



CEAC Infrastructure and Development Policy Committee

21st Annual CEAC Policy Conference

Capitol Event Center

1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento

August 21, 2026 | 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

AGENDA

Chair, Matt Randall, Placer County

Vice Chair, Warren Lai, Contra Costa County

Vice Chair, Blossom Scott-Heim, Tuolumne County

Vice Chair, Anastasia Seims, Ventura County

- 9:15 a.m. I. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Matt Randall, Placer County, Chair
- 9:20 a.m. II. **Legislative Update**
Mark Neuberger, CSAC Legislative Advocate
- 9:30 a.m. III. **Beyond Project-by-Project Permitting: HCPs and Programmatic Approaches to Infrastructure Delivery**
Environmental permitting and mitigation can significantly affect the cost, schedule, and delivery of public infrastructure projects. Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) offer one model for moving from project-by-project permitting and mitigation toward a more predictable, programmatic approach. This session will provide an overview of HCPs and their application to infrastructure delivery, using the Placer County Conservation Program and Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan as real-world examples. Presenters will discuss lessons learned, permitting and mitigation efficiencies, and opportunities for greater certainty in project delivery. The session will conclude with a moderated policy discussion on improving environmental permitting more broadly, including programmatic permitting and mitigation, interagency coordination, early regulatory engagement, and potential policy approaches to reduce permitting uncertainty and improve infrastructure delivery.
Matt Randall, Placer County, Moderator
Edmund Sullivan, Executive Officer, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency
Gregg McKenzie, Executive Director, Placer Conservation Authority
- 10:35 a.m. IV. **Future Topics / Roundtable Discussion**
- 10:45 a.m. V. **Adjournment**