



California Biodiversity Council

Winter Meeting Agenda

Conservation Alignment in Action

Progress on CBC Resolutions & Alignment Opportunities

Wednesday January 20, 2016

8:45 am to 3:15 pm

Harper Alumni Center
College Town Drive, Parking Lot 8
California State University, Sacramento

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Learn about progress on CBC Resolutions, IRCAD Program and Demonstration Projects
- Review and approve IRCAD Action Plan
- Discuss alignment opportunities with IRCAD
- Learn about CDFW Conservation Programs, 2015 SWAP Update, and CA Headwaters/WIP

8:45 am REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS

9:30 Welcome: Introductions, Meeting Objectives, and Agenda Review

*CBC Co-Chairs John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
and Jerry Perez, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office*

9:40 Report: CBC Executive Committee and Interagency Alignment Team

*CBC Executive Committee Co-Chair Kamyar Guivetchi, CA Department of Water Resources
and Interagency Alignment Team Chair Don Yasuda, Pacific SW Region, USDA Forest Service*

9:50 Panel Presentations and Discussion:

Advances in the Integrated Regional Conservation and Development Program (IRCAD)

*Randall Winston, Executive Director, Strategic Growth Council (SGC)
Denny Grossman, Sr. Advisor, Environ. Science & Policy, SGC*

- 10:00 Development and Documentation of IRCAD Methods**
- Conservation Data and Products - *Armand Gonzales, CDFW*
 - Conservation Lands Study - *Jim Strittholt, Conservation Biology Institute (CBI)*
 - Technology Support - *Jim Strittholt, CBI*
 - IRCAD Methods Overview - *Denny Grossman, SGC*
- 10:45 BREAK**
- 11:00 Advancing Strategic Demonstration Pilots**
- HSR SoCal & Central Grasslands - *Mark McLoughlin, High Speed Rail Authority (HSR)*
 - San Joaquin Valley - *Terry Watt, Governor's Office Liaison*
 - DRECP - *Tom Pogacnik, Bureau of Land Management*
 - Sierra Nevada Mountains - *Don Yasuda, US Forest Service*
- 11:45 LUNCH & NETWORKING**
- 12:45 pm Discussion & Action: Next Steps for Advancing IRCAD**
- **Proposed Action Plan** - *Denny Grossman, SGC (15 minutes)*
 - **Open Discussion:** – facilitated by CBC Co-Chairs (30 minutes)
 - *How can the IRCAD approach help advance your organization's mission and programs?*
 - *How can your current staff work contribute to implementing this Action Plan?*
 - *What opportunities do you see to advance the IRCAD approach?*
 - *What implementation challenges do you see related to current policies and practices?*
 - *Are there other projects/pilots that can demonstrate the value of this approach?*
 - **Agree on IRCAD Action Plan** – facilitated by CBC Co-Chairs (15 minutes)
- 1:45 Keynote: CA Department of Fish and Wildlife Biodiversity Conservation Programs and Alignment Opportunities with IRCAD**
Kevin Hunting, Chief Deputy Director, California Department of the Fish and Wildlife
- 2:05 Presentation: Final 2015 State Wildlife Action Plan – An Opportunity to Align Conservation Work among CBC Member Agencies**
Armand Gonzales, Special Advisor to the Director, CA Department of the Fish and Wildlife
- 2:20 Presentation & Discussion: Other Conservation Alignment Opportunities CA Headwaters Initiative & Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) for the Sierra Nevada**
Jim Branham, Executive Officer, Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Randy Moore, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service
- 3:00 Discussion: Topics and Format for Future CBC Meetings & Closing Remarks**
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