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# Welcome and Thank you to our Sponsors

Pamela Heatherington, ECO Center of San Diego

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# AGENDA

10:00 OPEN Summit

Pamela Heatherington, Environmental Center of San Diego  
Speaker: CA Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher

10:45

An Environmental Vision for San Diego: Quality of Life Coalition

11:30

Meaningful Action on Climate Change

12:15

Lunch Break

1:15

Housing: Where Will We Live?

2:00

Preserving Wildlife, Habitat, and Open Space

2:45

Water Resources: Safe to Swim?

3:15

Wrap up and set direction

4:00-6:00

Reception

California Assemblymember  
**Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher**

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# How Panels will proceed

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- Moderator will announce.
- Panelists will present.
- During/after panel **please submit questions on index cards to an organizer.**
- Last 10 minutes of panel will be responses to questions.
- Please respect the time cards!



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# Quality of Life

## An Environmental Vision for San Diego: Quality of Life Coalition

### **Moderator:**

Lydia Van Note, IBEW Local 569

### **Panelists:**

Brigette Browning, UNITE HERE, Local 30

Jasmin Zafra, Mid-City CAN

Ana Reynoso, Environmental Health Coalition

Gretchen Newsom, Political Director, IBEW Local  
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# Climate Change

Meaningful Action on Climate Change.

**Moderator:**

Eve Simmons, Green Flash

**Panelists:**

Julia Chunn-Heer, Surfrider Foundation, SD

Mike Bullock, Sierra Club

Jan Chatten-Brown, Sierra Club

Nicole Capretz, Climate Action Campaign

# Lunch and Climate Part II

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## Speakers

Derek Casady, Climate mobilization

Peter Andersen, Sierra Club

George Courser, Sierra Club

Dave Grubb, ECO San Diego





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# Housing

Housing: Where will we live?

**Moderator:**

Joe LaCava, Build Better San Diego

**Panelists:**

Marco Gonzalez, Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation

Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa, Director of Planning and  
Development, SD Building Trades Council Family Housing  
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Dr. NeySa Ely, San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance



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# Wildlife Habitat

## Wildlife, Habitat, and Open Space

### **Moderator:**

Laura Hunter, Wildlife Habitat Conservation Coalition

### **Panelists:**

Cara Lacey, The Nature Conservancy

Michael Beck, Endangered Habitats Conservancy

Diane Nygaard, Preserve Calavera



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# Wildlife Habitat

## Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Coalition

### Members:

Buena Vista Audubon Society      California Native Plant Society, SD  
The Chaparral Lands Conservancy      Chaparral Institute  
Cleveland National Forest Fd      Endangered Habitats League  
Escondido Neighbors United      The Nature Conservancy  
Palomar Audubon Society      Preserve Calavera  
Preserve Wild Santee      Environmental Center of San Diego  
San Diego Audubon Society      San Diego Coastkeeper  
Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter      WildCOAST  
Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association



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# Water Quality

## Water Quality and Supply

### Panelists and Topics

Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg, San Diego Audubon Society

Matt O'Malley, San Diego Coastkeeper

Marco Gonzalez, Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation



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## Wrap Up Setting the Direction

1. Review panel summaries. Share omissions, conflicts, or concerns.
2. How should we move forward from here?
3. Announcements, final comments
4. Please turn in evaluation forms
5. **All-Important GROUP PHOTO for posterity**
6. Go to the Reception- Turn in your ticket for a free hat drawing.

# Summit Goals

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- ❖ To feature and celebrate the coalition-based environmental efforts to date.
- ❖ To cultivate broader collaboration to grow more power and influence to achieve important environmental, economic, housing, transportation, climate, and sustainability goals.
- ❖ To invite all organizations to **forge and affirm a collective vision to provide direction for environmental leadership** for a San Diego Environmental Vision 2018

# Quality of Life

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- **Advocate and secure funding for no-cost youth transit passes** throughout San Diego County. Promote safety, access to opportunity and lifelong ridership habits in youth while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Ensuring equitable implementation of AB805**, a bill that radically shifts the power of transportation planning in San Diego. Advocating for implementation efforts under SANDAG's Sustainable Communities Strategy that ensure emission reduction strategies prioritize disadvantaged communities. Identifying and advocating for increased pedestrian safety measures for dangerous and neglected intersections in City Heights.
- **Equitable transit operations and fare structures** that provide people of all ages with access to the transportation essential for a quality life and develops long-term sustainable transit habits. Advocate and secure funding for no-cost youth transit passes throughout San Diego County. Promote safety, access to opportunity and lifelong ridership habits in youth while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Access and affordability for coastal hotel development.**
- **Provide training and work opportunities for County residents through Project Labor Agreements** for both clean energy and transportation development. The PLAs will have three key provisions: 1) participation in state-approved joint labor-management apprenticeship; 2) local hire with enforceable standards targeting vulnerable communities and populations, like veterans.

