



## National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting – Agenda

Palm Springs, California

December 10 – 12, 2024

Riviera Resort & Spa Palm Springs – 1600 N. Indian Canyon Dr

Day 1: Tuesday, December 10, 2024				
Location: Crosby Ballroom B			Location: Crosby Ballroom C	
Time	Topic	Speaker	Topic	Speaker
7:00 AM	Breakfast - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A			
8:30 AM	<b>Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians - Bird Song Welcome</b>	John Preckwinkle III, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians		
	<b>Welcome to Coachella Valley</b>	Gary Gardner, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission		
	<b>Welcome to NHCP</b>	Abigail Fateman, NHCP Vice President, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy		
	<b>Tribute to John Hopkins</b>	Mark Kramer, The Nature Conservancy		
	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	Paul Souza, Southwest Pacific Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service		
9:45 AM	Break - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A			
	<b>Panel: Building Bridges Between Indigenous Communities and HCPs</b>			
	<b>Session Chair: Vincent James, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</b>			
	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Park, Director of Environmental Resources for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians</li> <li>• Ebru Ozdil, Cultural Analyst with the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Karin Cleary-Rose, Inland Division Supervisor for the Palm Springs USFWS</li> </ul>			
11:00 AM	<b>Session 2a: Protecting Pollinators</b>		<b>Session 2b: Corridor Crossings and Connections</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Stephanie Neal, County of San Diego</b>		<b>Session Chair: Melissa Denena, Environmental Science Associates</b>	
	East Valley Pollinator Pathway	Lou Thomas, Living Desert Zoo and Gardens	State Route-152 Pacheco Pass: Working Together for the Benefit of Wildlife	Julie King, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency
	Expanding our Wingspans: The Development of a Butterflies HCP	Tanya Agrawal, County of San Diego	Planning across NCCP areas for regional connectivity with genetic case studies to assess the landscape's permeability	Emily Perkins, San Diego Management and Monitoring Program and USGS
11:30 AM	Lunch - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A			



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1:00 PM	<b>Session 3a: Diversity and Inclusion in Conservation Planning</b>		<b>Session 3b: Innovative Monitoring Technology and Techniques</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Olivia Lopez, Edwards Aquifer Authority</b>		<b>Session Chair: Kimberlee Harvey, Austin Water</b>	
	Looking Forward: A Day of Volunteering for the Next Generation of Conservation and the Delhi Sands Flower-Loving Fly	Zack West, Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority	Rapid Assessment Vegetation Assessments at Dos Palmas Preserve Indicates Strong Riparian Area Restoration Success	Maya Nunez, The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens
	An EEPIC Way to Develop the Next Generation of Conservation Professionals	Barbra Calantas, Environmental Science Associates	Western Riverside County MSHCP Biological Monitoring Program Overview	Melody Aimar, Santa Ana Watershed Association
	Empowering Tribal Members to Join the Conservation Workforce	Katie Shaw, The Living Desert	Filtering Complex Science to Formulate Straightforward Take Estimation Methods	Chad Norris, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
1:40 PM	<b>Session 4a: Recreation on Conservation Lands</b>		<b>Session 4b: Commitment to Collaboration</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Tina Powell, Charlotte County - Florida</b>		<b>Session Chair: Jana Gray, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority</b>	
	Conserving Species Habitat in a Heavily Recreated Aquatic Ecosystem	Kristina Tolman, Edwards Aquifer Authority	Integrating Collaborative Conservation and Water Management: The Guadalupe River HCP Second Party Take	Daniel Large, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
	Parkland Decision Support Tool to Define Core Conservation & Recreation Areas	Neoma Lavelle, Josh Philips, Christie McKaskey: East Bay Regional Park District	Development of a Habitat Conservation Plan as Mandated by Policy Changes in Oregon	Jennifer Weikel, Oregon Department of Forestry
			Leveraging Partner Engagement and Collaboration for a Successful Regional Management and Monitoring Program	Sarah McCutcheon, San Diego Management and Monitoring Company
2:20 PM	<b>Session 5a: Species on the Brink</b>		<b>Session 5b: Navigating Water Challenges with HCPs</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Adrienne Lee, Environmental Science Associates</b>		<b>Session Chair: Heather Dyer, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District</b>	
	The Celebrated Jumping Frog of UC Santa Cruz	Mike Henry, Dudek	In-Stream Habitat Enhancement for a Federally Threatened Fish Associated with the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan	Kai Palenscar, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
	Challenges and opportunities in coordinating with the Department of Defense: A case study from Puget Sound	Dan Calvert, JBLM Sentinel Landscape Partnership Program	How Wastewater Effluent Affects Endangered & Threatened Wildlife in California Watersheds	Anna Cassady, Dudek
	Standing up for the Little Guy – Protecting Threatened and Endangered Small Mammals while Maintaining Critical Infrastructure in the Central Valley	Shelly Amrhein, California Department of Water Resources Division of Operations and Maintenance	Restoring Dynamic Processes in a Static Regulatory Environment: Does it Count?	David Shaw, Balance Hydrologics
3:00 PM	<b>Break - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A</b>			



