

Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 3:00 pm PST



# Public Advisory Committee Workshop #7 Meeting Agenda

## SAN BENITO COUNTY CONSERVATION PLAN

### SBCCP PAC Members

San Benito County Supervisors **Bea Gonzalez** and **Kollin Kosmicki**, San Benito County Planning Commissioners **Robert Gibson** and **Robert Scagliotti**, City of Hollister Representative **Christine Hopper**, City of San Juan Bautista Representative **Brian Foucht**, Amah Mutsun Tribe Representative **Valentin Lopez**, Business/Landowner Representative **Rachel Reed**, Small Business Representative **Kristina Chavez Wyatt**, Member of the Public Representatives **Sara Steiner**, **Jeff Micko**, and **Robb Rodriguez**, Local Ranching Representatives **David Cole**, **Jason Lingo** and **Russell Tobias**

### SBCCP Planning Team

County Resource Management Agency Assistant Director of Planning & Building **Abraham Prado**, County Resource Management Agency Principal Planner **Arielle Goodspeed**, ICF SBCCP Project Manager **Bernadette Clueit**, ICF SBCCP Deputy Project Manager **Rose Kronberg**, ICF SBCCP Lead Facilitator **Jennifer Piggott**, ICF SBCCP Public Outreach Lead **Tiffany Mendoza**; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Senior Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator **Rachel Henry**, USFWS Senior Fish and Wildlife Biologist **Mark Ogonowski**, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Central Region Supervisor, Senior Environmental Scientist **Craig Bailey**, CDFW Central Region Senior Environmental Scientist, Natural Community Conservation Plan Program Coordinator **Sara Kern**

The SBCCP Public Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting will be available through Zoom (<https://zoom.us/join>) or phone dial-in, per the instructions stated below, and other methods as described further below.



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### **1. Participating by Zoom:**

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#### **Zoom on Web-browser or Zoom app for Tablet or Smartphone:**

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1. Select **“JOIN A MEETING”**
2. The participant will be prompted to enter **Webinar ID: 852 9571 8021**, and **Webinar Password: SBCCP** and name to join the meeting. The meeting agenda can be found at <https://www.cosb.us/>
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4. **Public Comment:** Select the **“Participants Tab”** and click **“Raise hand”** icon, and the Zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.

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2. It will then ask for a **Participant ID**, press the **“#” key** (pound key) to continue.
3. Once you enter the Zoom meeting, you will automatically be placed on mute.
4. **Public Comment:** If you are using a phone, please press **“\*9”** (star-nine) to raise your hand, and the Zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.

### **2. Written Comments & Email Public Comment**

Members of the public may submit comments via email by 5:00 PM on the day prior to the SBCCP PAC meeting to [SBCCP@cosb.us](mailto:SBCCP@cosb.us). Regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda, every effort will be made to provide SBCCP PAC members with your comments before the agenda item is heard.

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## What is the Role of the Public Advisory Committee (PAC)?

The PAC's purpose is to serve as a sounding board with the specific charge to review, consider, and comment upon the components that make up the SBCCP document as they are developed and as presented to the PAC for review. PAC members are motivated by their desire to collaborate in an environment of mutual respect and shall strive in their recommendations to be objective, balanced, and constructive. The overarching goal of the PAC is to help inform the development of a quality Plan that meets San Benito County's biological conservation goals while supporting planned development with a streamlined endangered species permitting process, and that reflects the broadest possible set of community interests and concerns. PAC members are expected to offer constructive input from the interest areas they represent, and to provide an interest-based level of insight on draft working documents, policies, and programs generated by San Benito County staff and the project team developing the SBCCP. Planning Team members may participate in PAC meetings to help assure coordination among all parties involved with development of the SBCCP. The PAC operates by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the various positions will be reported to County staff.

## Why is this a virtual meeting?

- We are using Zoom meeting because it is the most user-friendly platform for virtual engagement.
- We are meeting virtually to ensure maximum participation and a one-voice approach. We want all PAC member to feel included, equal and contribute without physical or perceived barriers during the meeting (i.e., podiums, seating structure, physical placement).

## Meeting Objectives:

- Provide an update on the progress of land cover mapping of natural communities.

- Provide an understanding of how the SBCCP conservation strategy is developed.
- Solicit feedback from PAC members on broad biological goals for the SBCCP.

## Meeting Ground Rules:

- **ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.** Turn video on and share all relevant information and concerns.
- **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND.** Focus on objectives and common vision.
- **THINK SYNERGY.** Create cooperation, seek win/win solutions.
- **SPEAK ONE AT A TIME.** Raise your hand and be professional and respectful of other people.
- **ACTIVELY LISTEN.** Be open minded, first seek to understand, then to be understood.
- **AVOID REDUNDANCY.** Focus on the discussion to avoid repeating.
- **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.** Meetings are not recorded verbatim, point out when a statement needs to be recorded.
- **BE REASONABLE.** Use examples that can be achieved and be mindful of budget and staffing constraints.
- **BE SPECIFIC.** Use examples and explain reasons behind your statements or questions.
- **THINK BIG PICTURE.** Understand the difference between word-smithing and re-phrasing for clarity.
- **STAY FOCUSED.** Leave non-SBCCP related issues outside the meeting.
- **STRATEGIC MOMENTS.** Work together to discover strategic moments.

## Questions:

If you have questions or technical issues in advance of the workshop, please reach out to ICF facilitator, Jennifer Piggott, [jennifer.piggott@icf.com](mailto:jennifer.piggott@icf.com) or 925-951-7399.

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## Agenda

1. **Welcome and Meeting Procedures** (Jennifer Piggott, ICF)
2. **Land Cover Mapping Update** (Bernadette Clueit, ICF)
3. **Review of the Conservation Strategy Framework** (Bernadette Clueit, ICF)
  - a. Suggestions for broad biological goals (PAC members)
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Next Steps**
  - a. Next PAC Meeting, February 28, 2024, 3:00 PM

