



**PROGRAM SUMMARY**  
**July 15, 2014**  
**California Endowment, Los Angeles**

- 9:00 **Registration**
- 10:00 **Welcome** **Yosemite Hall**  
*Darla Guenzler, California Council of Land Trusts*
- 10:15 **State and Federal Director's Update**  
*James G. Kenna, Bureau of Land Management*  
*Kevin Hunting, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife*
- 10:45 **Agricultural Land Stewardship Planning**  
*Kamyar Guivetchi, California Department of Water Resources*
- 11:15 **Break**
- 11:30 **Improving How Mitigation Works**  
*Darla Guenzler, California Council of Land Trusts*
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 12:00 **CDFW Special Workshop (for CDFW Staff only)** **Joshua Tree Room**  
This working session is for California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff only. CDFW staff should proceed directly to their designated classroom. Lunch will be available in the classroom.
- 1:30 **Concurrent Workshops-Track A**
- A1. Regional Advanced Mitigation Plans** **Cabrillo Room**  
Transportation and infrastructure projects have historically used a piecemeal approach to assess and mitigate project impacts. A more comprehensive approach to mitigation planning is now being used by some agencies that better integrates development with conservation planning. This workshop will focus on the national, state and regional efforts to apply "regional advanced mitigation plans" (RAMP) for improved planning and implementation.

*Dennis Grossman (Strategic Growth Council), Elizabeth O'Donoghue (The Nature Conservancy), and Melanie Schlotterbeck (Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks)*

**A2. NCCPS: Best Practices and Lessons Learned Catalina Room**

**Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCPs)** are an unprecedented effort by the State of California, and numerous private and public partners, that take a broad-based ecosystem approach to planning for the protection and perpetuation of biological diversity. Learn about best practices and lessons learned since the inception of this effort.

*Kim Delfino (Defenders of Wildlife), Brenda Johnson (California Department of Fish and Wildlife), and Sean Skaggs (Ebbin, Moser, and Skaggs LLP)*

**A3. Mitigation-Related Policies and Critical Issues\* Mojave Room**

Effective mitigation projects require detailed and extensive policies. In addition, there are critical issues that arise that can affect project work. Hear from experts in the field who can speak to these policies and issues.

*Al Jahns (Attorney), Patrick G. Mitchell (Mitchell Chadwick), and Ron Ramont (Merrill Lynch)*

2:45 **Refreshment Break**

3:00 **Concurrent Workshops-Track B**

**B1. Best Practices for Solar Projects and Mitigation\*\* Cabrillo Room**

Solar projects are designed to meet California's clean energy goals. Learn about best practices and new developments in the field of solar projects and mitigation.

*Gordon Hart (Paul Hastings), Arthur Haubenstock (Perkins Coie)*

**B2. State and Federal Processes and Requirements for Mitigation and Endowment Holders Yosemite Hall**

SB 1094 and its predecessors delineate the requirements for mitigation properties and endowments. Learn about approval reporting process for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition, hear about federal requirements.

*Therese O'Rourke Bradford (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Jeff Brandt (California Department of Fish and Wildlife)*

**B3. Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Update Mojave Room**

The Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan is a major component of the renewable energy planning efforts for the state of California. Hear an update from the Lead Biological Consultant for the DRECP.

*Mike Howard (Dudek)*

4:00 **Summit Closes**

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES/CONTACT INFORMATION

*Many thanks to our speakers for sharing their valuable time and expertise with this year's Summit participants. Working together, we can improve mitigation in California.*

**THERESE O'ROURKE BRADFORD** is Regulatory Division, South Coast Branch Chief, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She has worked in some aspect of natural resources management for over 35 years. Therese's federal career includes seven years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, five years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 13 years with the U.S. Forest Service and two years with the Peace Corps. She has also worked for several non-profits: the Nature Conservancy, American Forests, and Michigan Citizens Lobby. In the early 1990's she owned and operated a small urban forestry consulting company. She has worked at the municipal, state, federal and international levels. Her experience ranges from large scale environmental planning to individual tree planting. Her career focus is maximizing conservation with the smallest expenditure of paperwork and time. She has a degree in Forestry with a minor in Communications from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in Biogeochemistry with an emphasis in Environmental Economics from George Mason University.

