

## Day 1 | November 13, 2017



*To conserve and sustain California's natural heritage  
through collaboration among leaders and  
cooperation across all levels of government*

### **Fall 2017 Meeting Agenda Mainstreaming Application of Integrated Regional Conservation & Development (IRCAD)**

***Day 1: November 13, 2017, 12:30 pm – 7:30 pm***

***13388 Airline Hwy, CA 95043; Paicines Ranch – Event Center Barn***

***Remember to wear comfortable field attire and appropriate shoes for both days.***

***Please be prepared for rain or shine!***

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

- Share updates on conservation programs and initiatives across California
- Information exchange and networking among California Biodiversity Council (CBC) members and participants
- Tour example of private land management that supports biodiversity and conservation
- IRCAD workplan update and program accomplishments
- Preview of field trip and nexus with IRCAD

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Registration and Networking</b> <i>(Light refreshments available.)</i>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Co-Chairs' Welcome, Meeting Purpose, and Agenda Review</b> <i>CBC Co-Chairs John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and Jerry Perez, State Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Office</i>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Introductions and Conservation Pop-Ups</b> <i>Moderator: Don Yasuda, Pacific Southwest Region, US Forest Service (USFS)</i>

- 1:55 pm**     **Report: CBC Executive Committee and Interagency Alignment Team (IAT)**  
*CBC Executive Committee Co-Chair Kamyar Guivetchi, CA Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and IAT Chair Don Yasuda, USFS*
- Proposed CBC Organizational Charter to document the Council’s approach for administration/operation
  - Communications strategy
  - IAT report on team meetings and activities
- 2:10 pm**     **Conservation Spotlights**  
*Moderator: Ted Frink, DWR*
- **Conservation Strategy for 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Update** – Lori Clamurro-Chew, DWR
  - **Forest Planning and Management** – Don Yasuda, USFS
  - **CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Advances in State Conservation Efforts** – Ron Unger, CDFW; Peter Perrine, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)
    - Resource Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) Program, AB 2087
    - Areas of Conservation Emphasis Update (ACE-III)
  - **Bay Area Greenprint** – Liz O’Donoghue, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- 3:00 pm**     **Break**
- 3:10 pm**     **Paicines Ranch Walking Tour**  
*Moderator: Bruce Gwynne, Department of Conservation (DOC)*
- **Role of Private Lands in Regional Conservation**
    - Bruce Gwynne, DOC
    - Amrith Gunasekara, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
    - Sara Schremmer, CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)
    - Kelly Mulville, Paicines Ranch
  - **Walking Tour** – Led by Kelly Mulville, Paicines Ranch
- 4:30 pm**     **Mainstreaming IRCAD Application: Review, Refinement, Collaboration, and Next Steps**  
*Moderator: Denny Grossman, Strategic Growth Council (SGC)*
- **IRCAD Resolution and Work Plan** – Denny Grossman, SGC
  - **Updates**
    - **Regional Conservation Assessments (RCA): Methods, Products, and Applications** – IRCAD Interagency Methods Work Group and WCB Project Team
    - **Regional Conservation Assessment and Planning Tool** – Jim Strittholt, Conservation Biology Institute (CBI)
  - **Partner Activities**
    - Peter Perrine, WCB
    - Scott Flint, CA Energy Commission (CEC)
    - Stuart Kirkham, CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

- 5:15 pm**     **IRCAD Open Discussion and Next Steps**  
*CBC Co-Chairs John Laird, Secretary, CNRA and Jerry Perez, State Director, BLM*
- 5:40 pm**     **Public Comment**
- 5:50 pm**     **Closing Remarks**  
*CBC Co-Chairs John Laird, Secretary, CNRA and Jerry Perez, State Director, BLM*
- 6:00 pm**     **Networking Reception in the Front Room**  
*Refreshments and Cash-Only No-Host Bar*
- 6:30 pm**     **Dinner & Preview of Field Trip**  
*Matt Freeman, Santa Clara Open Space Authority (OSA)*
- 7:30 pm**     **Adjourn**

