



2014 Bay Area League Day
Saturday, February 1, 2014, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Registration and refreshments from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM
MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607



A New Vision for Bay Area Open Space

Open space is more than just a beautiful landscape or a place to hike. Within the more than one million acres protected permanently from development in the Bay Area, a new vision of the value of open space is emerging. An ecosystem survey being conducted by the Santa Clara and Sonoma open space districts is developing data on the cost-benefit value of investing in nature. Connectivity between open lands allows for greater use by the public and wildlife. Some open lands are being used as a baseline to study the effects of climate change. Habitat conservation plans are being developed to enhance the provision of water supply by preserving and enhancing watersheds and improving flood protection. Join us for our annual Bay Area League Day as we consider all of this and more in the following program:

Keynote Address

Wendy Pulling, Director of Conservation Programs, The Nature Conservancy - San Francisco

Panel 1: Progress in Preserving Open Space

Jeremy Madsen, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance
Sam Schuchat, Executive Director, California State Coastal Conservancy
Beverly Lane, Board Member, East Bay Regional Park District

Panel 2: Economic Benefits of Open Space

Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager, Sonoma County Ag. Preservation and Open Space District

Panel 3: Future Challenges

Matt Brennan, Senior Engineering Hydrologist, ESA PWA
Nat Seavy PhD, Pacific Coast & Central Valley Research Director, Point Blue Conservation Science
Jenn Fox, Executive Director, Bay Area Open Space Council

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