

SAN DIEGO ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

October 14, 2017

Wyndham San Diego Bayside

1355 N Harbor Drive

San Diego, CA 92101

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AGENDA

10:00 OPEN Summit

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

1:15

Where Will We Live? Housing Panel

2:00

Preserving Wildlife, Habitat, and Open Space

2:45

Water Resources: Can We Swim In It?

3:15 Wrap up and set direction

4:00-6:00

Reception

Thank-you to Our Generous Sponsors

Golden Eagle

Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation

Briggs Law Corporation

IBEW Local 569

UNITE HERE Local 30

Burrowing Owl

San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action

Quino Checkerspot Butterfly

Preserve Calavera

San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance

Environmental Center of San Diego

<u>Goals for the First Annual Environmental</u> <u>Leadership Summit</u>

- 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

PARTICIPANTS

350.org

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Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County, State

Issue Areas of Focus:: We strive to create a future that supports a livable planet and just society through education and outreach, public policy advocacy, and mobilizing people to take action.

- 1. Climate Action Plans/Community Choice Energy
- 2. Transportation
- 3. State legislation

Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation

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sandquist2@earthlink.net (760) 931-0800

The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and protection of Batiquitos Lagoon.

Briggs Law Corporation

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(619) 497-0021

Environmental Issues Areas:

CEQA, land use, and government transparency

Buena Vista Audubon

Website: https://bvaudubon.org/

Contact: Natalie Shapiro, <u>bloomingtrillium@yahoo.com</u> (406) 241-2153

Geographic Area of Focus: North County SD

Issue Areas of Focus:

- Advocacy on local and regional land use & conservation issues;
- 2. Education on conservation;
- 3. Land acquisition & mgt.

Priorities for 2018:

- Implement restoration & management activities on two new parcels of land;
- 2. Capacity building in terms of staffing, fundraising & outreach.

Chatten-Brown & Carstens

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Environmental Issue Areas: CEQA, Land use, water, ESA and other Environmental federal and state laws.

The Clay Company

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Cleveland National Forest Foundation

Website: www.transitsandiego.org

Contact: Duncan McFetridge, sofar@nethere.com;

(619) 659-8962

Geographic Area of Focus: Southern California; San Diego County; Cleveland National Forest (San Diego County portions)

Issue Areas of Focus:

Increased urban infill and develop an effective transit network with light rail at its core; limit development within the backcountry, including Cleveland National Forest land.

- Transit-first approach to SANDAG's 2019 Regional Transportation Plan based largely on the "Urban Transit Strategy" authored by independent transit experts.
- 2. feasible plan to double-track the Coaster and underground station at UTC,.
- 3. Promote urban growth boundaries as a strategy to address housing needs and Climate Action Plan

Climate Action Campaign

Organization Website: www.climateactioncampaign.org

Contact: Sophie Wolfram, <u>sophie@climateactioncampaign.org</u> (914) 715-2451

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County

Issue Areas of Focus: Climate change, social equity, renewable energy, sustainable transportation

Priorities for 2018:

- 1. Achieve adoption of Community Choice in 6 cities in San Diego region
- 2. Pass revenue measure to boost regional and urban transit network.
- 3. Pass revenue measure to increase affordable housing for all.

Coast Law Group LLP

Website: <u>www.coastlawgroup.com</u>

Contact: Marco A. Gonzalez, Managing Partner, <u>marco@coastlawgroup.com</u> (760) 942-8505 x102

Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation

Website: www.cerf.org

Contact: Marco Gonzalez; marco@cerf.org;

<mark>(</mark>760) 942-8505

Geographic Area of Focus: Coastal California

Issue Areas of Focus: Legislation, water quality, water supply, anti-sprawl land use, affordable housing/infill development, transit, climate change

Priorities for 2018

- 1. Stormwater runoff policy and enforcement.
- 2. City of SD community plan updates (focused on CAP compliance), Pure Water.

DeLano & DeLano

Website: www.delanoanddelano.com

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Environmental Issue Areas: Land Use and Environmental Law

Endangered Habitats League

Website: ehleague.org

Contact: Michael Beck, San Diego Director beckehl@icloud.com; (619) 846-3003

Geographic Area of Focus: Primarily So. Cal.