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## Day 2 | November 14, 2017



### Field Trip Agenda

#### **Mainstreaming Application of Integrated Regional Conservation & Development (IRCAD)**



**Day 2: November 14, 2017, 8:30 am – 3:45 pm**





**Charter Bus Pick-Up: Best Western San Benito, 660 San Felipe Rd, Hollister, at 8:30 am**

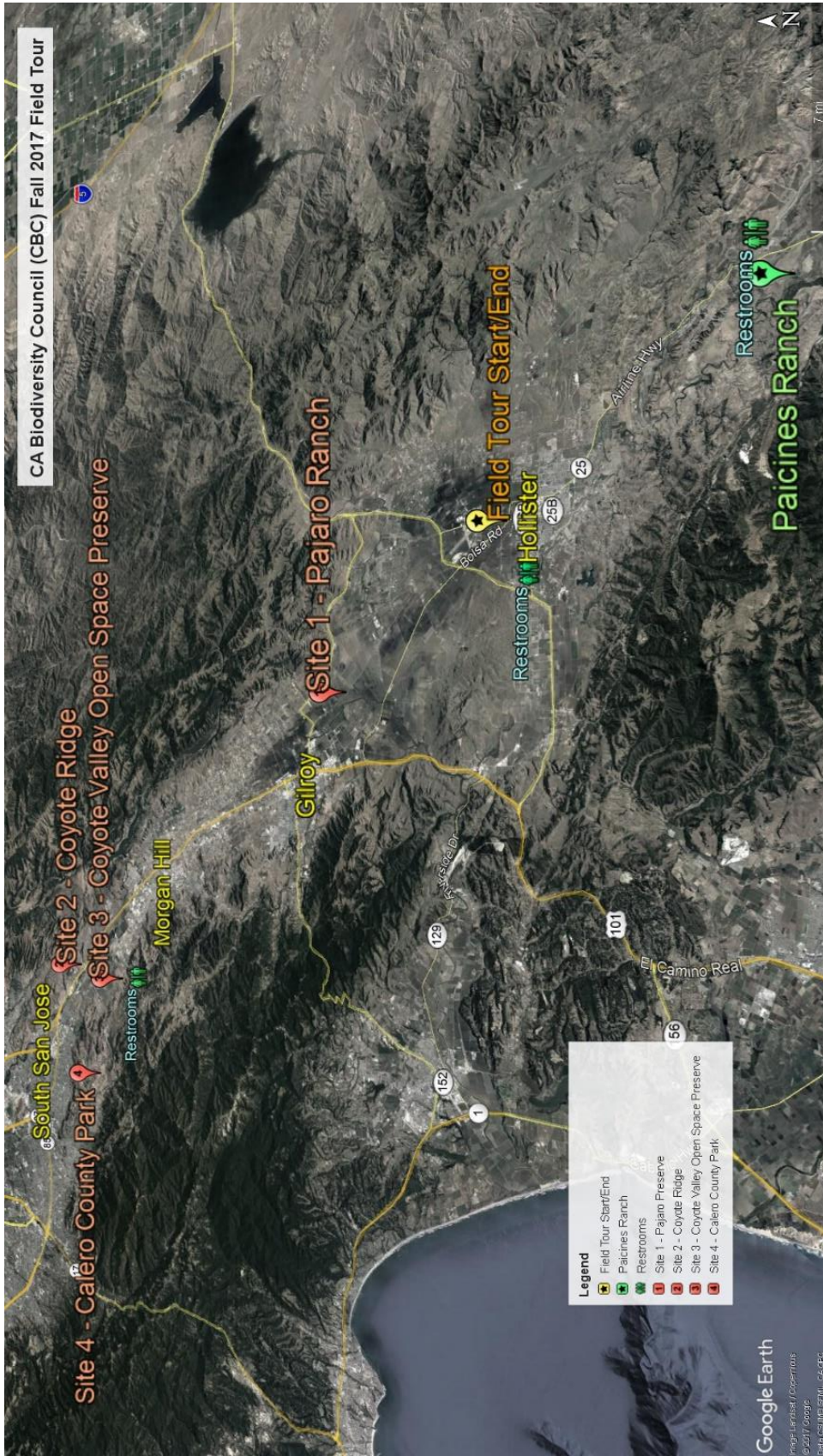
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#### Field Trip Objectives:

