Natural Systems & Climate Change: Strategies for Our Future
May 20, 2013
Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, Sacramento

Registration (8:00 – 8:30)

Welcome (8:30 – 8:50)

Amber Mace, Associate Director, UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, the Environment and the Economy
Ron Gastelum, Member, Board of Trustees, The Nature Conservancy

Morning kick off and MC: Louis Blumberg, Director, California Climate Change Program, The Nature Conservancy

California’s Climate Policy Leadership and the Importance Natural Resources: (8:50 – 9:20)

Speakers:

Ken Alex, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jerry Brown and the Director of the Office of Planning and Research
Chuck Bonham, Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Climate Change and Nature: the Scientific Nexus (9:20 – 10:00)

Speaker: Mark Schwartz, John Muir Institute for the Environment – UC Davis

15 minute break (10:00 – 10:15)

Making It Real: Climate Action Case Studies (10:15 – 12:00)

Moderator: Ashley Conrad-Saydah, Assistant Secretary for Climate Policy, CA Environmental Protection Agency
Discussants:
Karen Gaffney, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
Kristal Davis Fadtk, Delta Conservancy
Terry Collins, Collins Pine Company
Joe Morris, Founder, Morris Grassfed Beef
Misha Sarkovich, Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Lunch and Keynote (12:00 – 1:30) “Natural Systems and Climate Action in California, a Federal View”

David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior
David Nawi, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for California and Nevada, Department of Interior

Afternoon kick off and MC: Amber Mace, Associate Director, UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, the Environment and the Economy

Leveraging Nature as a Climate Change Remedy: Opportunities and Needs (1:30 – 4:00)

Session 1 (perspectives from advocates and implementers)
Moderator: William Craven, Chief Consultant, Senate Natural Resources

Discussants:
Kip Lipper, Chief Policy Advisor, Office of California Senate Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg
Ann Chan, Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy, Natural Resources Agency
Louise Bedsworth, Senior Researcher, Office of Planning and Research
Mike McCoy, Executive Director, Strategic Growth Council
Michelle Passero, Senior Climate Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy
Josh Stark, State Policy Director, TransForm

Break 2:45 – 3:00

Session 2 (Perspective and responses from elected officials)
Moderator: Greg Dalton, ClimateOne

Discussants:
Assembly Member Mark Stone
State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Senator Kevin de Leon
State Senator Ted Lieu

Closing comments (4:15 – 4:45)

Administration Climate Change Priorities and the Role of Natural Resources

Nancy McFadden, Executive Secretary for Legislation, Appointments, and Policy in the Office of the Governor
Summary of the day and closing (4:45 – 5:15)

Amber Mace, Associate Director, UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, the Environment and the Economy
Louis Blumberg, Climate Program Director, The Nature Conservancy

Reception (5:15 pm – 6:30 pm)

Galleria Ballroom