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**KIM DELFINO** is the California Program Director for Defenders of Wildlife. Kim's areas of expertise include: Environmental law, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and California conservation issues

Kim oversees the work of Defenders' six-person California program team in protecting and restoring California's imperiled wildlife and the places in which they live. Since joining Defenders in 2000, Kim co-authored the revision of the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act and helped create the Salton Sea Coalition and Defenders' California desert program. She was also one of the key leaders in establishing the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition. Core California program issues include restoration of the Salton Sea; promoting wildlife conservation on agricultural and ranch lands, particularly in the Central Valley; protecting California's desert; promoting regional conservation planning; and protecting California's coastal waters. Kim was a co-author of the 2008 report, 'Economic Oasis: Revealing the True Value of the Mojave Desert'.

Before joining Defenders of Wildlife, Kim worked for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group as a staff attorney and for CALPIRG as Legislative Director. She began her career as an associate attorney in Washington, D.C. with the public interest law firm of Meyer & Glitzenstein, where she specialized in cases involving the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and other environmental laws including NEPA.

Kim Delfino holds a B.A. in Political Science, Public Service (Environmental Policy Emphasis) from the University of California-Davis and a J.D., cum laude, from McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific.

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**DR. DENNIS GROSSMAN, Ph.D.** is the Senior Advisor for Environmental Science and Policy at the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). This position will provide coordination for development and implementation of Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP) programs for the State of California. It will also focus on the application of the RAMP approach to address the environmental assessment and mitigation components for High Speed Rail.

Dr. Grossman comes to SGC after providing science and policy leadership in non-profit conservation organizations for the past 25 years. Prior positions include Senior Scientist at the Conservation Biology Institute, Senior Environmental Policy Advisor for The Nature Conservancy, Vice President for Science at NatureServe, and Chief Ecologist at The Nature Conservancy.

Dr. Grossman is a recognized authority on biodiversity and ecological assessments, conservation planning, and the evaluation of environmental impacts. He has made significant contributions to the classification and mapping of terrestrial, freshwater and coastal/marine ecosystems, and the advancement of conservation and resource management decisions through the integration of ecosystem and landscape approaches. In recent years, Dr. Grossman has focused on the application of scientific knowledge and decision support technology to improve the effectiveness of sustainable development and conservation decision making processes. He has advanced the environmental planning and assessment capabilities of multi-lateral financial institutions, development agencies and corporations through the application of these approaches. Dr. Grossman is co-chair of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Section of the International Association for Impact Assessment.

Dr. Grossman earned his Ph.D. in Plant Ecology from the University of Hawaii through the East-West Center Environment and Policy Institute. He completed M.S. and B.S. degrees in Botany at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

**DARLA GUENZLER, Ph.D.** is the Executive Director of the California Council of Land Trusts. She leads the Council's policy and law, communications, education and research programs. She founded the California Conservation Law Forum. She wrote the first laws in the nation to protect conservation easements in the condemnation process and to guide endowment management for mitigation properties. She has led numerous policy, research and collaborative projects on improving the use and management of land protection and management tools, as well as developing regional conservation plans and funding strategies. Darla was the first researcher to explore the stewardship of conservation easements. She has written on the use of charitable trusts to manage natural resources, including co-authoring a book entitled Conservation Trusts (published by University of Kansas press) and her master's thesis; her dissertation is on the use of conservation easements to meet regulatory objectives.

Darla is a frequent instructor and speaker on land and water conservation. She holds a Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley, in City and Regional Planning with specializations in land conservation, land use planning and environmental policy. In addition, she holds Masters degrees in City and Regional Planning and in Landscape Architecture, and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.

**KAMYAR GUIVETCHI** is Manager of the Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management. He was appointed in August 2008 with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR); and before that managed DWR's Strategic Water Planning since November 2000. During his 36 years with DWR, Kamyar has worked on many technical and planning projects with the North-Central Region Office, Division of Planning, Bay-Delta Office, and the Division of Environmental Services as Manager of the Suisun Marsh Program.

More recently, Kamyar managed DWR staff work and coordinated the participation of numerous government agencies, Native American Tribes, stakeholders, and public to prepare the California Water Plan Updates 2005, 2009 and 2013 using a collaborative and consensus-seeking approach. He now chairs the 28-member State Agency Steering Committee for Water Plan Update 2013 and co-chairs the California Biodiversity Council's Executive Committee.

Kamyar has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and completed post graduate work in Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Davis; and is a California-registered Civil Engineer.

**GORDON E. HART** is a partner in the Real Estate practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's San Francisco office. He focuses on environmental and land use law, and government advocacy. His practice includes permitting, enforcement, transactional and litigation issues on behalf of real estate developers, energy project developers, commercial property owners, public agencies, manufacturers, and environmental service and waste management companies.

