

## Wednesday, October 28.

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### Trainings

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#### **9:00am – 4:00pm. Strategic Approaches for Wildland Weed Management – NEW LOCATION**

**Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park** (2144 Pan American Rd West, San Diego)

Instructors: *Steve Schoenig, Cal. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Gina Darin, Cal. Dept. of Water Resources, Brent Johnson, National Park Service; Andrea Williams, Marin Municipal Water District; Jason Giessow, DENDRA Inc.*

*(Separate registration required)*

#### **1:00 – 4:00pm. Mapping and Tracking Management with Calflora's Weed Manager**

**Casa Del Prado, Room 104, Balboa Park** (1800 El Prado, San Diego)

Instructors: *Cynthia Powell and John Malpas, Calflora*

*(Separate registration required)*

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### Updates on Pesticide Use Laws & Regulations

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**6:00 – 8:00pm. Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park** (2144 Pan American Rd West, San Diego)

*(Included with Symposium registration. Space limited, DPR-licensed applicators have priority.)*

Moderator: *Joel Trumbo, Cal. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*

5:30 Sign in for Dept. of Pesticide Regulation continuing education credits

6:00 Is glyphosate a carcinogen? *Sheryl Beuvais, Cal. Dept. of Pesticide Regulation*

6:30 Assessing herbicide impacts to pollinators. *Richard Bireley, Cal. Dept. of Pesticide Regulation*

7:00 Heat-related illness and herbicide use. *Carmen Cisneros, Cal OSHA*

7:30 Understanding and preventing herbicide drift. *Joel Trumbo, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*

## Thursday, October 29

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**8:00 – 9:00 Check-in and On-site Registration**  
San Diego Convention Center, Mezzanine Level

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### **Session 1. Habitat Conservation Planning and Invasive Plant Management.**

**9:00 – 10:20, Room 14AB.** Moderator: *Doug Johnson, Cal-IPC*

- 9:00 Welcome to San Diego, the nation's most biologically diverse county! *Tom Oberbauer, County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Planning Division (retired)*
- 9:30 Lessons learned and the future of Habitat Conservation Planning in California. *Elizabeth Taylor, UC Irvine Law Center for Land, Environment, & Natural Resources*
- 9:55 Innovations in landscape-level invasive plant management. *Doug Johnson, Cal-IPC*
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**10:20 – 10:40 Break**

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### **Session 2. Stopping New Invaders**

**10:40 – 12:00, Room 14AB**

Moderator: *Chris McDonald, UC Cooperative Extension*

- 10:40 Initiating the San Diego regional invasive plant Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) program in support of NCCP. *Jason Giessow, DENDRA, Inc.*
- 11:00 A CNPS Chapter model for early detection and effective response to emergent invasive weeds. *Ron Vanderhoff, California Native Plant Society– Orange Co.*
- 11:20 Stopping the spread of *Volutaria* across the California desert. *Chris McDonald, UC Cooperative Extension*
- 11:40 Rose colored glasses for sale! Weed-free forage and mulch is the enemy of the perfect! *Bobbi Simpson, National Park Service*

### **Session 3. Drones and Phones: New Tools for Invasive Plant Management.**

**10:40 – 12:00, Room 16B**

Moderator: *Dave Bakke, USDA Forest Service*

- 10:40 How the U.S. Department of the Interior is using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for conservation. *Bruce Quirk, US Geological Survey.*
- 11:00 Aerial spraying with UAVs for wildland weed control: Applications and potential deployment. *Ken Giles, UC Davis.*
- 11:20 iMapInvasives: Collaborative invasive species data management. *Jami Kuzek, Arizona Game & Fish Dept.*
- 11:40 How land managers are using Calflora's Weed Manager system. *Cynthia Powell, Calflora, Ed King, Placer Co. Ag. Dept., Pete Frye, Marin Co. Open Space District*
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**12:00 - 1:20 Lunch** (provided)

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#### **Session 4. Invasive Plant Research (I)**

