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Federal and state wildlife laws, particularly those intended to conserve threatened and endangered species, have the potential to affect an ever-growing segment of the California economy. Significant regulatory developments include new decisions to list species under both the federal and California Endangered Species Acts and major federal rulemaking efforts respecting listing, critical habitat, and incidental take. In addition, the California Supreme Court handed down a recent decision that addresses protection of species under the State’s fully protected species statutes.

In this program, we will provide an overview of the key provisions of the federal and California Endangered Species Acts, and hear from expert panels on a range of cutting edge issues facing the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service as well as individuals and entities subject to the regulatory requirements implemented by those agencies.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Dawn McIntosh, Esq. of Meyers Nave and Paul S. Weiland, Esq. of Nossaman LLP
8:30 Introduction to Day 2
Dawn A. McIntosh, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Paul S. Weiland, Esq., Program Co-Chair

8:45 Climate Change and Endangered Species
Federal regulatory perspective
Chris Yates
Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources
NOAA Fisheries ~ Long Beach, CA

Technical update on the science
Erica Fleishman
Researcher, Department of Environmental Science and Policy
UC Davis ~ Davis, CA

10:15 Break

10:30 Endangered Species, California’s Water Policy, and California’s Water Reality
Update on the legal environment for resolving conflicting claims to water including the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the physical interrelationship between surface and groundwater
Eric N. Robinson, Esq.
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard ~ Sacramento, CA

Case study of the Bay Delta: How water suppliers are adapting their operations in response to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, California WaterFix, and California EcoRestore as the state’s proposed approach to resolving a complex set of issues
Stephanie Morris, Esq., General Counsel
State Water Contractors ~ Sacramento, CA

12:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Paul S. Weiland, Program Co-Chair, partner, Nossaman LLP Environment and Land Use Practice Group, focuses on litigation, permitting, and compliance counseling; his clients include public agencies, private developers, large landowners, and trade associations. He also counsels clients regarding land use, endangered species, wetlands, water quality, air quality, climate change, green building, transportation, and hazardous substances issues.

Steve M. Anderson, partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP, focuses on environmental, water and natural resources law. He works on water supply, water quality, endangered species, environmental mitigation, conservation easements and other natural resource law matters.

Lisa T. Belenky, senior attorney, Center for Biological Diversity, focuses on the protection of rare and endangered species and their habitats under state and federal law on public and private lands throughout California and the southwest.

Douglas Carstens, managing partner, Chatten-Brown & Carstens, has extensive experience in environmental, land use, municipal and natural resource matters. He has been involved in all of the firm’s appellate litigation and was lead counsel on CEQA cases Uphold Our Heritage v. Town of Woodside and Committee to Save the Hollywoodland Specific Plan v. City of Los Angeles. He has been selected as a Super-Lawyer.

Beth Collins-Burgard, shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, is a member of the Natural Resources, Real Estate, Land Use and Litigation groups. She assists landowners, public agencies and institutions, energy companies and developers, through all stages of the development process with expertise in CEQA, Coastal Act, Subdivision Map Act, ESA, easement, title, and public law issues.

Noelle Cremer, Director - Natural Resources & Commodities, California Farm Bureau Federation, represents the state’s agricultural industry before the state legislature and regulatory agencies. She splits her time between wildlife and natural resources, marketing issues, animal health and welfare, and rural crime concerns facing California agriculture.

Erica Fleishman, Researcher, Department of Environmental Science and Policy of UC Davis, focuses on application of conservation science to management of public and private lands in the western United States with work such as explaining and projecting the responses of animals to changes in land cover, land use, and climate.

David M. Ivester, partner, Briscoe Ivester & Bazel LLP, practices land use, environmental, and natural resource law. He focuses on environmental review and permitting under NEPA and CEQA and regulation of water quality, wetlands, and wildlife.

Christopher A. Keifer, attorney, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Office of General Counsel, Southwest Region, advises the National Marine Fisheries Service on administration of the ESA, NEPA, and other matters. He has been NOAA’s lead attorney on various issues including application of the ESA to the Central Valley Project and to the Klamath Project, as well as 5th Amendment takings litigation.

Stephanie Morris, General Counsel, State Water Contractors, represents SWC in all legal matters and on legal and policy issues at public meetings, dealing with other public water agencies, and before the Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board.

Eric N. Robinson, shareholder and manager of the water resources practice group at Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, assists in obtaining and defending water supplies, including water transfers and groundwater banking transactions. He obtains and defends environmental regulatory approvals for water resource projects.

Michael J. Sherman, is partner at Stoel Rives LLP. His experience includes title, transactional, land use and natural resources matters involving oil and gas exploration and aggregate, industrial mineral and metallic mineral mines throughout California.

Robert D. Thornton, partner, Nossaman LLP, specializes in advising state and regional infrastructure authorities on environmental issues regarding large infrastructure projects.

Chris Yates, Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries, is responsible for the implementation of the ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act along the West Coast of the United States protecting and conserving populations of species such as marine mammals, abalone, green sturgeon, salmon, eulachon, and sea turtles.

You Will Learn About:

- ESA regulatory priorities at the state level
- California coastal issues
- The Tricolored Blackbird case study: Voluntary effort vs. regulatory regime
- Federal Section 7 consultation requirements
- Implications of the Supreme Court’s Newhall Ranch decision
- New federal rules for critical habitat for both designation and adverse modification
- Climate change and anticipated impacts on endangered species
- Endangered species, California’s water policy, and California’s water reality

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