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3:30 PM	<b>Crosby Ballroom B: Platinum Sponsor Presentation: Coachella Valley Conservation Commission</b>	
3:35 PM	<b>Panel: Stewardship Opportunities to Manage and Conserve Indigenous Resources on HCP Conservation Lands</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Kathleen Brundige, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission</b>	
	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Hankins, Chico State</li> <li>• Elizabeth Paige, Native American Lands Conservancy (and member of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, or <i>Su-Kutt Menyil Cahuilla</i>)</li> <li>• Valentin Lopez, Chair of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band</li> </ul>	
4:20 PM	<b>Tour Day Agenda</b>	
	Desert Ecosystems	Kathleen Brundige, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
	Renewable Energy and Tortoise Habitat	Vincent James, USFWS
	Conservation in California	Kelly Malloy, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
4:30 PM	<b>NHCP Year in Review</b>	
	Message from the Secretary	Tim Day, Escambia County Natural Resources Department
	Executive Committee and Board	
	Program Committee	Olivia Lopez, Edwards Aquifer Authority
	Financial Committee	Nathan Pence, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
	HCP Improvement Committee	Lucas Bare, ICF, Heather Harl, Defenders of Wildlife, Daniel Large, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
	Government Relations Committee	Dave Ramey, Kadesh & Associates Mark Kramer, The Nature Conservancy Hillary Tompkins, Hogan Lovells Jean Denton, Innovative Federal Strategies
5:15 PM	<b>End of Day</b>	
5:30 PM	<b>"Expanding HCP Voices Across the Nation" hosted by Hogan Lovells - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A</b>	
6:30 PM	<b>Trivia Night hosted by National HCP Coalition – Play Lounge &amp; Café (2825 E Tahquitz Canyon Way)</b>	



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**DAY 2: Field Day - Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

Bus No.	Bus 1	Bus 2 & Bus 3	Bus 4
<b>Tour Option</b>	<b>Desert Ecosystems</b>	<b>Renewable Energy and Tortoise Habitat</b>	<b>Conservation in California</b>
	<b>POC: Kathleen Brundige, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission</b>	<b>POC: Vincent James, USFWS</b>	<b>POC: Kelly Malloy, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District</b>
7:30 AM	Breakfast at Riviera Resort and Spa - Ballroom A/Salon A	Breakfast at Riviera Resort and Spa - Ballroom A/Salon A	Breakfast at Riviera Resort and Spa - Ballroom A/Salon A
8:15 AM			
8:30 AM			Load Bus at Riviera Resort and Spa
9:45 AM			<b>Tour Starts</b>
10:00 AM			
10:15 AM			
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11:00 AM		Load Bus at Riviera Resort and Spa	
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11:30 AM	Load Bus at Riviera Resort and Spa	<b>Tour Starts</b>	
11:45 AM			
12:00 PM	<b>Tour Starts</b>		
2:00 PM			
3:15 PM			<b>Tour Ends</b>
3:30 PM		<b>Tour Ends</b>	
4:15 PM	<b>Tour Ends</b>		
4:45 PM	<b>Dinner at Las Casuelas Nuevas Restaurant</b>	<b>Dinner at Las Casuelas Nuevas Restaurant</b>	<b>Dinner at Las Casuelas Nuevas Restaurant</b>
7:45 PM	<b>Arrive at Riviera Resort and Spa</b>	<b>Arrive at Riviera Resort and Spa</b>	<b>Arrive at Riviera Resort and Spa</b>



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Location: Crosby Ballroom B			Location: Crosby Ballroom C	
Time	Title	Speaker	Title	Speaker
7:00 AM	Breakfast - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A			
8:30 AM	<b>Business Session</b>			
	<b>Session Chair: Abigail Fateman, NHCP Vice President, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy</b>			
	Call to Order			
	BOD Election			
	2024 Accomplishments/2025 Priorities			
	HCP Improvement Update from Committee Co-Chairs			
	Comments from Members			
9:45 AM	Break - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A			
10:15 AM	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	Abigail Fateman, NHCP Vice President, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy		
10:25 AM	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	Wade Crowfoot - California Secretary of Natural Resources		
11:10 AM	<b>Update from USFWS Headquarters</b>			
	<b>Session Chair: Trish Adams, USFWS, National Habitat Conservation Planning Coordinator</b>			
	USFWS Updates and Section 6 Grants	Gina Shultz, USFWS Deputy Assistant Director, Ecological Services		
11:40 AM	Lunch - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A			
1:00 PM	<b>Session 6a: Adapting to Climate Change and Climate Resilience Strategies</b>		<b>Session 6b: The 3 Cs: Conservation, Compliance, and Coordination for Sustainable Success</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Chris Chaput, Pierce County - Washington</b>		<b>Session Chair: Daniel Large, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority</b>	