- Experience examples of local and landscape-level projects and programs that can weave into the IRCAD framework

Time	Agenda Item
8:30 am	 <b><u>Charter Bus Pick-Up: Best Western San Benito Inn, Parking Lot</u></b> 660 San Felipe Rd, Hollister, CA 95023 (Light refreshments will be available.)
8:45 am	<b>Bus Departure and Field Trip Opening</b> Denny Grossman, Strategic Growth Council (SGC) <b>En Route Presentation: Pajaro Compass Effort and Products</b> Abby Ramsden, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
9:00 am	 <b><u>Site 1 - TNC Pajaro Ranch Arrival [36.974194, -121.503972]</u></b> Moderator: Abby Ramsden, TNC <b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Large Landscape Conservation in the Mt. Hamilton Region</b> – Sasha Gennet, TNC</li><li>• <b>Pajaro Ranch, a Multi-Benefit Project</b> – Abby Ramsden, TNC</li><li>• <b>Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) Pajaro River Agricultural Preserve Conservation Vision</b> – Matt Freeman, OSA</li><li>• <b>Climate-Smart Habitat Restoration</b> – Jenni Benson, STRAW Program, Point Blue Conservation Science (Point Blue)</li></ul> <b>Site Tour: Riparian Corridor [Divide into Three Groups]</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Climate-Smart Restoration</b> – Sasha Gennet, TNC; Jenni Benson, Point Blue</li><li>2. <b>Conservation Agriculture</b> – Seth Nitschke, Mariposa Ranch; Matt Freeman, OSA</li><li>3. <b>Gathering and Using Wildlife Data</b> – Tanya Diamond, Pathways for Wildlife; Abby Ramsden, TNC</li></ol>

- 10:25 am**      **Depart Pajaro Ranch**  
**En Route Presentation: Balancing Regional-Scale Conservation, Development, and Working Lands Objectives**  
*Andrea Mackenzie, OSA; Abby Ramsden, TNC*
- 11:10 am**       **Site 2 - Coyote Ridge Arrival [37.213156, -121.720882]**  
*Moderator: Matt Freeman, OSA*
- **Landscape Linkages**
    - **Coyote Valley Vision** – Matt Freeman and Galli Basson, OSA
    - **Wildlife Studies Informing Linkage and Strategic Acquisitions** – Walter Moore, Noelle Thurlow, and Neal Sharma, POST
- 11:45 am**      **Depart Coyote Ridge**
- 11:55 am**       **Site 3 - Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Arrival & Box Lunches**  
*599 Palm Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037*  
*(Boxed lunches will be provided for picnic lunch.)*  
**Site Visit: Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve**  
*Moderator: Matt Freeman, OSA*
- **Potential Connectivity Policy & Funding Initiatives**
    - Marc Landgraf, OSA
    - Jennifer Koepcke, POST
    - Liz O'Donoghue, TNC
  - **Santa Clara Pilot Resource Conservation Investment Strategies (RCIS), Perspectives and Lessons Learned**
    - Ron Unger, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
    - Andrea Mackenzie and Matt Freeman, OSA
- 12:55 pm**      **Depart Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve**
- 1:25 pm**       **Site 4 - Calero County Park Arrival [37.19447, -121.80757]**  
**Site Visit & Walking Tour: Calero County Park**  
*Moderator – Terah Donovan, SCVHA*
- **Role of County Parks in Regional Conservation** – Jared Bond, Santa Clara County Parks
  - **Conservation and Restoration Efforts with Santa Clara Valley Natural Community Conservation Planning/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) Projects and Partnerships** – Terah Donovan, SCVHA
- 2:30 pm**      **Depart Calero County Park**  
**En Route: Open Discussion, Networking, and Closing**  
*Moderators: CBC Co-Chairs John Laird (CNRA) and Jerry Perez (BLM)*
- 3:45 pm**       **Adjourn**