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**ARTHUR L. HAUBENSTOCK** is Senior Counsel at Perkins Coie. He guides clients through highly regulated markets, helping them overcome regulatory hurdles and obtain the approvals and agreements needed to bring state-of-the-art energy projects on line. Arthur leads new energy law and policy development to support clients' business objectives. His diverse background includes private, public, regulated utility and in-house experience, including securing high-level federal and state government support and permits for the landmark Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System and its associated transmission. Arthur has achieved success with a wide range of significant multi-party and multi-agency negotiations, including resolution of conflicts associated with California's Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU), development of the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, settlement of one of the largest Superfund sites, and cleanup and restoration of the Bolsa Chica wetlands and the Unocal Guadalupe dunes after decades of petroleum spills.

Arthur is a senior counsel in Perkins Coie's Environment, Energy & Resources practice, and is based in San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

Arthur focuses on heavily regulated industries, creating the conditions for their success, obtaining the approvals needed for their projects, and addressing compliance issues. Before joining Perkins Coie, he served as vice president of regulatory affairs at BrightSource Energy, Inc. While there, Arthur negotiated and obtained approval of power purchase agreements, secured federal and state energy and environmental permits, resolved compliance matters, negotiated settlements and led regulatory and legislative efforts.

Previously, Arthur worked for Pacific Gas & Electric Company, where he was responsible for proceedings regarding California's energy market design, resource adequacy and renewable energy at the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). His public sector experience includes a decade-long tenure with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, as assistant regional counsel. His areas of responsibility included clean air, solid and hazardous waste, and toxics, including the cleanup and redevelopment of major Superfund and oilfield sites, approval of state and tribal environmental programs, and public-private partnerships.

Arthur maintains an active profile in several prominent renewable energy industry groups, including as a board member of the Center for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Technology (CEERT), as an advisory board member of the Vote Solar Initiative, and serving as vice-chair of the Solar Energy Industry Association's Utility-Scale Power division.

**MIKE HOWARD** is a senior biologist with Dudek, which is a mid-sized, California-based environmental consulting and engineering firm. Mike has a master's degree in applied ecology and an undergraduate degree in environmental studies and ecology from UC Santa Barbara. He has been working in environmental consulting for over 15 years specializing in regional conservation planning, natural resource assessment, and regulatory permitting. For the past 4 years, Mike has served as the lead conservation biologist and deputy project manager for the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

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He has been a key figure in renewable energy and wildlife policy and represents DFG and the state on the Western Governor's Wildlife Council, the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Climate Adaptation Strategy steering committee, and a number of other state and federal initiatives effecting wildlife and conservation policy in California. (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov>).

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**ALFRED F. JAHNS** has practiced in the areas of natural resources, energy and environmental law for more than 35 years. He has advised and represented clients in land and water conservation transactions; fish and wildlife species and habitat conservation (including endangered species protection and associated habitat conservation transactions); air quality regulation; water resource development and water quality regulation; hazardous and toxic substance management; energy resources



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**DR. BRENDA JOHNSON** is the statewide Program Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Landscape Conservation Planning Program. She is based in Sacramento, where she oversees the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Program, as well as the Conservation and Mitigation Banking Program. Brenda received her Ph.D. in Ecology from UC Davis in 1992, where her training as a conservation biologist focused on the combined effects of demography, sociality, and genetics on bird conservation. She now applies her broad expertise to landscape conservation policy and integrated planning in California.

**JAMES KENNA** is State Director, California Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Kenna began his Federal career as a wildland firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service in Prescott, Arizona. Through his career, he has been involved in all facets of the BLM's multiple-use management mission.

Prior to becoming California State Director, Mr. Kenna served in numerous key agency positions, including Associate State Director in Oregon, Deputy Assistant Director for Resources and Planning in Washington, D.C., Budget Analyst for the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., and Field Manager of the BLM's Palm Springs Field Office in California. He was the BLM's Arizona State Director from January 2009 to September 2011.

While working in the Federal government, Mr. Kenna has contributed his leadership and planning skills to many important initiatives and conservation efforts. He provided his leadership in establishing Service First and Stewardship Contracting initiatives and in coordinating Federal, state and local land use planning processes balancing community needs, water rights and conservation of multiple species in southern California.

During his time as Palm Springs Field Manager, he worked with communities and tribes leading to the establishment of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and worked with the Border Area Fire Council in San Diego to address international border security, fire response, public safety and ecological issues. He also coordinated a national conservation strategy for sagebrush habitats with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the Western Governors Association.

