

**CNPS Chapter Council - September Conservation Symposium:  
Tools to maximize the effectiveness of CEQA comment letters on sensitive plants and natural communities**

**Ft. Bragg, CA  
Sept. 12, 2015**

**Agenda**

8:30 - 9:00 am - Introductions and weekend logistics

9:00 - 10:00am - *Using The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to Maximize the Effectiveness of Comment Letters on Projects Affecting Sensitive Plants and Natural Communities - Part I.*

Part I will include an explanation of key terms and sections of CEQA that provide the most effective tools for protecting plants and sensitive natural communities. Led by Gordon Leppig.

10:00 - 10:30 - BREAK

10:30 - Noon - *Using The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to Maximize the Effectiveness of Comment Letters on Projects Affecting Sensitive Plants and Natural Communities - Part II.*

Part II will include a group activity where attendees will divide into smaller groups, and be provided with a CEQA document for a project affecting sensitive plants and natural communities. Participants will be given time to review and discuss the document, identify potential plant impacts, and develop CEQA comments. Groups will then share and discuss their comments. Led by Gordon Leppig.

Noon - 1:00pm - LUNCH

1:00 - 1:30pm - **Morning summary / additional notes**

Greg Suba, CNPS Conservation Program Director

1:30 - 2:30pm - **Timber Harvest Plans (THPs): Plant conservation challenges**

Examining the relationship between CEQA and THPs, with particular focus on the problems plant conservationists currently face when attempting to apply CEQA to timber harvest plans (THPs).

Led by Peter Baye, DKY Chapter Conservation Chair.

*"New massive floodplain forest logging plan for the lower Gualala River threatens wetlands, rare plants, and endangered wildlife"*

2:30 - 3:00pm - BREAK

3:00 - 4:30pm - **draft CNPS Strategic Plan discussion**

A review and discussion of the August 2015 *Draft CNPS Strategic Plan (2016-2021)*. Camp, Black

4:30 - 5:00pm - Wrap-up and announcements

5:00pm - Adjourn