# Climate

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- Adopt binding and enforceable Climate Action Plans in every city in San Diego County with 100% clean energy targets
- Implement Community Choice Energy to restore power and profits back to the community, as well as lower rates and accelerate local clean energy and local middle-class job creation
- Ensure funding is prioritized to transportation projects in local governments that have adopted quality and enforceable Climate Action Plans, including the County of San Diego.
- Adopt Light-Duty Vehicle (LDV) driving-reduction targets that, when combined with reasonably-anticipated fleet efficiency, will achieve a safe climate-stabilization greenhouse gas emission target; have measure implemented that improve the way drivers pay for parking, as was described in the 100% successful law suit against the County's now-rescinded CAP.
- Work with all local coastal cities to plan for Sea Level Rise proactively, with a trigger based approach based on community priorities.
- Inspire an expanding and consequential climate movement in San Diego County



# Housing

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Develop a New Funding Stream to Build Affordable Housing near Transit Sites

Secure New Funding Stream(s) for Permanent Supportive Housing

Secure New Funding Stream(s) to Build Affordable Housing near Transit

Transit authorities (SANDAG, MTS, NCTD) to develop housing on transit parking lots

Reduce parking standards for infill housing.

Enable spending for a funding set-aside for development of affordable homes, require transit authorities to secure spending authority for housing.

Build support for general plan and community plan updates in urban core that provide increased density where there is true access to mass transit.

Build support for in-fill housing in the larger environmental community.

Increase urban bike, walk, and park infrastructure that will make higher density development more attractive and healthy.

# Wildlife Habitat Conservation

- **Preserve and protect the San Diego County General Plan** and defeat inappropriate projects such as Newland Sierra, Highlands Safari Ranch, Lilac Hills, Harmony Grove South, and Fanita Ranch.
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- **Regional Habitat Plans:** Secure adoption of an effective North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan, initiate East County MSCP and complete City of San Diego Vernal Pool HCP.
  - Secure a path forward for a **regional funding source** for the NCCPs/HCPs, secure funds for buyout of critical habitat lands.
  - Pass SB 5- Parks and Water Bond- June 2018 ballot?
  - **Protect and Restore Linkages** (specifically in Eastern San Diego County and Temecula) by deterring sprawl through evaluating land use mechanisms like Transfer of Development Rights/Credits and incorporate nature's benefits into land use decisions through regional conservation investments. Find solutions for projects like Village 13, 14 that will protect critically significant habitat and connectivity areas.
  - **Advocate for re-initiation of East County MSCP** and **improve protections for East County** public lands like the Cleveland National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands.
  - Create a **plan for responding to climate change** that preserves the biological diversity of our region.
  - **Explore, develop, and offer expanded opportunities** for residents and volunteers to participate in citizen science, nature walks, and healthful outdoor experiences, with focused outreach to underserved communities, youth, and their families.
  - Develop our collective ability to work towards **integration and mutual support** of goals of **environmental justice, labor, and climate environmentalists.**

# Water Resources

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**Protect and Enhance Regional Water Quality** through increased attention to storm water permit compliance, particularly within communities of color and where discharges contribute to impairments of receiving waters.

**Fund improvements/expand maintenance of storm water systems** to provide more opportunity for infiltration, to promote habitat values, and to prevent trash and other pollutants from being carried to sensitive receiving waters.

Promote projects that result in **multiple regional benefits** through the capture and reuse of stormwater as a meaningful and sustainable local water supply.

Create a “water supply loading order” that **prioritizes conservation and local water reclamation** for potable reuse over more-costly and environmentally damaging alternatives such as increased imported water and desalination.

**Promote living shoreline and other habitat restoration** projects that improve water quality along the coast and in our bays/estuaries.

# Requests for mutual support

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- **QOL/TRANSPORTATION:** We request that groups interested in transportation opportunities for youth connect with our organization to leverage our strengths
- **QOL/EJ:** Grassroots support and partnerships on transportation justice issues in some of our most disadvantaged communities: City Heights, Barrio Logan, Sherman Heights and National City
- **QOL/LABOR:** Set up solidarity agreements with partners. Identify projects where labor and the environmental community negotiate both good labor agreements and environmental wins together so the outcome is both economic justice, job creation and environmental successes.
- **QOL:** Policy expertise on transportation and energy best practices, governance and policy implementation.
- **QOL:** Consistent engagement with the Quality of Life Coalition meetings.

# Requests for mutual support

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- **CLIMATE:** Start attending public workshops in the coastal cities currently planning for Sea Level Rise adaptation (Del Mar, Imperial Beach and Carlsbad) to voice your concerns as a member of the beach-going public. Several other coastal cities are right behind them in this effort and will need your support.
- **CLIMATE:** Contact your elected representatives and support them in efforts to pass meaningful climate legislation in our communities
- **WILDLIFE:** We request that all groups interested in quality of life, economic and environmental justice, and climate champions learn more about and support nature, wildlife species, and habitat preservation as they prepare and pursue their agendas.
- **WILDLIFE:** We request that all groups communicate with us when they have questions about our activities and projects or need support for their own goals.
- **HOUSING:** Build support for in-fill housing in the larger environmental community.
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