Issue Areas of Focus: Biodiversity, Land Use

Priorities for 2018:

- 1. State/federal conservation funding
- 2. County General Plan amendments
- 3. County MSCP-N

Environmental Health Coalition

Website: http://www.environmentalhealth.org/

Contact: AnaReynoso, <u>ehc@environmentalhealth.org</u> (619) 474-0220

Mission: Environmental Health Coalition is dedicated to achieving **environmental and social justice**. We believe that justice is accomplished by empowered communities acting together to make social change. We organize and advocate to protect public health and the environment threatened by toxic pollution. EHC supports broad efforts that create a just society and fosters a healthy and sustainable quality of life.

Environmental Center of San Diego

Website: <u>wwwandiegoeco.org</u>

Contact: Pamela Heatherington,

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Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County

Issue Areas of Focus: ECO San Diego seeks to support networking around issues important to the environment, offer support to newly formed community groups, and provided education, lobbying, and legal support for the issues we care about. ECO San Diego will 'do what it takes' to protect the environment!

- 1. Secure ReWild or comparable plan to restore DeAnza cove wetlands.
- 2. Implement the Princess Beach access in La Jolla.
- 3. Produce an Environmental Summit 2018.

Escondido Chamber of Citizens

Website: EscondidoChamberofCitizens.com

Contact: Christine Nava <u>christinenava@hotmail.com</u> (760) 715 9053

Geographic Area of Focus: Escondido, Sphere of Influence, north SD County

Issue Areas of Focus: Climate Change

- Prioritized Climate Change Action. Continue public outreach, produce active local Events/Entertainment venues and promote active public education.
- 2. Prepare items for monthly ACT Newsletters and invite Escondido City Council to adopt Community Choice Energy.
- 3. Sponsor a Volunteer booth during two annual Street Faire Festival Events in Escondido, with educational handout material, and develop kidfriendly coloring handouts for youth that relate to Climate Action. Photo booths and Displays.
- 4. Sponsor attendance at 2018 Eco-Summit Meeting, and share Event notices and technical materials from Eco-Summit Workshops with Member

The Escondido Creek Conservancy

Website: www.escondidocreek.org

Primary Contact: Ron Forster, <u>ronforstersd@gmail.com</u>, (619) 507-9405

Geographic area of Focus: Escondido Creek Watershed

Issue Areas of Focus: Habitat preservation & restoration, outdoor education, compatible use

- 1. Protect 1000 additional acres of the upperwatershed.
- 2. Expand community engagement in watershed habitat protection and restoration.
- 3. Collaboration to increase the reach and impact of our outdoor education programs.

Escondido Neighbors United

Website: http://www.escondidoneighborsunited.org

Contact: Laura Hunter, <u>earthlover@sbcglobal.net</u> (619) 997-9983

Geographic Area of Focus: Escondido and North County Inland

Issue Areas and Three Priorities for 2018:

- 1. Secure protective remedial actions to stop pollution exposures in Felicita Creek from waste from the Chatham Barrel Yard site and to stop the plume from expanding downstream.
- 2. Education and activate local residents with Weeders and Seeders program and remove invasive plants from Felicita Creek
- 3. Defeat the annexation and development Safari Highland Ranch development project on sensitive habitat lands.

Friends of Rose Creek

Website: www.saverosecreek.org

Contact: Karin Zirk, me@karinzirk.com, (858) 405-7503

Geographic Area of Focus: Rose Creek from the southern end of Marian Bear Park (near 15/Hwy 52) to Mission Bay Park in Pacific Beach.

Issue Areas of Focus: Our vision is for lower Rose Creek to be an open space park providing recreational and learning opportunities and a clean, healthy, aesthetically pleasing environment for residents, visitors, businesses, and native plants and animals, while serving as an accessible link for bicyclists and pedestrians to move between Rose Canyon Park, Marian Bear Park, Mission Bay Park, and surrounding communities. As part of the De Anza Revitalization Plan and the ReWild Mission Bay project, we are focused on wetlands creation at the mouth of Rose Creek and allowing Rose Creek to meander by altering the Rose Creek Channel from a strictly straight channel to one include natural curves.

IBEW Local 569

Website: http://www.ibew569.org/

(858) 264-8052

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County and Imperial County

Issue Areas of Focus: Labor and Environment: Support the electrification of our mass transit system and infrastructure to support electric vehicles executed by a trained and skilled workforce.

