

Assembly Day 3

Session Five: Rethinking Land Conservation by Integrating Habitat Connectivity

Q&A:

1. Will P-22 travel out to use that bridge, possibly? Assuming he is still with us in '24? How will he know it has been built?
2. Will the 30x30 exec. order and NRA report on conservation efforts help wildlife crossings?
3. Do we think a wildlife resiliency and connectivity bond proposition would pass or other funding options?
4. From Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment in Northern Los Angeles County. We have a great wildlife corridor under pass opportunity in the Newhall Pass - Rim of the Valley Corridor (the Los Pinetos underpass), mostly open space on both sides, but need help with one property acquisition. We have a campaign to save the undercrossing. Who should we contact?
5. This link was supposed to go with previous post: <https://www.ioes.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/wildlife-use-los-pinetos.pdf>
6. I am curious, has there been any contact with the group trying to build a Cap Park in Hollywood? Bc I think if these crossings are half as beautiful as the drawings, I think people will be very supportive, and want more of them. Maybe there is some way to get support with cap park support too, or the expertise.
7. Funding for management and monitoring is key to long term success. Are you advocating for serious monies for that?
8. Will there be wildlife cameras on the Liberty crossing when completed that the public can view?
9. Struck by Beth's comment about not wanting to lose on more acre of habitat and actually wanting to add in places like LA. I agree with this and also recognize that we need to produce a huge amount of new housing in CA to address our existential housing crisis. Thoughts from the panelists about how to make housing and habitat priorities complement and not conflict with each other.
10. Are there any plans for corridors in the centl valley? Hwy 99 and I-5 and the Calif Aqueduct are very effective barriers.

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Great sweater!

the link here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f2f3582ead8f4a8abf89aec44a79ef82>

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<https://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/volumes/45/1/Galloway.pdf>

The ACE maps show high biodiversity in the California Delta. Grizzly Island is habitat for Tule Elk! Former State Senator Tom Torlakson promoted "Delta Trails" for active transportation, but can Beth, John or Mari discuss current wildlife initiatives in the Delta?

I missed Beth's opening remarks so maybe I missed some context there. But I was struck by the comment she just made about not wanting to sacrifice one more acre of habitat (which I generally agree with) and adding habitat as we plan in urban areas like LA. So, I'd be curious to hear from the panelists, how can corridor strategies, and habitat strategies in general, complement rather than conflict with our state's very real, existential priority of increasing housing production? We absolutely need both!

Regarding green space in urban areas, especially in lower-income communities (the areas without parks and golf courses), yes, it is vital. However, maybe we need to stop thinking of that in terms of "green," which implies "irrigated." We can't continue landscaping with a heavy reliance on water. Maybe we can talk about increasing "urban open space."

Great opportunity in SoCal - Los Pinetos Underpass - rim of the valley corridor area Newhall pass

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Can you provide link to the recent case Fran mentioned in Ventura county that added restrictions on ag lands?

Santa CLarita Organization for Planning and the Environment, Hi Fran! Jeremy Wolf in Senator Stern's office has been out to see the Los Pinetos underpass, but after re-districting it won't be his area anymore.

SCOPE Build it and the will come! See Parley Canyon camera

<https://www.facebook.com/UtahDWR/videos/parleys-canyon-wildlife-overpass-2020/3416838815036581/>

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This is a wonderful panel—thanks! I have learned a lot about this important issue.

Session Six: Essential but Often Avoided Planning Before and After a Wildfire

Q&A:

1. I'm sure Peter has seen EIRs that discuss "sheltering in place" as a main means of dealing with wildfires. Supposedly, houses now can be built so fire-resistant as to allow people to simply stay where there safely. Is this realistic? Secondly, how can local jurisdictions ensure that residents of the fire-resistant houses maintain those houses in a fire-resistant condition?
2. Could we get links to the studies Ms. Barrett is talking about?

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Here is the Headwaters Economics/IBHS study re: wildfire costs for wildfire-resistant home building in the Intermountain West. The study for CA is still underway and will be released in late summer/fall 2022

<https://headwaterseconomics.org/wildfire/homes-risk/building-costs-codes/>

Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment We are a completely different society now with different land use and covering than when Native Americans did burning. People need to stop promoting native american style burning until studies with current land use and open space reduction cause by human land use is studied. We can't burn the last of particular habitats. And many fires are caused by "cptroled burns that get out of hand or burning the underbrush piles as caused the recent Big Sur fire. Are we doing more harm than good? Someone needs to look at these problems.

Great conversation today. Thank you!

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