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Dear Colleague:

If you find there are more wetlands questions than answers, you're not alone.

Although we know more than ever about the science of wetlands, the policy and legal issues are as contentious as they have ever been, and the implications for California are many.

Please join us to discuss, debate, and exchange ideas with a diverse set of wetlands professionals from a broad range of business and regulatory backgrounds. Topics covered include:

- **Implementing California Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Restoration Projects: Successes and Challenges**
- **Proposed State Wetland Area Protection and Dredge and Fill Permitting Procedures**
- **Recent Developments in the USACE Regulatory Program**
- **California's Wetland and Riparian Monitoring and Assessment Toolkit**
- **Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District *In Lieu* Fee Program**
- **Exemptions and Enforcement Actions under the Clean Water Act**
- **The Mitigation Ratio Checklist**
- **Complex Coastal Zone Wetland Permitting and Restoration**
- **Day-to-Day Handling of Streambed Issues**
- **Wetlands and Alluvial Wash Restoration**
- **An Extended and Interactive Discussion of Successes and Failures in Mitigation Banking: What Does the Future Hold?**
- **Proposed Agency Template Changes, Timing and Investment Issues; Extended Time to Approve Banks in California; Concerns of the Regulated Community**

This Conference is specifically designed to provide you with the most up-to-the-minute information from all points of view. Please register early, space is limited!

We look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,



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Anyone involved or interested
in California wetlands!

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Overview of Day One
Timothy DeGraff, Program Co-Chair, CEO
WRA, Inc., San Rafael
S. Keith Garner, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, San Francisco
- 8:45 **Wetlands Overview**
Regulatory and Case Law Update
S. Keith Garner, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 9:30 **Proposed State Wetland Area Protection and Dredge and Fill Permitting Procedures**
Development and Status
Paul Hann, Watersheds and Wetlands Section Chief
Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board
Sacramento
- 10:15 Networking Break
- 10:30 **The USACE Regulatory Program**
Recent Developments
Aaron Allen, Branch Chief
US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles
- 11:15 **California's Wetland and Riparian Monitoring and Assessment Toolkit**
Application for 404/401 Permitting
Eric Stein, Principal Scientist
Southern California Coastal Research Project, Costa Mesa
- 12:00 **Exchange of Ideas**
Conference Attendees and Faculty Members
- 12:15 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:30 **Ethical Considerations: More Buzz about Social Media**
Whether You Are Tweeting, Liking, Posting, Linking, or Otherwise Taking the Plunge into Social Media, It Is Essential to Understand the Rapidly Changing Rules on Social Media and Your Practice
Pamella A. Seay, Esq., Professor of Law
Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers
- 2:30 **Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District In Lieu Fee Program**
A Panel Discussion
Steve M. Anderson, Esq.
Best Best & Krieger, Riverside
Shelli Lamb, District Manager
Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District, Riverside
Kerwin Russell, Natural Resources Manager
Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District, Riverside
- 3:45 Networking Break
- 4:00 **Mitigation Ratio Checklist**
Review of Latest Version of the Mitigation Ratio Setting Procedure and Associated Spreadsheet Calculators
Daniel P. Swenson, Regulatory Section Chief
US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles
- 4:45 **Complex Coastal Zone Wetland Permitting and Restoration**
The UC Santa Barbara Case Study
Lisa Stratton, Director, Ecosystem Management
Cheadle Center for Biodiversity & Ecological Restoration
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 5:30 Adjourn to private networking reception sponsored by



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FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome Back**
Recap of Day One and Overview of Day Two
Timothy DeGraff, Program Co-Chair, CEO
S. Keith Garner, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 8:45 **Keynote Address**
Implementing California Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Restoration Projects: Successes and Challenges
Ed Pert, Regional Manager
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Diego
- 9:30 **Streambed Issues**
Day-to-Day Handling and "On the Ground" Issues
Shanda Beltran, Esq., General Counsel
Building Industry Legal Defense Foundation, Irvine
G. Braiden Chadwick, Esq.
Mitchell Chadwick, Roseville
- 10:15 Networking Break
- 10:30 **Streambed Issues (continued)**
Thienan Pfeiffer, Principal/Senior Regulatory Specialist
Glenn Lukos Associates, Lake Forest
Timothy DeGraff, Program Co-Chair, CEO
Moderator: S. Keith Garner, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 11:15 **The Clean Water Act**
Exemptions and Enforcement Actions
James Rusk, Esq.
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, San Francisco
- 12:00 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:15 **Wetlands and Alluvial Wash Restoration**
Successes and Challenges
Tracey Brownfield, Principal
Land Veritas, Sausalito
- 2:00 **Templates, Timing, and the Future of Mitigation Banking in California**
Proposed Agency Template Changes, Timing and Investment Issues; Extended Time to Approve Banks in California; Concerns of the Regulated Community
G. Braiden Chadwick, Esq.
- 2:45 **Mitigation Banking**
Buying and Selling; Successes and Failures
Tracey Brownfield, Principal
Timothy DeGraff, Program Co-Chair, CEO
Craig Denisoff, Habitat Mitigation/Ecosystem Services Consultant
Craig Denisoff Consulting, Sacramento
- 4:00 **Open Mic Forum—Conference Participants**
State of the Union – Issues of Concern Statewide – Pending Cases of Interest
- 4:15 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Timothy DeGraff is the Chief Executive Officer of his firm. He has served as the lead biologist on a wide range of wetland mitigation and restoration projects. Mr. DeGraff has developed restoration and enhancement designs including planting plans, soil specifications, and conceptual grading plans to meet the mitigation requirements of the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has prepared and implemented vegetation monitoring reports for restored wetlands, including development of sampling protocols and contingency measures to meet performance criteria. He is also experienced in designing, permitting, and managing wetland mitigation and wildlife conservation banks in California.

S. Keith Garner focuses on state and federal environmental laws, land use planning and entitlement procedures, and natural resources permitting issues for large residential, commercial and mixed use communities and energy generation and transmission projects, including wind and solar facilities. He provides legal and strategic planning advice to clients at every stage of the complex development process, including due diligence for land acquisition, project planning and permitting, regulatory compliance, and land use litigation. Mr. Garner handles a wide range of state and federal regulatory matters, including endangered species, wetlands, water quality and land use issues, initiatives and referendums, environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Williamson Act contracts, and State Lands issues.

KEYNOTE PRESENTER

Ed Pert has been the Regional Manager of the California Department Fisheries and Wildlife's South Coast Region since 2007. In this role, he oversees programs in the areas of regulatory issues, fisheries and wildlife management, lands management, and administration. Prior to his current position he has acted in various capacities in the Department since 2001, including Science Advisor, Chief of the Fisheries Programs Branch, and project leader on a large-scale pike-eradication project at Lake Davis. Mr. Pert was an assistant professor in Aquaculture and Fisheries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff from 1997-2000.

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