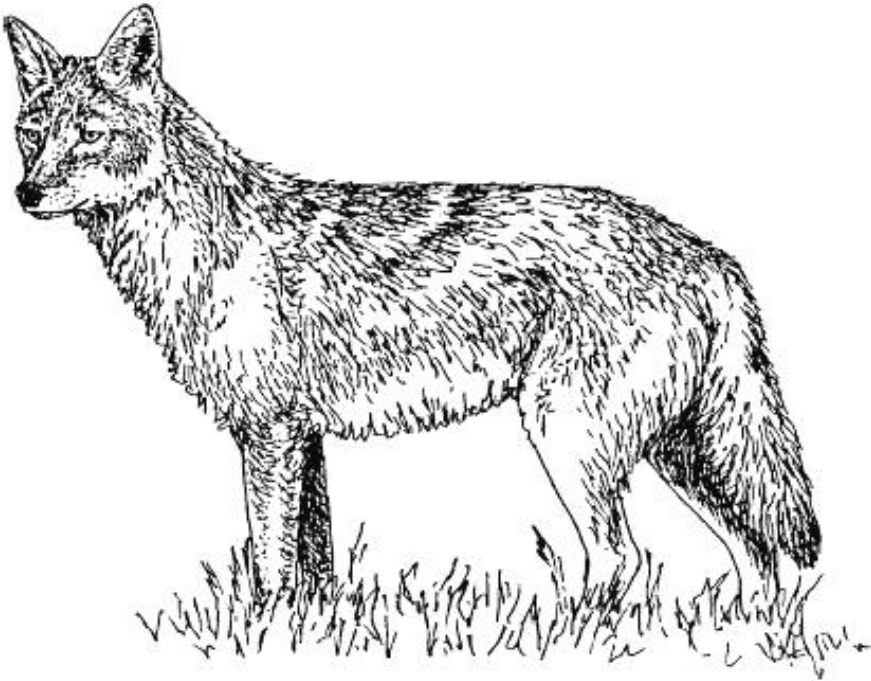


# ***Final Program***

## **27<sup>th</sup> VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE**

**March 7-10, 2016**  
**Fairmont Newport Beach**  
**Newport Beach, California, USA**



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- **Urban Coyotes**
- **Bird Management**
- **Wild Pig Management**

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We have worked over the years to keep this educational Conference the best of its kind. We welcome your comments (good and bad) concerning it. We are always looking for potential Conference speakers and would appreciate your suggestions for possible speakers or program topics. Contact the chairperson, Roger Baldwin, (E-mail: [rabaldwin@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rabaldwin@ucdavis.edu)).

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Check in with your session chairperson at the beginning of your session and introduce yourself. Please be careful with your time and respectful of the session chairperson and your fellow speakers. Speakers will have 25 minutes to be introduced, present their talks, and field questions. Session chairpersons will keep speakers on time to ensure people attending concurrent sessions can hear papers presented at their published times.

