



Santa Cruz Tarplant Recovery Workshop

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Coastal Training Program
Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
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10am – 3pm



Purpose

Recovery workshops for the Santa Cruz tarplant were last held by the California Department of Fish and Game in 1996. At that time, various agencies and individuals identified priorities for conserving the species. During this workshop, we will review the progress of these and other activities that affect the Santa Cruz tarplant while prioritizing future actions to help recover this endangered species.

Agenda

10:00 a.m. Morning session

There will be round table presentations from each attendee as to their contributions and suggestions for conservation and recovery of the Santa Cruz tarplant. There will be special focus on prioritizing threats and best management practices for restoring the species. At press time for this agenda, a couple of attendees had not yet confirmed either their ability to attend or present at the workshop: these are indicated by (?) following their names.

Regulation

Presenter	Regulation
Connie Rutherford, USFWS	Connie will review various aspects of her agency's work on protecting/recovering the Santa Cruz tarplant
Deb Hillyard, DFG	Deb and perhaps other DFG employees will present various aspects of their agency's work on protecting/recovering the Santa Cruz tarplant

Research

Presenter	Research
Adelia Barber	Effects of population size on reproductive fitness.
Grey Hayes	Effects of varying management regimes on experimental populations
Susan Bainbridge (?)	Porter Ranch demographics; Watsonville Airport demographics and effects of mowing; effects of non-native grasses; Arana Gulch effects of varying management regimes; etc (?)

Management

Presenter	Position	Population
Jody Olson	Botanist, California Army National Guard	National Guard Center, DeLaveaga
Joe Rigney	Restoration Ecologist, Central Coast Wilds	Anna Jean Cummings County Park
Kim Hayes	Land Manager, Elkhorn Slough Foundation	Porter Ranch
Kirk Lennington	Resource Ecologist, Santa Cruz City Planning Dept.	Arana Gulch
Laurie Kiguchi (?)	Botanist, John Gilchrist and Associates	Watsonville Airport
Ray Budzinski	Wildland Vegetation Program Manager, East Bay Regional Parks	Wildcat Canyon experimental populations
Tim Hyland	California State Parks	Twin Lakes State Beach
Tom Edell	Associate Biologist, CALTRANS	Apple Hill, 152
Val Haley	Botanist and Revegetation Specialist, Native Vegetation Network	Graham Hill Showgrounds
Vince Cheap	Conservation Committee Co-Chair, CNPS Santa Cruz	Fairway Drive

~12:30 p.m. **Lunch** *Please bring your own lunch to the workshop.*

Afternoon session

We will wrap up any unfinished presentations from the morning session and run through the questions that people raised about Santa Cruz tarplant before starting on the field trip.

Field Trip: We will visit the Porter Ranch, one of California's best examples of coastal prairie. The site has the Endangered Santa Cruz tarplant and the rare artist's popcornflower. There is also a research site investigating tarplant introductions and various disturbance regimes.