

# Invasive Plant Management with the Conservation Corps

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# Meet Your Panel

- Rhody Soria, California Conservation Corps - Riverside/San Bernardino Satellite
- Dan Knapp, Conservation Corps of Long Beach
- Ty Stearns. ASLA, Urban Corps of San Diego



# Moderator

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# What Are Conservation Corps?

- Voluntary work development programs and charter schools for young men and women.
- 501 c3 Non-profit organizations or state-sponsored satellites under the CA Natural Resource Agency.

# Organizational Ecosystem of Conservation Corps Organizations



Who is my Local Corps Group?

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# Conservation Corps Programs in California



- ★ California Conservation Corps
- ★ American Conservation Experience
- ★ Certified Local Conservation Corps





# Opportunities for funding your project through the Conservation Corps

- State & Federal Funding Programs
  - Required Local Corps Consultation for Prop 1 / Prop 68
- Leveraging funds (matching funds for your project)
- Partnerships (e.g. USFWS Partners For Wildlife)

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Proposition 1 - Water Bond



Proposition 68 - Parks & Water Bond



Forestry Corps



Energy Corps



Active Transportation Program



Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund



# Successful Invasive Plant Management with the Conservation Corps



# Panel Questions

# Panel Question #1: Services Offered

- Fuels Reduction
- Mechanical Biomass Removal
- Monitoring
- Site-specific (e.g. licensed herbicide application, flail mowing, mapping, etc)
- Are there services that your respective Corps do not offer?

# Panel Question #2 Eligibility for State and Federal Grant Programs

- Prop 1
- Prop 68
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
- Etc.

# Panel Question #3 Applicable State Designations

- State Resource Code
- Labor Code
- Education Code
- Transportation Code
- Etc.

# Panel Question #4 Multi-benefit value for Competitive Grants

- How does Corps involvement achieve ancillary benefits that improve project ranking for competitive grants?
- E.g. DAC status. Educational Benefits, etc.



# Audience Questions?

- Please keep questions concise and focused on the themes we have introduced.
- Our panelists will be available for more questions after our session is complete...