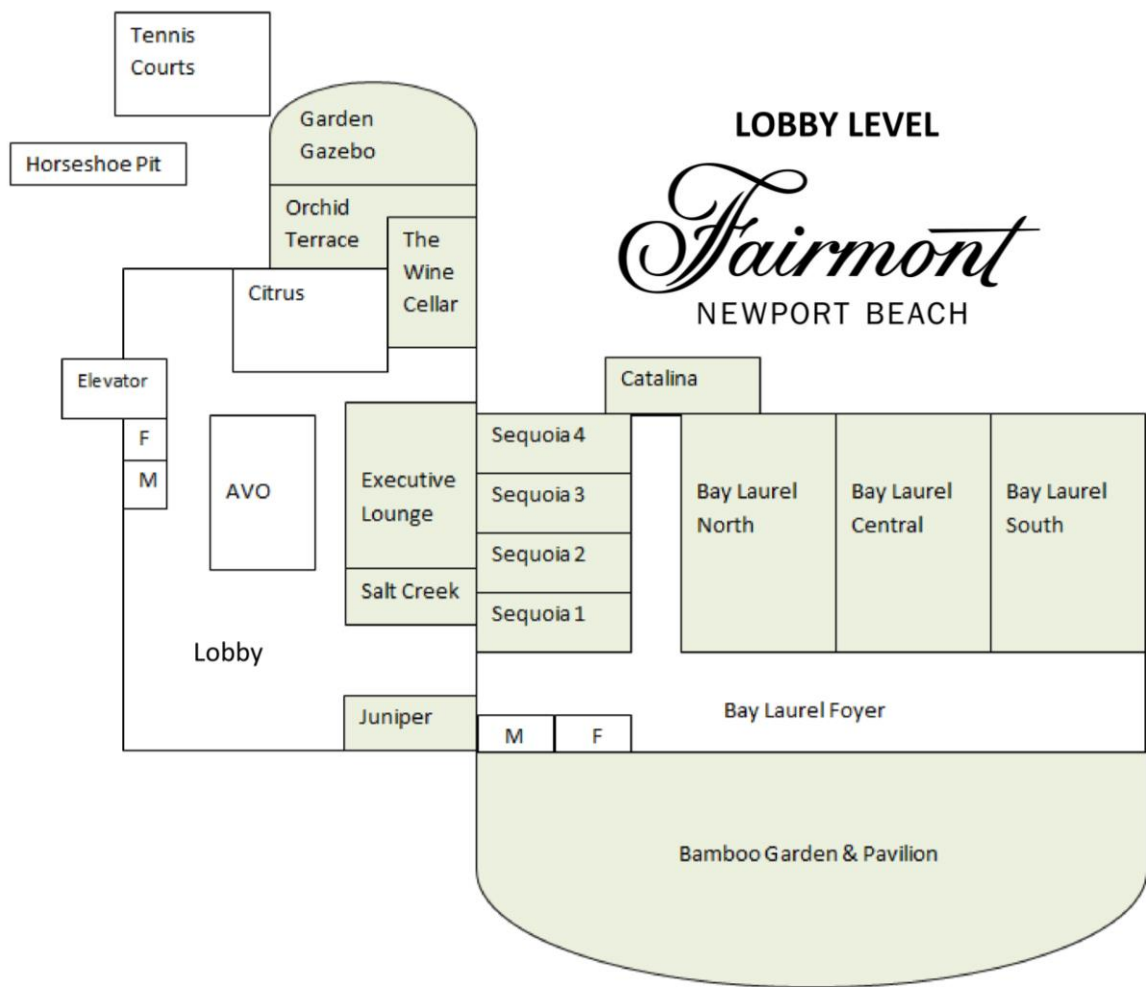
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**Conference At-A-Glance**

**Monday, March 7:** Optional Field Trip, 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 8:**

<b>Opening Plenary Session</b> <i>Bay Laurel Central/South</i> 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon
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Lunch (*on your own*)  
Posters and Commercial Exhibits open – 1:15

<i>Symposium</i> <b>Bird Management</b> <i>Sequoia 1-4</i> 1:20 - 5:00 PM	<i>Symposium</i> <b>Wild Pig Management</b> <i>Bay Laurel North</i> 1:20 - 5:00 PM	<i>Concurrent Session</i> <b>Vertebrate Pesticides</b> <i>Bay Laurel Central/South</i> 1:20 - 5:00 PM
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No-Host Welcoming Social – *Bay Laurel Foyer*  
5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 9:**

<i>Concurrent Session</i> <b>Vertebrate Management Tools</b> <i>Bay Laurel North</i> 8:10 AM - 11:50 PM	<i>Symposium</i> <b>Urban Coyotes</b> <i>Bay Laurel Central/South</i> 8:10 AM - 11:50 PM
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Lunch (*on your own*)

<i>Concurrent Session</i> <b>Vertebrate Management Tools and Disease</b> <i>Bay Laurel North</i> 1:20 - 5:00 PM	<i>Symposium</i> <b>Urban Coyotes</b> <i>Bay Laurel Central/South</i> 1:20 - 4:35 PM
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Hors d'oeuvres, Poster Session, and Vendors' Forum  
*Bay Laurel Foyer*  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Thursday, March 10:**

<i>Symposium</i> <b>Bird Management</b> <i>Bay Laurel North</i> 8:10 AM - 11:50 PM	<i>Concurrent Session</i> <b>Non-lethal Vertebrate Control</b> <i>Bay Laurel Central/South</i> 8:10 AM - 11:50 PM
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Lunch (*on your own*)  
Posters and Commercial Exhibits conclude

<i>Symposium</i> <b>Wild Pig Management</b> <i>Bay Laurel North</i> 1:20 - 4:10 PM	<i>Concurrent Session</i> <b>Field Rodents / Closing Remarks</b> <i>Bay Laurel Central/South</i> 1:20 - 4:20 PM
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## **CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS ASSIGNED**

Attendees seeking Continuing Education credit must sign in and out at the event registration desk. All credits are approximations and are dependent upon your attendance.