**1:20 – 2:40, Room 14AB**

Moderator: *Elise Gornish, UC Cooperative Extension*

- 1:20 Herbivores as mediators of an exotic grass invasion. *Cody Ender, Sonoma State University*
- 1:40 Biology and control of *Sesbania punicea* seed banks by solarization. *Robin Hunter, University of San Francisco*
- 2:00 Santa Rosa Plateau Habitat Studies and Restoration Program: Integrating research and environmental education to restore native California grasslands. *Justin Valliere, UC Riverside*
- 2:20 Effects of altered precipitation and invasion on ecosystem processes in coastal sage scrub. *Ellen Esch, UC San Diego*

#### **Session 5. Invasive Plant Management**

**1:20 – 2:40, Room 16B**

Moderator: *Patricia Gordon-Reedy, Conservation Biology Institute*

- 1:20 Finding weeds while avoiding bombs: Controlling invasive species on Fort Ord National Monument. *Sue Hubbard, Bureau of Land Management*
- 1:40 TBD
- 2:00 Barb goatgrass strategies and results for the 2014/15 treatment season. *Pamela Beitz, East Bay Regional Parks District.*
- 2:20 *Brachypodium distachyon*: An adaptive approach to controlling an invasive species to benefit endemic species and sensitive habitats in San Diego, California. *Patricia Gordon-Reedy, Conservation Biology Institute*

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#### **2:40 – 3:40 Poster Session & Sponsor Exhibits. Rooms 15AB**

Posters listed page 9.

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#### **Session 6. Panel discussion: How Habitat Conservation Planning Can Support Strong Landscape-Level Invasive Plant Management in the Future**

**3:40 – 5:00, Room 14AB**

Panelists:

- Trish Smith, The Nature Conservancy
- Paul Fromer, San Diego Management & Monitoring Program
- Susan Wynn, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

#### **Cal-IPC 2015 Awards**

**5:00 – 5:15, Room 14AB**

- Organization of the Year
- Golden Weed Wrench for Land Manager of the Year
- Jake Sigg Award for Vision and Dedicated Service

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#### **5:15 – 8:00 Social Hour, Raffle & Silent Auction**

Room 15AB Appetizers and no-host bar

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## Friday, October 30

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### 8:00 Registration. Mezzanine Level.

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#### **Session 7. Wildland Weeds of Alta and Baja California Deserts**

**9:00 – 10:30, Room 14AB**

Moderator: *Travis Bean, UC Cooperative Extension/UC Riverside*

9:00 Announcements

9:10 Current status on the study of exotic plant species in the State of Baja California, México. *José Delgadillo- Rodríguez, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California*

9:30 Some drivers of Sahara mustard invasion: Surficial geology and primary, secondary, and tertiary roads. *Kristin Berry, US Geological Survey*

9:50 Cryptic invasion and hybridization of *Phragmites australis* (common reed) in the Southwest. *Adam Lambert, UC Santa Barbara*

10:10 Nonnative grassland control and Otay tarplant (*Deinandra conjugens*) habitat restoration. *Jessie Vinje, Conservation Biology Institute*

#### **Session 8. Building Conservation Corps into Invasive Plant Management Projects**

**9:00 – 10:30, Room 16B**

Moderator: *Dan Knapp, American Conservation Experience*

9:00 Announcements

9:10 Doing more for less: Using Conservation Corps as an organizational capacity multiplier. *Kyle Gunderman, American Conservation Experience*

9:30 River Partners and the Conservation Corps – a win-win partnership for job creation, invasive species removal, and habitat restoration. *Andrew Rayburn, River Partners*

9:50 The perfect partnership! Engage & train urban youth, garner additional funding, get the job done. *Panel discussion with corps members*

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### 10:30 – 11:00 Break

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#### **11:00 – 12:00 Session 9. Discussion Groups. See descriptions on page 10.**

1. **Invasive plant management Q&A.** Room 14AB. *Expert land manager panel*
2. **Using non-native species in restoration.** Room 13. *Elise Gornish, UC Cooperative Extension*
3. **WHIPPET prioritization tool demonstration.** Room 16A. *Gina Darin, Cal. Dept. of Water Resources*
4. **Putting smartphones to work for invasive plant management.** Room 16B. *Travis Bean, UC Cooperative Extension/UC Riverside*
5. **Working effectively with Conservation Corps.** Room 12. *Dan Knapp, American Conservation Experience*