Priorities for 2018:

- 1. SANDAG Reform.
- 2. Secure organized labor policy language in County and Municipal Energy Plans.
- 3. Support the electrification of our mass transit system and infrastructure to support electric vehicles executed by a trained and skilled workforce

Mid-City CAN

Website: http://www.midcitycan.org/

Contact: Jasmin Zafra (619)-272-7582

Our mission is to create a safe, productive, and healthy community through collaboration, advocacy, and organizing.

North County Climate Change Alliance/Escondido Climate Action Alliance

Contact: Marian Sedio, marian-sedio@yahoo.com

(760) 749-8504

The North County Climate Change Alliance is a volunteerdriven, grassroots, non-partisan, non-profit organization working to empower people and organizations in North San Diego County to take action on climate change through education, collaboration and mobilization.

Ocean Beach Green Center

Website: oceanbeachgreencenter.org

Contact: Colleen Dietzel, <u>oceanbeachgreencenter@gmail.com</u> (619) 225-1083

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego

Issue Areas of Focus: To provide information to the public on environmental, animal rights, peace and social justice issues so they can become better educated and involved is supporting related organizations and causes.

- 1. Climate Change
- 2. Homeless Advocacy
- 3. Greening Ocean Beach

Preserve Calavera

Website: www.preservecalavera.org

Contact: Diane Nygaard, info@preservecalavera.org

(760) 724-3887

Geographic Area of Focus: Coastal north San Diego County

Issue Areas of Focus: Preserving and protecting the natural resources of coastal north county- emphasis on acquisition, restoration and management of natural lands; wildlife corridor protection; planning for climate change.

- 1. Build local volunteer engagement in preserving natural lands.
- 2. Improve community understanding of value of and threats to native plants and wildlife.
- 3. Complete third CA Naturalist training program.

San Diego Audubon Society

(ReWild Mission Bay)

Website: <u>www.sandiegoaudubon.org</u>, <u>www.rewildmissionbay.org</u>

Contact: Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg Schwartz@sandiegoaudubon.org (310) 433-8410

Geographic Area of Focus: Mission Bay

Issue Areas of Focus: Habitat restoration

1-3 Priorities for 2018: (From the perspective of the Conservation Program)

- 1. Complete ReWild Mission Bay Feasibility Study
- 2. Advocate for additional wetlands restoration in the De Anza Revitalization Plan
- 3. Secure long-term funding mechanism for ongoing least tern habitat management in Mission Bay

San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council

Website: http://www.sdbuildingtrades.com/

Contact: Carol Kim, Carol@sdBuildingTrades.com,

(619) 521-2914.

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego

Issue Areas of Focus: Good jobs, affordable housing, clean energy and transportation

Priority for 2018: Affordable housing measure

San Diego Coastkeeper

Website: www.sdcoastkeeper.org

Contact: Matt O'Malley, matt@sdcoastkeeper.org,

(619) 758-7743

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County

Is**sue Areas of Focus:** San Diego Coastkeeper protects and restores fishable, swimmable, drinkable waters in San Diego County by utilizing education, outreach, science, and legal and policy advocacy. Core issue areas include water quality and environmentally sound and sustainable water supply.

Priorities for 2018

- Ensure compliance with water quality protection laws, including through enforcement of Clean Water Act and permits.
- Combating the weakening of county-wide bacteria standards meant to protect human health and recreation in creeks, streams, rivers, bays, and ocean waters

San Diego Climate Mobilization Coalition

Contact: Derek Casady dcasady@outlook.com

(858) 457-0246

Geographic Area of Focus: We are a local chapter of the national Climate Mobilization.org out of New York

Issue Areas of Focus: Working for a national mobilization similar in scale to US efforts in WW II to build the new wind, water and solar energy system at war time speed.

San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Website: www.sdrvc.org

Contact: Trish Boaz, trish@sdrvc.org

(858) 472-3075

Geographic area of focus: San Dieguito River Watershed

Issue areas of focus: Habitat Restoration, Groundwater Sustainability, Nature Education

- 1. Habitat Restoration at Lusardi Creek, Fairbanks Ranch and Rancho Santa Fe.
- 2. Nature Education through Watershed Explorers and Citizen Science.

3. San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Sustainability

Plan.

San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance

Website: spvpa.org

Contact: Dr. NeySa Ely, SPVPA@spvpa.org

(442) 777-5115

The San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance has organized to educate, protect and advocate for the ongoing preservation of the **San Pasqual Valley**, its surrounding lands, habitats, resources and wildlife.

Sierra Club San Diego

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(858) 231-0156

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego and Imperial County

Issue Areas of Focus: Defending the 2011 San Diego County general plan update from sprawl inducing general plan amendments.

