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# 8th California Oak Symposium



## **Sustaining Oak Woodlands Under Current & Future Conditions**

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2022 | Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo

## Registration is Open!

Presented by the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the 8th California Oak Symposium is intended for anyone involved in research, education, management, or conservation of California's oak woodlands. This includes foresters, range managers, tribes, arborists, landowners, ranchers, community groups, land trusts, and policy makers.

Join us to:

- Listen to science based talks from leaders in academia, industry and agencies.
- View thought-provoking abstracts and posters from colleagues.
- Experience tours of San Luis Obispo County's various Oak Woodland habitats.
- Engage in discussions and network with other like-minded professionals, researchers, and scientists.

[Register](#)



## Agenda

We have a jam packed agenda with tours, 2.5 days of plenary talks, 6 concurrent sessions, a poster reception and more!

[Check it out here.](#)



## Lodging

Be sure and reserve your room at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo to ensure you get the best rate.

\$139+ tax per night.

[Book Now.](#)



## Tours

We have 3 great all-day [tour options](#) to kick off the Symposium:

1. Dangermond Preserve
2. Sinton Family Avenales Ranch
3. Oak Conservation for Everyone: Engaging Diverse Communities in Sustaining Oak Landscapes

### Contacts for more information

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## California Oak Symposium set for Oct. 31–Nov. 3 in San Luis Obispo

The 8th California Oak Symposium will be held Oct. 31–Nov. 3 in San Luis Obispo, and anyone involved in research, education, management or conservation of California's oak woodlands is invited to participate.

The theme of the symposium is "Sustaining California Oak Woodlands Under Current and Future Conditions." The four-day event's 62 concurrent session talks and 30 posters will cover climate change, wildlife ecology, oak restoration, oak pests and diseases, fire ecology, and ranch management and generational transfer.

Oak scientists, foresters, tribal members, land managers, policymakers and other interested individuals will gather to discuss the state of knowledge about the science, policy and management of California's oak woodlands.

"Given the risks associated with climate change, conservation of this diverse ecosystem is an especially critical management and policy priority today," said symposium co-chair Bill Tietje, University of California Cooperative Extension natural resources specialist based in San Luis Obispo.

The symposium will kick off on Oct. 31 with [three optional tours](#) to observe Central Coast oak management and conservation. The [Dangermond Preserve tour](#) will provide a glimpse into the home of 54 special status species – including 14 threatened and endangered plant and animal species – in 6,000 acres of coast live oak woodlands at Point Conception. On the [Sinton Family Avenales Ranch tour](#), Steve Sinton, co-founder of the California Rangeland Trust, will discuss the history and management of the ranch, which offers hunting and hosts UC Cooperative Extension long-term research projects. The [Oak Conservation tour](#) will visit the Cuesta Ridge oak diversity hotspot, Learning Among the Oaks outdoor education and youth environmental leadership training program, Santa Margarita Vineyard and oak restoration activities at Cayuse Ranch.

Keynote speaker David Ackerly, dean and professor of UC Berkeley Raussler College of Natural Resources, will open the second day with an overview of climate change and oaks. Other speakers will discuss the science of climate change, management of oak woodland under changing environmental conditions, and the maintenance of working landscapes and the essential services they provide to society.

On the third day, two special-topic panels will describe California oak programs for schools, citizen scientists and underrepresented groups. Panelists will also describe technologies used to increase understanding of the oak woodland ecosystem and how to apply the information.

The closing day will feature a plenary session on managing and maintaining working landscapes during prolonged drought. To wrap up the symposium, Paul Starrs, University of Nevada-Reno emeritus professor, will deliver the capstone talk, "Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?"

Beginning in 1979, seven symposia have been held every five to seven years to address the state of knowledge about the science, policy and management of California's oak woodlands. The eighth in the series was originally set for 2020, but postponed due to the pandemic.

For more information, including the full program, and to register, visit <https://ucanr.edu/sites/oaksymposium>. UC Agriculture and Natural Resources brings the power of UC to all 58 California counties. Through research and Cooperative Extension in agriculture, natural resources, nutrition, economic and youth development, our mission is to improve the lives of all Californians. Learn more at [ucanr.edu](http://ucanr.edu) and support our work at [donate.ucanr.edu](http://donate.ucanr.edu).

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