



## Benefits and Challenges of NCCP Preserve Management and Permitting

**Speakers: Mike Grim - City of Carlsbad, Michael Sweesy - Dudek**

Please join the AEP San Diego Chapter for our February 2012 luncheon event at the Hilton San Diego/Del Mar, featuring a presentation by Mike Grim from the City of Carlsbad and Michael Sweesy from Dudek on the benefits and challenges of Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) preserve management, permitting, and mitigation. Over the past 15 years, local jurisdictions in the San Diego region have prepared landscape level conservation plans under the California Department of Fish and Game's NCCP program, such as the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) and Multiple Habitat Conservation Program (MHCP). These plans were intended to facilitate permit processing for projects with native habitat impacts by streamlining preservation design considerations, CEQA analysis and mitigation, and consultation with federal permitting agencies.

At this luncheon, Mike Grim from the City of Carlsbad will offer his experiences in land use permit processing and CEQA review in areas with NCCP conservation plans from the local jurisdiction perspective. Michael Sweesy from Dudek will provide perspectives on land management and opportunities to leverage mitigation bank concepts to increase the value of regional biological resources on preserved land.

### Speaker Biographies

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Michael Sweesy is a Principal and registered landscape architect at Dudek where he leads the Habitat Restoration Group. Over his 18-year career at Dudek, he has designed and implemented numerous habitat restoration projects for wetlands creation and enhancement of habitat such as mulefat scrub, oak riparian forest, southern willow scrub, and vernal pools; sensitive upland habitats such as coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and native bunchgrass grassland; and mitigation projects for endangered species such as the Quino checkerspot butterfly, Palos Verdes blue butterfly, California gnatcatcher, least Bell's vireo, and San Diego ambrosia. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Geography from Cal State Fullerton and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from Cal Poly Pomona.

Mike Grim is a Senior Planner at the City of Carlsbad with over 20 years of experience in land use planning and permitting and CEQA review. For the last six years, he has overseen the implementation of the City's Habitat Management Plan, which is the only approved NCCP subarea plan in the MHCP and serves as a citywide Habitat Conservation Plan. He also serves as Vice Chair on SANDAG's Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) Working Group. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Geography and a Masters in Public Administration from San Diego State University.

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2012, 11:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** Hilton San Diego/Del Mar  
15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd.  
Del Mar, CA 92014

**Menu:** *California Chicken* – Breast of chicken layered with goat cheese and roasted pasilla peppers over shallot mashed potatoes and red pepper cream sauce; served with chef's selection of seasonal vegetables, warm rolls, a fruit bowl starter, and dessert. **OR**  
*Silks Greek Salad* – Romaine and iceberg lettuce with kalamata olives, feta cheese, shaved red onions, tomatoes, and cucumbers with romano croutons and gorgonzola balsamic vinaigrette; served with hummus and pita triangles, a fruit bowl starter, and dessert.

**Cost:** \$30 Members, \$40 Non-members, \$15 Student/Unemployed Members

Please RSVP no later than **Friday, February 17th, 2012**, using the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/SDAEPFeb2012Luncheon>

Please submit the applicable information for **EACH** person you wish to register.

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