### **California Department of Pesticide Regulation\*:**

Field Trip - March 7, 2016: 0.50 L 6.50 O

Day 1 - March 8, 2016: Plenary AND Wild Pig Management OR Bird Management 0.00 L 4.00 O

Day 1 - March 8, 2016: Plenary AND Vertebrate Pest Management 1.00 L 4.00 O

Day 2 - March 9, 2016: Vertebrate Management Tools 0.50 L 4.00 O

Day 2 - March 9, 2016: Urban Coyotes 0.00 L 2.50 O

Day 3 - March 10, 2016: 0.00 L 4.50 O

*\*Note that Day 1 is Tuesday, March 8 for DPR.*

### **California Department of Public Health\*\*:**

Day 1 (Field Trip), Date: March 7, 2016

Program Approval Number: 17-00115

CEU Approved: (CDPH units) 1.0 Category D.

Day 2, Date: March 8, 2016

Program Approval Number: 17-00079

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Day 3, Date: March 9, 2016

Program Approval Number: 17-00080

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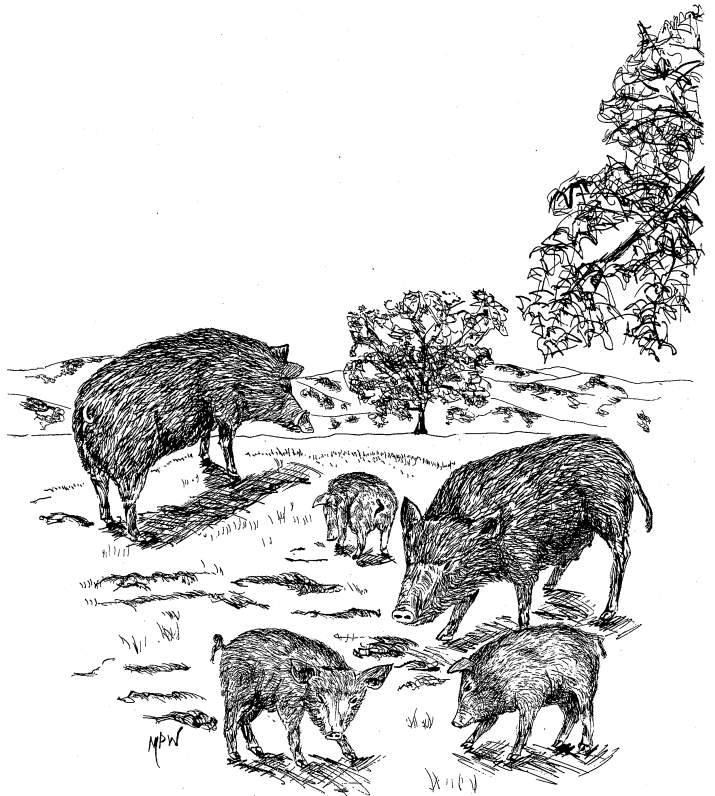
Day 4, Date: March 10, 2016

Program Approval Number: 17-00081

CEU Approved: (CDPH units) 1.25

Category D.

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## **CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP (Optional)**

**Monday, March 7**

**7:30 AM Buses depart from the Fairmont Hotel, Newport Beach**

**Managing seagulls on baby beaches**

**8:10 - 8:40 Poche Beach, San Clemente**

*Kevin Estrada- Orange County Parks*

Join Orange County Park Ranger Kevin Estrada at Poche Beach in Southern Orange County to discuss measures taken to manage seagulls and improve water. These birds are thought to contaminate the water at the outlet with fecal material. This reduces the water quality which can contribute to closure of the beach. It becomes unsafe for swimming when bacteria counts are high.