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## CBC Fall 2017 Field Tours Information

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### Location: Paicines Ranch

**Role of Private Lands in Regional Conservation** | Local Presenter: Kelly Mulville, Paicines Ranch  
Webpage: <http://paicinesranch.com/about/conservation.php>

### Location: Site 1 - TNC Pajaro Ranch

**En Route Presentation: Pajaro Compass** | Presenter: Abby Ramsden, TNC  
Webpage: <http://www.pajarocompass.org/>

**Large Landscape Conservation in the Mt. Hamilton Region** | Presenter: Sasha Gennet, TNC  
Webpage:

<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/california/placesweprotect/mount-hamilton-1.xml>

**Santa Clara Valley OSA Pajaro River Agricultural Preserve Conservation Vision** | Presenter: Matt Freeman, OSA  
Webpage: <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/conservation/land-protection.html>

**Climate-Smart Restoration** | Presenters: Jenni Benson, STRAW and Point Blue; Sasha Gennet, TNC  
Webpage: <http://www.pointblue.org/priorities/climate-smart-conservation/climate-smart-restoration>

**Conservation Agriculture** | Presenter: Seth Nitschke, Mariposa Ranch  
Webpage: <http://www.mariposaranch.com/>

**Gathering and Using Wildlife Data** | Presenters: Tanya Diamond, Pathways for Wildlife; Abby Ramsden, TNC  
Webpages:  
[http://pathwaysforwildlife.com/the\\_nature\\_conservancys\\_pajaro\\_connectivity\\_study](http://pathwaysforwildlife.com/the_nature_conservancys_pajaro_connectivity_study)  
<http://websites.greeninfo.org/tnc/wildlifemap/live/>

### Location: Site 2 – Coyote Ridge

**Coyote Valley Vision** | Presenters: Matt Freeman and Galli Basson, OSA  
Webpage: *Santa Clara Valley Greenprint Report*

[https://www.openspaceauthority.org/system/user\\_files/Documents/Santa%20Clara%20Valley%20Greenprint%20Report.pdf](https://www.openspaceauthority.org/system/user_files/Documents/Santa%20Clara%20Valley%20Greenprint%20Report.pdf)

**Wildlife Studies Informing Linkages and Strategic Acquisitions** | Presenters: Walter Moore, Noelle Thurlow, and Neal Sharma, POST

Webpages:

POST website: [www.openspacetrust.org](http://www.openspacetrust.org)

*Coyote Valley Landscape Linkage Report*: <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/conservation/conservation-priorities/coyote-valley-landscape-linkage.html>

### Location: Site 3 – Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve

**Santa Clara RCIS** | Presenters: Ron Unger, CDFW; Andrea Mackenzie & Matt Freeman, OSA; Terah Donovan, SCVHA  
Webpages:

RCIS Program: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/Regional-Conservation>

*Santa Clara RCIS Pilot*: <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/conservation/current-projects/regional-conservation-investment-strategy.html>

*Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency*: <http://www.scv-habitatagency.org/>

### Location: Site 4 – Calero County Park

**Santa Clara Valley NCCP/HCP Projects and Partnerships** | Presenter: Terah Donovan, SCVHA  
Webpage: <http://www.scv-habitatagency.org/Faq.aspx?QID=60>

**Role of County Parks in Regional Conservation** | Presenter: Jared Bond, Santa Clara County Parks  
Webpage: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/PlansProjects/resource/Pages/natural-resource.aspx>