



Thoughts on Improving Mitigation

Key Questions and Future Directions

Where We Are

1. Conservation Outcomes
2. Massive Public Infrastructure Programs
3. Long-Term Funding
4. Permanence
5. Mitigation as New Funds
6. Mitigation Not Just Habitat



Conservation Outcomes

History: ad hoc, scattershot, piece-meal

Long-term ecological viability, management efficiencies

- NCCP/HCP
- Mitigation banks
- Augmenting existing protected areas
- Regional advanced mitigation (RAMP)

Stewardship or Restoration

- BIm – restoration not acquisition – need evaluation outcomes
- Manage larger landscapes – include non-mitg lands



Massive Public Infrastructure Programs

Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

High-Speed Rail

- **Some resources/landscapes low on land to mitigate**
- **Challenge to proximity**

Long-Term Funding

Right amount of money in the endowment

- Best calculation practices

Long-term funding is essential

- Endowments
- Need for long-term fundraising

Alternatives to endowments?

- Different interests

Restrictions for local governments not designed for mitigation

Permanence

Efforts to change meaning of permanence

- Truly short-term - construction impact that is immediately restored

vs

- “30 years is temporary, not permanent”



Mitigation as New Funds

Mitigation as “found” money

- Use for other local needs
- Rock and hard place

New Funding for Public Agencies

- New source at time of dwindling bond funds?



Mitigation is Not Just Habitat

Farmland

- Need for local governments to create programs

Local Recreation: Quimby Act

- Expand service areas
- Expand definition of parks
- Disincentives for on-site park facilities, dedications
- Adjust fee deferrals
- Realistic in-lieu fee schedules



Your Thoughts on
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