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CALIFORNIA'S FIRST NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

8:00 AM

Check In, Networking and Solutions Gallery (Atrium)

9:00 AM

Welcome (Auditorium)

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

9:10 AM

Orientation - Nature Based Solutions in California (Auditorium)

Amanda Hansen, Deputy Secretary for Climate Change, California Natural Resources Agency

Learn how and why nature-based solutions have evolved as a state priority - what progress has been made and where are we headed?

9:25 AM

Conversation - Science State of Play (Auditorium)

The Honorable Dr. Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, University of California, Merced, and Tashanda Giles-Jones, Environmental Educator, Unite For Green

Get situated with a high-level overview of best available science – what is the role of nature in the climate fight, and what questions are scientists focused on?

9:45 AM

Fireside Chat + Q&A: Nature-Based Solutions Across the United States and Around the World (Auditorium)

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency, the Honorable Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., Oregon State University, and Heather Tallis, Senior Fellow, University of California, Santa Cruz

Enjoy a conversation exploring the way other states and countries are advancing nature-based solutions. What can we learn, and how can we scale through partnerships?

10:30 AM

Stretch Break



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10:45 AM

Video and Lightening Talk: Green Schoolyards (Auditorium)

Juan Altamirano, Director of Governmental Affairs, Trust for Public Land

Explore the many benefits of greening schoolyards.

10:55 AM

Leadership Remarks (Auditorium)

The Honorable Josh Becker, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

11:05 AM

Dialogue - California Leaders (Auditorium)

Gain insights from on-the-ground nature-based solutions leaders: tangible success stories, pragmatic takeaways, and strategic reflections on how to increase momentum toward 2030.

- ❖ Bruce Durbin, Councilmember, Lipayan Nation of Santa Ysabel and Supervising Regional Planner, County of Los Angeles (speaker)
- ❖ Christine Gemperle, Owner, Gemperle Orchards (speaker)
- ❖ Hayden Young, Corpsmember, California Conservation Corps (speaker)
- ❖ Julie Rentner, President, River Partners (speaker)
- ❖ Ashley Conrad-Saydah, Founder and Principal, Sowing Change Strategies (moderator)

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch, Networking and Solutions Gallery (Atrium)

1:00 PM

Afternoon Keynote + Q&A (Auditorium)

Lauren Sanchez, Chair, California Air Resources Board

Explore the role of nature in California's roadmap to achieving carbon neutrality – how has it changed over time, and what's next?

1:30 PM

Fireside Chat (Auditorium)

Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture and Wendy Millet, Ranch Director, TomKat Ranch

Get inspired by a conversation on the power of partnerships and potential for agricultural leaders to scale nature-based solutions agenda.



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2:10 PM

Small Group Solutions Discussions (2nd Floor Breakout Rooms)

Bring your perspective to interactive small group conversations identifying opportunities to:

- ❖ **Tell Nature's Story in Room 2-302 A&B** – How can we build and strengthen our coalition to drive nature-based solutions in California?
- ❖ **Build Nature's Workforce in Room 2-310** – How can we position nature-based solutions to generate economic opportunity and growth?
- ❖ **Cut Red Tape in Media Room 2-201** – How can we improve regulatory processes and policies to move faster and more effectively to deploy projects?

3:20 PM

Facilitator Readouts: Solutions Discussions (Auditorium)

3:30 PM

Dialogue: State Agency Action (Auditorium)

Hear from state agency nature-based solutions leaders - tangible success stories, pragmatic takeaways, and strategic reflections on how to increase momentum toward 2030.

- ❖ Anale Burlew, Chief Deputy Director of Operations, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (speaker)
- ❖ Cindy Messer, Lead Deputy Director, California Department of Water Resources (speaker)
- ❖ Lisa Worthington, Office Chief, Office of Natural Resource Management, Caltrans (speaker)
- ❖ Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (moderator)

4:15 PM

Closing Remarks (Auditorium)

Sarah Swig, Deputy Cabinet Secretary and Senior
Advisor on Climate, Office of Governor Newsom

4:25 PM

Wrap Up and Next Steps (Auditorium)

Amanda Hansen, Deputy Secretary for Climate Change,
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