**Vector-borne disease in Orange County**

**9:30 - 10:30 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Garden Grove**

*Laura Krueger- Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District*

Vector ecologist Laura Krueger and the staff of OCMVCD will be discussing the many projects that the District is conducting in Orange County. The District provides services for all of Orange County to control many vectors of disease. Laura and staff explain the regular surveillance for vectors and vector-borne diseases that can make the citizens of, or visitors to, Orange County ill, or can be a nuisance.

**Wildlife fences and mountain lions**

**11:00 - 11:30 South Coast Research and Extension Center, Irvine**

*Dr. Winston Vickers- University of California, Davis*

According to the 2010 Census, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties are among the top 6 most populated counties in the United States. Join wildlife veterinarian Winston Vickers at UCANR South Coast Research and Extension Center for a presentation and discussion on the challenges that some of our larger vertebrate species have to face in order to be successful in an area with an extremely large and busy road network.

**11:30 - 12:30 Lunch** *at the UC South Coast Research and Extension Center, Irvine*

**Falconry as a tool for bird management**

**12:30 - 2:00 South Coast Research and Extension Center**

*Adam Chavez-Adam's Falconry Service*

Join falconer Adam Chavez at the South Coast Research and Extension Center to discuss the ways he uses birds to manage seagulls at landfills and other species in different situations.

**Rodent management on flood control channels**

**2:30 - 3:00 Santa Ana River, Vista Park, Costa Mesa**

*Cort DiStanislaos- OC Environmental Resources, Orange County Public Works*

Vegetation and Pest Control Specialist, Cort DiStanislaos will discuss the intricacies of controlling burrowing rodents on the Santa Ana River and similar flood control channels. The Army Core of Engineers has a zero tolerance for burrowing rodents on these structures and Cort will discuss how OC Public Works manages these pests.

**3:30 - 4:00 Arrive back at the Fairmont Hotel, Newport Beach**

**Tuesday, March 8**

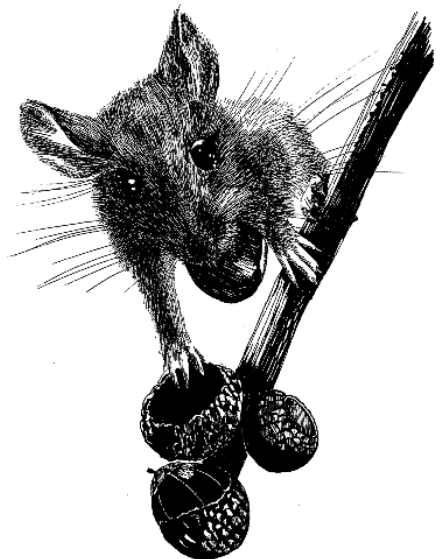
**PLENARY SESSION**

*Laurel Bay Central/South*

**Session Chair: Roger A. Baldwin**

VPC Conference Chair; Dept. of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology,  
University of California, Davis, CA

- 9:00 **Conference Welcome and Overview**  
*Roger A. Baldwin*, Vertebrate Pest Conference Chair
- 9:20 **Keynote Address:**  
**A Brief History of Human/Wildlife Conflicts and Potent Lessons – Ignored**  
*Valerius Geist*, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science, University of Calgary,  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 10:05 **Break**
- 10:20 **Save Me from the Lion’s Mouth: Efforts to Promote Human-Wildlife Coexistence  
in Southern Africa**  
*Scott Hygnstrom*, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI
- 10:45 **Technology Advances for Vertebrate Pest Eradication**  
*Charles Eason\**, Cawthron Institute, Nelson, New Zealand
- 11:10 **A Tour de Force by Hawai‘i’s Invasive Mammals: Establishment, Takeover, and  
Ecosystem Restoration through Eradication**  
*Steven Hess*, US Geological Survey Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center, HI
- 11:35 **Management of Wild Swine**  
*Michael J. Bodenchuk*, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, San Antonio, TX
- 12:00 **Lunch Break** (on your own)



