

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION PLANNING SUMMIT

Key Guest Speakers

Doug Houston

Doug Houston specializes in conservation policy, including local parks, open space, the outdoors, and non-motorized transportation. Doug's professional affiliation with California's largest trade association dedicated to the betterment of parks, the California Park & Recreation Society, and the largest national trade association dedicated to promoting outdoor goods and services, the Outdoor Industry Association, along with his representation of California's largest and most diverse park entities, including the East Bay Regional Park District and Los Angeles County Parks Department, have established him as a leader in outdoor recreation, resource protection, and eco-tourism. His professional and personal passions are largely intertwined as he currently serves as a Board Member with the Placer Land Trust and has served as a Placer County Parks Commissioner and City of Auburn Planning Commissioner. Doug is a competitive cyclist and the father of three sons.

Sedrick Mitchell

Sedrick Mitchell is the Deputy Director, Community Engagement for California State Parks. Appointed by Governors Gray Davis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Edmund G. Brown Jr., Sedrick is responsible for overseeing the general operations of the Division of Grants and Local Services, the Office of Human Rights, the Office of Community Involvement, and the Office of Statewide Recruitment. Under Sedrick's guidance, California State Parks has become the recognized leader in the development, implementation, and management of innovative park grant programs in excess of \$2.5 billion. Prior to joining California State Parks, Sedrick worked for 15 years with the California Legislature where he served as the District Chief of Staff to State Senator Patrick Johnston and as a Senior Consultant to the Senate Appropriations Committee. He is also a past chair of the National Association of Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers and has received numerous awards and honors, including two Alumni of the Year Awards from California State University, Stanislaus.

Erika Leachman

Erika Leachman is a principal planner and project manager with Wood in Santa Barbara, specializing in regional planning documents and environmental impact analyses. Her experience has included management of major complex EIRs, general plan amendments, community plans, and zoning ordinances, parks and open space plans and policies, and capital improvement planning and funding programs. She has also designed and implemented multi-year public outreach strategies for complex regional projects and has facilitated over 100 public workshops, meetings, and hearings. As a former senior planner with the County of Santa Barbara, Erika is deeply familiar with Santa Barbara County land use planning, needs assessment, and public policy development. Erika also serves as president of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP), Channel Counties Chapter.

Julia Pujo

Julia Pujo is an environmental consultant for Wood in Santa Barbara, serving a diverse range of federal, state, and local agency clients. Julia specializes in land use planning, public policy analysis, preparing environmental review documents under CEQA and NEPA, general plans, and local coastal programs. In addition, Julia has successfully pursued grant funding opportunities for multiple planning projects in Santa Barbara County. Julia's work has been recognized with awards from the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) and she has presented at AEP workshops.

Sharyn Main

Sharyn Main is a consultant working for environmental and conservation groups on community planning processes and collaborative projects. She was with the Santa Barbara Foundation for nearly a decade where she developed the LEAF Initiative, an effort to strengthen community resiliency by improving and protecting our landscapes, ecosystems, agriculture and food system. Through the LEAF Initiative, the Santa Barbara County Food Action Plan and the Santa Barbara County Conservation Blueprint were launched and continue to thrive. Sharyn also serves as the Project Director for the Santa Barbara County Conservation Blueprint, which is now with the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County.

Dustin Pearce

Dustin Pearce is a GIS specialist with the Conservation Biology Institute. His background in geospatial sciences has focused on the interplay of working agricultural lands, natural lands, and renewable energy development in California. His work with the Conservation Biology Institute uses geospatial modeling, remote sensing, online mapping, stakeholder engagement and outreach to help guide conservation planning. Dustin prepared and manages the Santa Barbara County Conservation Blueprint.