Ongoing litigation with San Diego County over their failed Climate Action Plan attempt. Offering San Diego County residents outdoor experiences and training through the highly acclaimed Wilderness Basics Course.

Priorities for 2018

- Collaboration for continued protection of the Cleveland National Forest
- 2. Assist and encourage Sierra Club's Coastal and North County Groups
- Provide outreach and development support for disadvantaged communities seeking environmental justice and equity.

Solana Beach ECO

Rotary Club

Website: sbecorotary.org

Contact: Niels Lund, info@sbecorotary.org,

(760) 525-5607

Geographic Area of Focus: North Coast San Diego County

Issue Areas of Focus: Our mission is to educate ourselves and our communities about environmental challenges and engage in implementing their solutions.

Priorities for 2018: Environmental Sustainability, Water, Sanitation

Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association

Website: www.swia4earth.org

Contact: Michael McCoy mccoy4ib@aol.com

(619) 423-0495

Geographic Area of Focus: Tijuana Watershed and South San Diego Bay and wetlands in San Diego County. Issue areas of focus: Restoration of wetlands with focus on threats to resources **Priority for 2018:** Model Marsh TETRP. Sedimentation and unregulated sewage flows.

Surfrider Foundation

San Diego Chapter

Website: surfridersd.org

Contact: Caroline Canter Chapter Coordinator caroline@surfridersd.org (301) 648-7612 (cell)

(858) 622-9661 (office)

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County, particularly the coastal environment.

Issue Areas of Focus: The Surfrider Foundation is a grassroots environmental non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of ocean, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network.

- Advocate for responsible Sea Level Rise planning; and climate change mitigation through the water/energy nexus.
- 2. Improve water quality, water testing and infrastructure in the border region.
- Advocate for coastal preservation, maintaining beach access, and upholding the Coastal Act.

The Chaparral Lands Conservancy

Website: www.chaparralconservancy.org

Contact: David Hogan, director@chaparralconservancy.org, (760) 809-9244

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County

Issue Areas of Focus: The mission of The Chaparral Lands Conservancy is to protect shrubland ecosystems as an integral and beautiful feature of California's natural landscape through land preservation and stewardship. The Conservancy was founded in 2009 to advance the conservation of shrublands, related ecosystems, dependent plants and animals and for the issues we care about.

- 1. Begin work on Otay Mesa Vernal Pool Habitat Restoration Project.
- 2. Begin work on comprehensive protection and to limit unauthorized off-road vehicle activity on East County public lands.
- 3. Continue work on vernal pool and other habitat restoration projects at Carmel Mountain, Crest

Canyon, Proctor Valley, Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, and elsewhere.

The Nature Conservancy

Website: www.nature.org

Contact: Cara Lacey; cara.lacey@tnc.org

(619)-684-7029

Geographic Area of Focus: Statewide but specific focus on Otay to Santa Ana Mountains and the Tehachapi's regions

Issue Areas of Focus: Land Use and Habitat Connectivity

- 1. Protect and Restore Linkages (specifically in Eastern San Diego County and Temecula)
- Deter Sprawl through studying and introducing land use mechanisms like Transfer of Development Rights/Credits (TDRs/TDCs)
- Incorporate natures benefits into land use decisions through regional conservation investments (gain support for an East County RCIS)

Tree San Diego

Website: http://www.treesandiego.org/

Contact: Cynthia Irmer klegakes@treesandiego.org

(858) 210-6451

Tree SD's mission is to significantly impact the quantity of quality urban forest in San Diego County and beyond. Quantity means increasing the percentage of urban forest. Quality means the right trees, in the right places, properly maintained.

Volcan Mountain Foundation

Website: <u>www.VolcanMt.org</u>

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(760) 765-2300

Geographic Area of Focus:

The 15-mile long Volcan Mountains complex in northeast San Diego County near Julian; the San Luis Rey, San Dieguito, San Diego, and Anza-Borrego watersheds that the complex feeds; and the broader recreation, wildlife corridor, and climate change interests of San Diego County.

Issue Areas of Focus: Conservation of lands within the 15mile long Volcan Mountains complex; Stewardship of the Volcan Mountains' vital conservation values; and Environmental Education & Outreach on, around, and about Volcan Mountain that inspires, informs and engages the broad and diverse audiences served by Volcan Mountain and it's ecosystems to protect them.

