



Mammoth Field Trip

SUSTAINABILITY IN THE EASTERN SIERRA

Historic and Current-Day Environmental Issues facing the Eastern Sierra & Honoring Andrea Mead Lawrence as a Local Planner, Elected Official, and Conservation Pioneer”

Sunday, June 26, 2022, from 9:30 - 11:00 am

About the Workshop

This workshop will focus on several of the environmental issues that have faced the Eastern Sierra region from both a historic and current-day perspective. Addressing these issues has been and continues to be a long-term effort requiring improving intergovernmental coordination, public involvement, and engagement and involvement of the private sector and non-governmental organizations. The effort undertaken over 20 years ago to bring attention to the Eastern Sierra by the California Planning Roundtable and Sierra Nevada Regional Initiative and work of Andrea Mead Lawrence Olympic gold medalist and former Mono County Supervisory will be highlighted. Speakers will also describe local wildfire management programs and the protection of Mono Lake. This workshop is part of the Central Section APA and AEP Central Chapter Field Trip to Mammoth Lakes to exploring planning and environmental issues in the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountain.

Learning Objectives

- To learn about past planning efforts undertaken in the early 2000s by the Sierra Nevada Regional Initiative, the California Planning Roundtable, and California Planning Foundation, which resulted in a workshop and report: Planning in the Eastern Sierra - Improving Intergovernmental Coordination, Public Involvement, and Land Use Decisions.
- To learn about the complexity of planning, environmental, and economic issues in the Eastern Sierra Nevada.
- To obtain information about the protection, restoration, and education efforts related to Mono Lake.
- To understand and obtain information about the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) which includes ecological forest restoration on approximately 56,000 acres of Inyo National Forest lands surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes to address wildfire danger.

Speaker Biographies

Janet Hatfield, Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project Manager

Janet Hatfield is a Project Manager for the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) and Forest Health Program Manager for the Whitebark Institute of Interdisciplinary Environmental Science. The ESCCRP is undertaking plans for ecological forest restoration on

approximately 56,000 acres of Inyo National Forest lands surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes. In 2019, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (a JPA established by the state) invested in the ESCCRP, a planning grant intended to engage stakeholders, create a partnership, and collaboratively develop a needs assessment, project goals, and proposed actions to restore wildfire resilience to the landscape surrounding Mammoth Lakes. Over the past 1.5 years, the project has done that with the help of an SNC Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) capacity grant to the Eastern California Water Association (ECWA) made possible by the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP). ECWA is assisting with project planning and funding by facilitating meetings and participating in developing grant proposals focused on forest and wildfire resilience.

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Santiago M. Escruceria, Mono Basin Outdoor Education Center Manager, Mono Lake Committee

Santiago Escruceria works as the Outdoor Education Center Manager for the Mono Lake Committee which is a Non-Profit & Charitable Organization founded in 1978. For the past 20 years, Santiago has provided outdoor environmental education programs for underserved youth through the Mono Lake Committee's Mono Basin Outdoor Education Center.

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Susan Baldwin, AICP, Retired Senior Regional Planner from the San Diego Association of Governments, and Frequent visitor and Lover of the Eastern Sierras and Mammoth Lakes

Susan Baldwin is a retired local and regional government planner. She held the position of senior regional planner at the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for 27 years, where she worked on regional land use, housing, and transportation issues. She has a degree in American Studies from the University of Colorado and also attended the University of North Carolina and San Diego State University. Susan has been a long time member of the American Planning Association (APA) and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and served on the San Diego APA board of directors in a number of capacities. Her planning interests include providing more affordable housing and transit oriented development; reducing gentrification and displacement as communities redevelop; conserving and protecting our backcountry, open spaces, and habitat areas from sprawl/leap frog development; and preserving historic character.

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Sandra Moberly, AICP, Town of Mammoth Lakes

Sandra Moberly is the Community and Economic Development Director for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA, and has served in that role since 2013. Sandra has spent more than 20 years in the community and economic development field and has experience in entitlement processing, long-range planning, housing, building, and code enforcement. In her role as Community and Economic Development Director, Sandra strives to build positive working relationships and firmly believes that good relationships are the foundation to successful projects that provide benefits to both the community and property owners. Sandra is also committed to a regulatory landscape that is accessible, easy to understand, and logical, and achieves this vision by annual updates to the Zoning Code, fee schedules, and related policy documents. Sandra holds a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Analysis and Design from University of California, Irvine, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kent State University, Ohio.

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