Most recently, he has led the state's efforts at renewable energy development and developed a partnership with California state agencies to coordinate and streamline management of important resources on the coast.

Mr. Kenna has a bachelor's degree in economics from Prescott College in Arizona. When not at work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons hiking, rafting, reading and enjoying music.

**PATRICK G. MITCHELL** is a partner at Mitchell Chadwick. His practice focuses on mining, land use and environmental issues. His clients include many of the largest multinational and national mining

companies in the world. He is recognized throughout California as the top mining attorney in the state. He has also worked on permitting some of the largest residential and commercial development projects ever approved in California. His primary work is for the California mining industry. He has also permitted wind farms, landfills, port expansions, residential, commercial and industrial projects over the years. He led the legal team regarding the largest agricultural conservation easement in California history of prime agricultural land. He has also worked on permitting and compliance work for wildlife and wetland mitigation banks.

Patrick has worked on several hundred mining and public land projects over the years on issues such as mine permitting; due diligence review for mine purchases/sales; mining lease and sale agreements; mine title issues; hazardous materials and hazardous waste issues; California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) reclamation plans, permits, annual filings, compliance, and Department of Conservation and State Mining and Geology Board appeal issues.

He has also worked on U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service plans of operation, final reclamation compliance, inspections, and annual filing requirements; road and utility rights-of-ways; State Lands Commission exploration permit and mining leases, school land issues and title settlement agreements; streambed alteration agreements/wetlands (404 and 401) permits; waste discharge requirements; endangered species act permits (2081 and 2090, sections 7 and 10a); wildlife mortality issues; private mineral ownership disputes; federal mining claim issues, title issues, and mine claim contest actions; and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of EIRs, EIS', mitigated negative declarations and EA/FONSI's.

Patrick's experience with mining issues involves most California counties (including the county planning and environmental health departments), the California Division of Mines and Geology, the California State Lands Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. He also has extensive experience with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, several Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

His expertise encompasses work on over 200 different mine sites, involving underground, open pit, in-stream, and quarry mines involving gold, talc, clay, limestone, marble, gypsum, hectorite, garnet, iron, geothermal, lightweight aggregate, silica, soda ash, tourmaline, decomposed granite, sand and gravel, and crushed rock mines.

Patrick earned his B.A. with honors from California State University, Fullerton in 1983 with a double major and his J.D. degree in the top 25% of his class in 1986 from University of California, Davis School of Law.

**ELIZABETH O'DONOGHUE** is the Director of Infrastructure and Land Use at The Nature Conservancy. Liz oversees The Nature Conservancy's California Chapter's policy agenda on infrastructure development and land use, innovative mitigation approaches, strategic growth and integration with natural resource protection and is The Nature Conservancy's co-lead on transportation policy. Liz currently serves on the Bay Area Open Space Council's Advisory Council, Climate Plan's Steering Committee and Greenbelt Alliance's Policy Advisory Committee. From 2006 – 2009, Liz served as the Director of External Affairs, where she oversaw the California program's engagements with government and stakeholders at the federal, state, county, and local levels. From 1999 – 2006, Liz worked at the western regional headquarters of Amtrak, first as Director of Communications, Government, and Public Affairs, then as

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**MELANIE SCHLOTTERBECK, CMP** is Green Vision Outreach Coordinator for Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks. In 2005, Melanie became the outreach coordinator for Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks' Green Vision Project which consists of over 80 supporting organizations. She links the groups to county issues, provides regular updates, and organizes several workshops for the coalition each year. In 2006, she coordinated the wide-ranging support from conservation and community groups and assisted with negotiations for Renewed Measure M's comprehensive mitigation program. She now sits on the Orange County Transportation Authority's Environmental Oversight Committee, as its Vice Chair and represents more than 30 supporting organizations. The Committee oversees the \$243.5 million environmental mitigation program.

**SEAN C. SKAGGS** specializes in legal and policy matters involving state and federal wildlife and natural resources law. He has worked extensively on matters involving endangered species, including the development of Habitat Conservation Plans and section 7 consultations. Prior to starting his firm in 2002, Mr. Skaggs served for ten years as an attorney and policy adviser with the US Department of the Interior. While at the Interior Department, he was responsible for a number of significant Departmental priorities, including promulgation of several endangered species regulations and policies such as the No Surprise Rule and the Safe Harbor Rule.

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