- Increasing acquisition funding and strategic readiness.
- 2. Increasing Education-Outreach visits and activities on and around Volcan Mountain.
- 3. Stewardship planning for VMF-owned/managed lands on Volcan Mountain.

UNITE HERE Local 30

Website: Local3osandiego.org

Contact: Brigette Browning bbrowning@unitehere.org

(619) 981-3009

Geographic Area of Focus: San Diego County

Issue Areas of Focus: To help build the middle class and raise the standard of living for hotel, food service and gaming workers in San Diego.

Three Priorities for 2018:

- 1. Organize 500 new members into the Union.
- 2. Help elect progressive candidates to local City Councils.
- **3.** Develop and train our rank and file members for leadership positions in the union.

Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Coalition

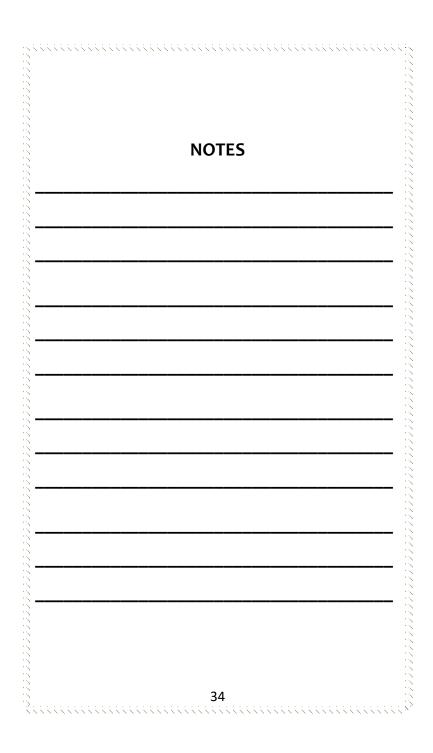
Website: <u>http://www.sandiegoeco.org/wildlife-habitat-</u> <u>conservation-coalition/</u>

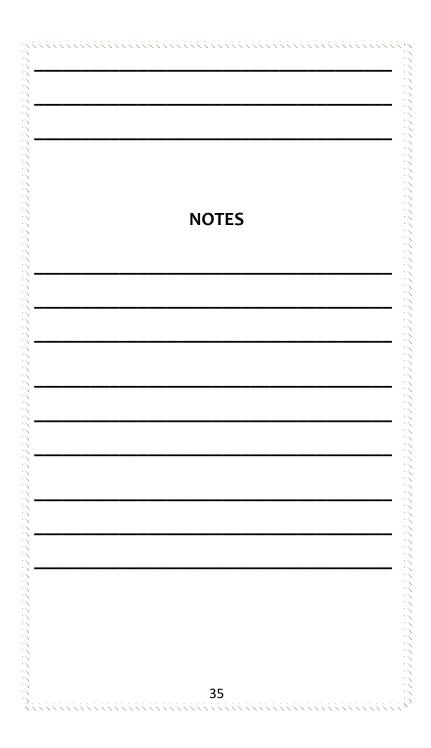
Contact: Laura Hunter, wildlifehabitatcoalition@gmail.com (619) 997-9983

Geographic Area of Focus: Primarily San Diego County

Issue Areas of Focus and 2018 priorities:

- Preserve and protect the San Diego County General Plan and defeat inappropriate projects such as Newland Sierra, Highlands Safari Ranch, Harmony Grove South,
- 2. Defeat any plans for South County's Village 13 and 14 that will negatively impact breeding territories of the Golden Eagle or undermine chances of survival of the quino checkerspot butterfly.
- Secure adoption of an effective North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan and secure a path forward for a regional funding source for the MSCP
- 4. Reform SANDAG
- 5. Secure adoption of ReWild or comparable plan for DeAnza cove in Mission Bay.





Our thanks to the elected officials and those entering campaigns for attending our reception and sharing their environmental priorities:

San Diego City Councilwoman Barbara Bry, District 1

City of Chula Vista Mayor Mary Casillas Salas

City of Imperial Beach Councilmember Mark West

Deanna Spehn, Policy Director, Senator Toni G. Atkins 9th State Senate District

Nina Deerfield, Palomar College Governing Board

Col Paul "Mac" McNamara USMC (ret), Palomar College Board, Escondido Mayoral Candidate

Jeff Griffith, Vice Chair, Board of Directors Palomar Health, Escondido District 2 Candidate