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	Supporting Climate Resilience Planning with Empirical Data and Habitat Modeling within the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan	Lynn Sweet, University of California Riverside	Leveraging Supplemental Funding to Enhance Restoration Activities in the San Marcos River Ecosystem to Benefit the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan, Texas	Kimberly Meitzen, Texas State University
	Projecting the Potential Effects of Climate Change on a Karstic Aquifer System in Support of an Incidental Take Permit Renewal Process	F. Paul Bertetti, Edwards Aquifer Authority	Lowering Barriers to Compliance for Small Businesses under Section 10: Integrating Recreational Camps into the Guadalupe River Habitat Conservation Plan	Jana Gray, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
	The effects of an abnormal monsoonal rain season on annual plants within protected aeolian habitat in the Coachella Valley of Southern California	Remy Vincent, University of California - Riverside	NEPA for HCPs: 2024 Changes and What they Mean for all HCPs and HCPs in California	Deb Bartley, ICF
1:40 PM	<b>Session 7a: Focus on Florida HCP's</b>		<b>Session 7b: Conservation in California: Safeguarding Nature and Wildlife</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Tina Powell, Charlotte County - Florida</b>		<b>Session Chair: Jackie Rockey, Civil &amp; Environmental Consultants, Inc.</b>	
	Overview and Trends in Florida HCPs	David Zippin, ICF	Overview of the Salton Sea	Sonya Vargas, Environmental Science Associates
	10 years of the Perdido Key Habitat Conservation Plan	Samantha Pitts, Escambia County Natural Resources Department	Collaborative Management of Headwaters: A Key to Ensuring Valley Resource Sustainability	Chris Jones, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District



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2:10 PM	<b>Session 8a: Past Wisdom, Future Goals</b>		<b>Session 8b: Permitting Power and Protecting Species</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Nathan Pence, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority</b>		<b>Session Chair: Nick Morgan, The Conservation Fund</b>	
	HCP's – the Good and the Bad...	Angela Angove, Pierce County Planning and Public Works-Surface Water Management	The Northeast Utility Working Group: Banding together to streamline endangered species consultation for energy transmission infrastructure maintenance	Corey Schutzman, National Grid, Nick Ganacoplos, Eversource, and Melanie Berger, Environmental Solutions & Innovations
	Recipe for a Successful HCP	Petrea Marchand, Consero Solutions	Bat Habitat Conservation Plan for Large-Scale Vegetation Management – Duke Energy's 7-State HCP	Brett Hartis, Duke Energy
	20 Years in Carlsbad	Adrienne Lee, Environmental Science Associates	California Condor Multi-party Wind Energy Resource Area HCP	Elise Anderson, EDF Renewable Energy, Camas LLC
2:50 PM	<b>Break - Crosby Ballroom A/ Salon A</b>			
3:20 PM	<b>Session 9a: Golden State Guardians: Exploring California HCPs</b>		<b>Session 9b: HCPs and Agency Partnerships</b>	
	<b>Session Chair: Adrienne Lee, Environmental Science Associates</b>		<b>Session Chair: Josh Renner, Williamson County Conservation Foundation</b>	
	Practicing Adaptive Management on the Fly: Managing for the Understudied and Federally Endangered Delhi Sands Flower-Loving Fly	Jonathan Reinig, Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority	What's the state got to do with it?	Darren Proppe, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
	A Tale of Two Co-occurring Birds: Different Management Strategies Revealed by Monitoring and Research	Kristine Preston, USGS/San Diego Management and Monitoring Program	HCPs Streamline ESA Listed Species Compliance Where Military Buildup is Occurring	Lily Sweikert and Erin Hitchcock, ICF
	HCP Implementation: A Perspective from Southern California on How to Effectively Manage Our Natural Resources	Milan Mitrovich, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District	Conserving Land, Reducing Miles: Land Conservation's Role in Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled and Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Aaron Gabbe, Western Riverside County and Liz O'Donoghue, Nature Conservancy of California
4:00 PM	<b>Closing Remarks /End of Day</b>		<b>Closing Remarks</b>	
		Abigail Fateman, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy		Nathan Pence, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority



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