



SOUTHERN CA REGIONAL MEETING



April 4, 2024

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

In person: **San Diego Zoo Safari Park, Escondido, CA**

Online: [Zoom](#)

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8:30 AM	Resource Fair & Check in	Local Partners & Displays
10:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Lisa Peterson, San Diego Zoo Safari Park Stephen W. Cope, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Jennifer Eberlien, USFS Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE Task Force Executive Committee Joel Anderson, SD County Supervisor
10:45 AM	Director's Report Update on Task Force priorities and key accomplishments.	Patrick Wright, Task Force
11:00 AM	Southern CA's Unique Landscapes & Challenges State and regional scientists will provide an overview of Southern California's unique ecosystems and priorities, in addition to Task Force tools to plan, prioritize, and evaluate projects.	Megan Jennings, SDSU John Battles, UC Berkeley
11:30 AM	Regional Leadership Panel A panel of regional leaders will showcase their efforts to develop landscape-scale projects and align federal, state, and regional plans, priorities, and investments.	<u>Moderator:</u> Kathy Peterson Susie Kirschner, Inland Empire RCD Scott Tangenberg, Cleveland NF Heather Marlow, Greater SD County RCD Sal Reyes, San Bernardino NF Eric Just, CAL FIRE
12:45 PM	Lunch	
2:00 PM	Cultural Fire & Indigenous Stewardship A panel of tribal practitioners and agency resource managers will discuss cultural fire practices and perspectives in Southern California.	<u>Moderator:</u> Will Madrigal Jr., Climate Science Alliance Wesley Ruise Jr., La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Marlene' Dusek, Climate Science Alliance Cliff Devers, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians Emily Burgueno, Kumeyaay Diegueno Land Conservancy Travis Armstrong, CAL FIRE

3:00 PM	<p>The Role of Utilities & Infrastructure in Wildfire Resilience</p> <p>A panel of energy, water, and transportation agency representatives will discuss new and emerging strategies to address wildfire impacts to infrastructure.</p>	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Phil Saksa, Blue Forest Caroline Thomas Jacobs, OEIS Thom Porter, SD Gas and Electric David Guzman, So. Cal Edison Greg Woodside, San Bernardino MWD Lisa Worthington, Caltrans</p>
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<p>Free Time to Explore the Safari Park</p>	<p>San Diego Zoo Safari Park</p>

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<p>Field Tours Start Between 8:00 – 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Click For Details</p>