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### 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (on your own)

### Student Networking Lunch (provided) 12:15, Room 13

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**Session 10. Strategies for Eradication Success****1:30 – 2:50, Room 14AB**

Moderator: *John Knapp, The Nature Conservancy.*

- 1:30 Eradication 101. *John Knapp, The Nature Conservancy*
- 1:50 Invasive species eradication projects implemented on islands in Baja California. *Luciana Luna-Mendoza, Conservación de Islas*
- 2:10 Prioritizing *Miconia calvenscens* survey areas on O'ahu. *Julia Parish, Catalina Island Conservancy*
- 2:30 Taking the leap: Starting watershed-wide *Arundo donax* eradication in Santa Barbara County. *Katrina Olthof, Wildlands Conservation Science*

**Session 11. Invasive Plant Research (II)****1:30 – 2:50, Room 16B**

Moderator: *Denise Knapp, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden*

- 1:30 Root trait variation and its relevance to seedling growth across 18 native and invasive coastal sage scrub species exposed to drought. *Julie Larson, Chapman University*
- 1:50 Effects of plant invasions on invertebrate diversity and feeding guilds: A meta-analysis and review. *Denise Knapp, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden*
- 2:10 Current research at the European Biological Control Laboratory. *Lincoln Smith, USDA Agricultural Research Service*
- 2:30 Selective control of velvet grass in a California coastal prairie. *Lewis Reed, UC Davis Bodega Marine Reserve*

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**2:50 – 3:15 Break**

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**Session 12. The Future of Invasive Plant Management. Room 14AB**

3:15 Weed Alerts and CDFA Update. *Dean Kelch, California Dept. of Food and Agriculture*

**Panel Discussion: Projecting the Future of Invasive Plant Management****3:35 – 5:00, Room 14AB**

Moderator: *Virginia Matzek, Santa Clara University*

**The future of collaboration: Mexico-US cross-border collaborations to restore islands.**

*Luciana Luna-Mendoza, Conservación de Islas*

**The future of invasive species research.** *Jennifer Funk, Chapman University*

**The future of invasive plant management tools and techniques.** *Morgan Ball, Wildlands Conservation Science*

**The future of invasive plant management goals and successes.** *John Randall, The Nature Conservancy*

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**5:00 Adjourn.** Field trip participants meet at front of plenary room for instructions.

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## Saturday, October 31 - Field Trips

Meet 8:00am at the Sofia Hotel, 150 W. Broadway

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1. Habitat Restoration and Enhancement on the Cleveland National Forest (8:00am-4:30pm)
  2. Non-native Grassland/Forbland Restoration Using Various Techniques on Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve and the South Crest Preserve (8:00am-4:30pm)
  3. UAV Demonstration (8:00am-1:00pm)
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## Posters

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Integrated management project of mesquite in Oman. *Saud Al Farsi, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Sultanate of Oman*

Resisting re-establishment of invasive plant species in fuels-reduction areas. *Joseph Algiers, Jr., National Park Service,*

Susceptibility of invasive blackberry species to rust disease by *Phragmidium violaceum* in Oregon. *William L. Bruckart, III, USDA-Agricultural Research Service*

Eradicating weeds in Sierra meadows for climate change resilience. *Elizabeth Brusati, Cal-IPC*

A plant risk evaluation (PRE) tool for assessing the invasive potential of ornamental plants. *Christopher Crawford, Sustainable Conservation*

Phenological and population responses of the invasive pioneer tree, *Bellucia pentamera* (Melastomataceae) to selective logging disturbance at Gunung Palung National Park, Indonesia. *Christopher Dillis, UC Davis*

The interaction of nitrogen and topography on the physiology of *Stipa pulchra*. *Robert*

*Fitch, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*

The effects of nitrogen deposition and plant invasion on litter decomposition. *Eliza Hernández, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*

Multi-benefit weed control: the San Joaquin River Invasive Species Management and Jobs Creation Project. *Jeff Holt, River Partners*

Assessing spatio-temporal changes of invasive Algerian sea lavender (*Limonium ramosissimum*) in San Francisco Bay wetlands. *Kerstin Kalchmayr, San Francisco State University*

