Sugarman, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, UT
- 12:10 pm **Break (10 minutes)**

DAY 2

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

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ALL TIMES IN PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME

- 12:20 pm **Monitoring and Adaptive Management**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Rebecca Pfaller, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, FL
- Part I. Development of the Upper Santa Ana River Comprehensive Adaptive Monitoring and Management Program (CAMMP)*
Heather Dyer and Joanna Gibson, Upper Santa Ana River HCP, CA
- Part II. Building a Data Management and Reporting Portal for the Upper Santa Ana River CAMMP*
Scott Fleury, ICF, CA
- Incorporating Climate Change Adaptation into Natural Resource Management Plans*
Betsy Miller, Upper Santa Ana River Wash HCP, CA
- 1:20 pm **Break (10 minutes)**
- 1:30 pm **Innovative Monitoring Techniques**
Presentations followed by Q&A
Facilitator: Clifton Ladd, Blanton and Associates, TX
- eDNA: Molecular Detection of Cryptic Species and Applications*
Dan Chase, Resource Environmental Solutions, CA
Gregory Schumer, Genidaqs, CA
Scott Blankenship, Genidaqs, CA
- The Nosey Business of Conservation Biology*
Skye Standish, Wildlife Research Scientist and Detection Dog Handler, CA
- Audio Monitoring Technologies Enhance Management Data Necessary for Conservation Stewardship*
Michael R.J. Forstner, Texas State University, TX
- 2:40 pm **Closing Remarks from the NHCPC President and Social Hour**
Commissioner Valerie Covey, National HCP Coalition President, Williamson County HCP, TX
- 3:30 pm **Social Hour End**

DAY 3, Members Only Business Session

Thursday, October 7

9:30 am – 2:00 pm PDT

ALL TIMES IN PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

- 9:30 am **Business Meeting opens**
Join conference in Remo to set up your profile and find your table.
- 10:00 am **Welcome**
Abigail Fateman, Program Committee Chair, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- Opening Remarks from the National HCP Coalition President**
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- Meet the NHCP Board of Directors
 - Board of Directors Election
 - Approve Bylaws
 - 2022 Priorities
 - Website and LinkedIn
 - General comments from members
- 11:15 am **Break (10 minutes)**
- 11:25 am **HCP Improvement Committee**
Paola Bernazzani, ICF, OH, and Lucas Bare, ICF, CO, Committee Co-Chairs
Additional Speakers: Scott Fleury, Kirsten Wallace, Leigh Salomon, and Laura Coley Eisenberg
- Report from HCP Improvement Committee:
 - Best Practices
 - HCP Database
 - Input from National Committee on 2022 Priorities
- 12:10 pm **Break (10 minutes)**
- 12:20 pm **Government Relations Committee**
Dave Ramey, Kadesh & Associates, DC, Committee Chair
Mark Kramer, The Nature Conservancy, CA
Drew Tatum, Innovative Federal Strategies, DC
- 12:50 pm **Closing Remarks**
Abigail Fateman, Program Committee Chair, East Contra Costa County HCP, CA
- 1:30 pm **Meeting Venue Closes**