

Monterey County Planners Workshop
Coastal Act Protections for Wetlands and Sensitive Habitats
September 15, 2014
9:00 – 5:00
Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve



The goal of the training is to improve Monterey County Planners’ understanding about Coastal Commission perspectives and resources for updating Local Coastal Plans and identification, delineation and protections for coastal wetlands and Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA).

The objectives of the training are:

- Improved understanding of Coastal Commission guidance and related resources for updating Local Coastal Plans, including ESHA issues pertinent to northern Monterey County
- Improved understanding of identification delineation, and protection of Coastal Act protected wetlands and other ESHA, with a focus on northern Monterey County



Agenda

9:00	Program begins
	Welcome
	Introductions
	Definition and Delineation of ESHA in the California Coastal Zone <i>Jonna Engel, PhD, Ecologist, California Coastal Commission</i>
	<i>Break</i>
	Definition and Delineation of ESHA in the California Coastal Zone (con’d) <i>Jonna Engel, PhD, Ecologist, California Coastal Commission</i>
	Q and A
	Definition and delineation of wetlands in the California Coastal Zone <i>John Dixon, PhD, Senior Ecologist, California Coastal Commission</i>
	Q and A
12:15	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	LCP Updates & ESHA <i>Mike Watson, Coastal Planner, California Coastal Commission</i> <i>Katie Butler, Coastal Planner, California Coastal Commission</i>

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Q and A

Travel to field site – we will be carpooling, taking as few vehicles as possible

Field site Elkhorn Slough Foundation’s Renteria property for maritime chaparral and wetlands

Return to Reserve

5:00 Program Ends



Abstracts

Definition and Delineation of ESHA in the California Coastal Zone
Jonna Engel, PhD, Ecologist, California Coastal Commission

I will talk about what constitutes ESHA (i.e. what species and habitats rise to the level of environmentally sensitive habitat), examples of different types of ESHA, resources we use to make ESHA determinations, ESHA policy and protection, and ESHA determination and protection challenges.

Definition and delineation of wetlands in the California Coastal Zone
John Dixon, PhD, Senior Ecologist, California Coastal Commission

I will review wetland characteristics, the field methods developed by the Army Corps of Engineers, how the wetland definitions of the Corps and the Coastal Commission differ, and the effects of those differences on the delineation of wetland boundaries in the field.

LCP Updates & ESHA
Mike Watson, Coastal Planner, California Coastal Commission
Katie Butler, Coastal Planner, California Coastal Commission

We will give an overview of recent CCC statewide policy trends related to ESHA in newly certified and recently updated LCPs and then focus on several issues relevant to Monterey County LCP updates (defensible space, reasonable development, buffers, etc.).



This workshop is by invitation only for Monterey County Agency staff. For more information, contact Grey Hayes: grey@elkhornslough.org or (831) 274-8700