



**2024 Western Urban and Community Forestry Committee  
Annual Meeting**

February 27-29, 2024 | California Natural Resources Agency | Sacramento, CA

**Meeting Theme:** Strategic Planning

**Location:** California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), which includes the headquarters of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA

**Attire:** Business Casual

<b>Tuesday, February 27, 2024</b> CNRA Headquarters, Floor 01 – Auditorium	
8:30 - 8:50 a.m.	<b>Meeting Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview</b> <i>Walter Passmore, Chair (CA)</i>
8:50 - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Message from WFLC and State Forester Advisor</b> <i>Neil Simpson (WFLC) and Tom Claeys, State Forester Advisor (ND)</i>
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	<b>California Welcome</b> <i>Speaker: Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director of Resource Protection and Improvement, California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection</i>
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	<b>National Association of State Foresters Update</b> <i>Keith Wood, National Association of State Foresters</i>
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Session 1: State Updates and Conversation</b> <i>Speaker/Facilitator: Walter Passmore, Chair (CA)</i> Pertaining to priority issues, small communities, green schoolyards, nursery stock, and workforce development.
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> (on your own)
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Southern Group of State Foresters Update</b> <i>Seth Hawkins, SGSF Chair (virtual)</i> <b>Northeast-Midwest State Foresters Alliance Update</b> <i>Mike Brunk, NMSFA Chair (virtual)</i> <b>Arbor Day Foundation</b> <i>Alana Tucker, Program Manager Tree City Programs</i>



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2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	<b>USDA Forest Service Update with a focus on IRA</b> <i>Speaker: Jasmine Forsberg, USFS, Washington Office, Urban and Community Forestry</i>
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Roundtable conversation and parking lot issues from the days updates</b> <i>Facilitator: Rochel O'Leary</i>
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Strategic Plan Kickoff</b> <i>Speaker/Facilitator: Rachel O'Leary and Emily Webb</i>
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Wrap Up and Field Tour Logistics</b> <i>Speaker/Facilitator: Julia Gowin and Walter Passmore</i>

<b>Wednesday, February 28, 2024</b> CNRA Headquarters, Floor 01 – Auditorium	
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<b>Meet for travel to Field Tour</b>
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Field Tour</b> <i>Location: Davis Arboretum</i> Attendees will have an opportunity to explore Shields Oak Grove, home to the largest collection of oaks in the southwestern United States with over 100 taxa. Learn how this nationally accredited collection at the UC Davis Arboretum serves as a resource for research and teaching, supports global tree conservation initiatives, and acts as a testing ground for future climate-appropriate species for the urban forest. UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden staff will also discuss their work to collect oaks and other tree species in the desert southwest to trial in Sacramento Valley growing conditions.
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Field Tour</b> <i>Location: Davis Climate Ready Species Research Site</i> Attendees will visit field plots of USFS/UC Davis research on Climate Ready Trees, planning for the urban trees that will be resilient to future climate changes.



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<p>11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Field Tour</b> <i>Location: Harper Junior High</i> Attendees will meet with Mr. McKim and some of his students and learn about some of their activities that provide a biodiverse, sustainable, and beautiful campus for our students and our community members. Every two weeks on “Field Day Friday”, Biology and Science students learn physics, chemistry, and biology lessons outdoors. “Tree Harper” a 17-year-old club that meets after school on Fridays, focuses activities on arboriculture and horticulture projects on campus, and “Friends of Frances” work parties occur multiple times per year to help improve Harper campus.  During this stop, the nonprofit Tree Davis will share additional information about their work with other schools in Yolo County.</p>
<p>12:15 - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Lunch</b> Sack lunches will be provided.</p>
<p>1:30 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Field Tour</b> <i>Location: Sacramento Tree Foundation (SacTree)</i> Attendees will visit SacTree’s Urban Wood Rescue Operations, learn about their Shade Tree Program, get a glimpse into workforce development activities and other training/educational opportunities, and learn about their educational activities for children as part of the “Seeds to Seedling” Program.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Arrival in Sacramento and end of the tour</b></p>

<p><b>Thursday, February 29, 2024</b> CNRA Headquarters, Floor 02 - Center Conference Room; NRHQ 2-221</p>	
<p>8:30 - 8:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Welcome and Agenda Overview</b> <i>Walter Passmore, Chair (CA)</i></p>
<p>8:45 - 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b> <i>Facilitator: Rachel O’Leary and Emily Webb</i></p>
<p>10:00 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p>10:30 - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning Continued</b> <i>Facilitator: Rachel O’Leary and Emily Webb</i></p>



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11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Roundtable Conversation</b> <i>Facilitator: Neil Simpson</i>
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Closeout</b> <i>Walter Passmore, Chair (CA) and Alyssa O'Brien, Vice-Chair (NM)</i>