Rapid root responses of native and invasive California plants exposed to a post-drought precipitation pulse. *Joanne Kim, Chapman University*

Seedbank-mediated coexistence of invasive annual grasses and native annual forbs under a changing climate. *Marina LaForgia, UC Davis*

GrassApp, a tool that helps landowners facing grass invasion, *Dorothy Y. Maguire,*

Boise State University and USDA-Agricultural Research Service

Livestock grazing and landscape diversity in California vernal pools. *Julia Michaels, UC Davis*

Chemically cleaning your boots: The use of disinfectants to reduce the dispersal of invasive weed seeds. *Christopher McDonald, UC Cooperative Extension*

Identifying emerging invasive plants for early eradication on the San Mateo County coast. *Dana Morawitz, Cal-IPC*

Do native and invasive species share similar carbon capture strategies? *Monica Nguyen, Chapman University*

Pre-release impact assessment of the leaf-mining moth (*Digitivalva delaireae*), a potential biological control agent for Cape-ivy (*Delairea odorata*). *Angelica M. Reddy, USDA-Agricultural Research Service*

Soil-mediated impacts of the invasive grass *Ehrharta erecta* on a forest understory community. *Annika Rose-Person, UC Santa Cruz*

Ecological and economic implications of invasive giant reed (*Arundo donax*) control for the Santa Clara River watershed. *Marc Steele, UC Santa Barbara*

Results of velvetgrass (*Holcus lanatus*) control in the Kern Canyon wilderness of Sequoia National Park. *Rich Thiel, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks*

Successful habitat restoration of a native thistle following jubata grass control. *Don Thomas, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission*

Importance of effective public outreach for invasive vegetation removal projects in the Santa Ana River floodplain, Riverside County, CA. *Melissa Tu, Atkins North America*

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## Friday Discussion Groups

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### **1. Invasive plant management Q&A.**

#### **Room 14AB**

*Panel: Mike Kelly, Kelly & Assoc.; Chris McDonald, UC Cooperative Extension  
Patrick McConnell, MCB Camp Pendleton;  
Bill Neill, Riparian Repairs, Bring your questions on management of invasive plants to discuss with our panel of experts and fellow attendees. This will be an open forum to discuss management strategies for particular plants or situations. Learn from other Symposium attendees' expertise.*

### **2. Using non-native species in restoration.**

#### **Room 13**

*Leader: Elise Gornish, UC Cooperative Extension*

We will discuss opportunities and limitations of using non native species for restoration across systems in California. Discussion can also include exploring cost-effective approaches and field techniques for deploying non natives in vegetation management projects.

### **3. WHIPPET prioritization tool demonstration.**

#### **Room 16A**

*Leaders: Gina Darin, CA DWR and Elizabeth Brusati, Cal-IPC*

WHIPPET stands for Weed Heuristics: Invasive Population Prioritization for Eradication Tool. WHIPPET is designed to help land managers choose eradication projects. WHIPPET is available online and in a desktop version at [whippet.cal-ipc.org](http://whippet.cal-ipc.org). You're welcome to try

it for yourself and bring your questions to the discussion group. Sign in with a free Calflora account and read the User Guide at [Whippet.cal-ipc.org](http://Whippet.cal-ipc.org)

### **4. Putting smartphones to work for invasive plant management. Room 16B**

*Leader: Travis Bean, UC Cooperative Extension/UC Riverside*

We will discuss existing smartphone apps for identification, mapping, monitoring, and control of invasive plants, and explore existing knowledge gaps that might be filled with new app development. Our discussion may also go into an overview of the costs, effort, and time involved with app development.

### **5. Working effectively with Conservation Corps. Room 12**

*Leader: Dan Knapp, American Conservation Experience*

Is the Conservation Corps right for your weed project? With programs operating from Oregon to Mexico and the Channel Islands to Nevada, conservation corps' are active in just about every corner of the State of California. This discussion group will give attendees a chance to discuss how to collaborate with a corps program, determining the role of the corps in your project, how the corps can contribute or provide funding for your project, corps program capacity and expertise and your role in the development of corps participants.