



## California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition

### 2026 Annual Meeting

June 23, 2026, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

San Diego County Operations Center  
5560 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

*REMOTE: Meeting registrants will receive a link in advance of the meeting.*

#### **9:30-10:00** *Check-In for In-Person Attendees*

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#### **10:00-10:15** *Welcome/Keynote*

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**Welcome** *Stephanie Neal, County of San Diego*

**Keynote** *Katie Sawyer, San Diego Foundation*

#### **10:15-10:30** *California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition Updates*

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**Coalition Updates** *Aaron Gabbe, CHCPC Steering Committee*

#### **10:30-11:15** *Highlights on Southern California Habitat Conservation Plans*

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**County of San Diego Management and Monitoring Program: Vegetation Community Mapping** *Jennifer Price, County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation; Douglas Gordon-Blackwood, Environmental Science Associates; and Jaclyn Anderson, Environmental Science Associates*

**Partnerships to Pathways: Collaborating for Connected Landscapes**

*Harry Sandoval, Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority*

**City of Santee Subarea Plan: Thirty Years in the Making... Maybe**

*Sandi Sawa, City of Santee and Marni Borg, City of Santee*

#### **11:15-11:45** *Recognizing and Responding to Environmental Threats*

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**Expanding Detection Capacity for Forest Pests: Lessons from Goldspotted Oak Borer**

*Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources*

**Wildfire Suppression and Planning Actions for Restoring Communities and Species in the Southern California Ecoregion** *Austin Parker, San Diego Management and Monitoring Program*

#### **11:45-12:00** *Special Presentation from USFWS*

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#### **12:00-1:00** **LUNCH BREAK** *Lunch provided for in-person attendees on the rooftop at 5520 Overland Ave*

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#### **1:00-1:30** *State Funding Updates*

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**NCCP and HCP Grants – NCCP Program** *Sara Keeler, CDFW*

#### **1:30-2:00** *Permits and Plan Amendments*

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**Amending a Habitat Conservation Plan** *Gerry Haas, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency*

**CDFW's Mitigation Credit Agreement (MCA) Subprogram: Benefits and Opportunities for HCPs** *Joanna Gibson, Upper SAR Sustainable Resources Alliance - San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District & Milan Mitrovich, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District*

**2:00-2:30 Connectivity**

**Planning Across HCPs for Regional Connectivity with Genetic Case Studies to Assess the Landscape’s Permeability,** *Emily Perkins, US Geological Survey and San Diego Management and Monitoring Program*

**Leveraging Transportation Funding to Achieve Conservation Outcomes** *Peter Satin, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission*

**2:30-2:45 AFTERNOON BREAK**

**2:45-3:00 Monitoring and Adaptive Management**

**Approach to Integrating a Public Access Framework in a Regional HCP** *Stephanie Neal, County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services*

**Employing a Regional Framework for Management and Monitoring to Achieve Conservation Goals** *Kristine Preston, US Geological Survey and San Diego Management and Monitoring Program*

**Supporting Lagoon Restoration: Using Remote Sensing to Prioritize Watershed-Scale Invasive Plant Surveys** *Sonya Vargas & Jason Nielsen, Environmental Science Associates*

**3:30-3:50 Updates from Regional Conservation Plans**

Round-robin updates from staff of conservation plans (~2 min. each)

**3:50-4:00 Closing Remarks and Field Trip Details**



Meeting Location:  
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Operations Center  
5560 Overland Ave.,  
San Diego**



- LEGEND
- Walkway from Parking to Meeting Location
  - ★ Meeting Location
  - - - Driving route to Parking Structure and Campus Parking
  - Visitor Parking

**Directions:**

**From North or South (Airport):**  
From **Hwy 163**, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd., eastbound. Turn left (north) onto Overland Ave.  
From **I-15**, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd., westbound.

**From East or West:**  
From **Hwy 52**, exit onto Ruffin Rd. headed southbound. Turn right into parking structure.

**Parking:** To access parking structure from Overland Ave., turn right onto Farnham Street. Parking structure is on the right.

**No-Host Happy Hour @ 5pm**

**Societe Brewing Company**  
Old Town Tap Room  
2415 San Diego Ave, #111  
San Diego, CA 92110