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**Tuesday, March 8 (PM)**

**SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM: BIRD MANAGEMENT**

*Sequoia 1-4*

- 1:20 **Session Welcome**  
*Mike Taber*, Session Chair, Wildlife Control Technology, Inc., Fresno, CA
- 1:25 **Bird Damage to Fruit Crops: A North American Overview**  
*Karen Steensma\**, Department of Biological and Environmental Studies, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC
- 1:50 **Use of Falconry as Deterrent of Nuisance Birds in Leafy Greens Fields in Northern California**  
*Nora Navarro-Gonzalez\**, Western Center for Food Safety, University of California, Davis, CA
- 2:15 **Pathogen Risks Related to the Movement of Birds Frequenting Livestock and Fresh Produce Growing Areas**  
*Paula Rivadeneira\**, University of Arizona, Yuma, AZ
- 2:40 **Prey Consumption by a Large Aggregation of Barn Owls in an Agricultural Setting**  
*Mark Browning\**, Barn Owl/Rodent Project, Pittsburgh, PA
- 3:05 **Break**
- 3:20 **Insect Pest Control and Bird Damage as a Function of Distance from Riparian Habitat in a California Vineyard**  
*Sara Kross*, Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology, University of California, Davis, CA
- 3:45 **Female Blackbirds' Response to Stress during Breeding: Possible Implications for Future Management**  
*Jessica Mahoney\**, Biological Sciences Department, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND
- 4:10 **The USDA APHIS WS Unified Model for Estimating DRC-1339 Bait Application Take Estimates: Past, Present, Future**  
*Randal S. Stahl\**, USDA Wildlife Services, Nat. Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 4:35 **Gopherbusters? A Review of the Candidacy of Barn Owls as the Ultimate Natural Pest Control Option**  
*Sara Kross\**, Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology, University of California, Davis, CA
- 5:00 **Session Close**
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM No-Host Welcoming Social – *Bay Laurel Foyer*

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**Tuesday, March 8 (PM)**

**SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM: WILD PIG MANAGEMENT**

*Bay Laurel North*

- 1:20    **Session Welcome**  
*Dennis Orthmeyer*, Session Chair, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Sacramento, CA
- 1:25    **The Value of Reducing Uncertainty about Feral Swine Population**  
*Chris Sloatmaker\**, USDA Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 1:50    **A Survey of Feral Swine Damage in California**  
*Aaron Anderson\**, USDA Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 2:15    **Estimating Feral Pig Abundance and Damage at Tejon Ranch, California**  
*Ben Teton\**, Tejon Ranch Conservancy, Frazier Park, CA
- 2:40    **Landowner Opinions Regarding Wild Pigs in Georgia, USA**  
*Michael T. Mengak*, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 3:05    **Break**
- 3:20    **Development of a National Wild Pig Task Force as a Focal Point for National Leadership**  
*Mark D. Smith*, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Auburn University, Auburn, AL
- 3:45    **A Comprehensive Nine Year Case History of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Educational Impacts on Wild Pig Damage Abatement in Texas**  
*Billy Higginbotham\**, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 4:10    **Evaluating Feral Pig Management Strategies at Tejon Ranch, California**  
*Michael D. White\**, Tejon Ranch Conservancy, Frazier Park, CA
- 4:35    **Challenges and Lessons Learned from Feral Swine Elimination Efforts in New York**  
*Mark Jackling\**, USDA-APHIS, Wildlife Services, Castleton, NY
- 5:00    **Session Close**
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM    No-Host Welcoming Social – *Bay Laurel Foyer*

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**Tuesday, March 8 (PM)**

**SESSION: VERTEBRATE PESTICIDES**

*Bay Laurel Central/South*

- 1:20 **Session Welcome**  
*Jeanette O'Hare*, Session Chair, USDA Wildlife Services, Nat. Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 1:25 **The Ground View of Navigating FIFRA and the ESA: one Pesticide Registrant's Perspective**  
*Jeanette R. O'Hare\**, USDA Wildlife Services, Nat. Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 1:50 **A Decision Tool for Determining Federal Regulatory Authority over Products for Vertebrate Wildlife**  
*Jeanette O'Hare\**, USDA Wildlife Services, Nat. Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 2:15 **Are Cholecalciferol plus Anticoagulant Rodenticides a Viable Option for Field Rodents?**  
*Roger A. Baldwin\**, Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology, University of California, Davis, CA
- 2:40 **EradiRat: an Eco-friendly, Natural, Palatable, and Effective Rodent Fertility Control Bait**  
*Karen Chase\**, SenesTech, Inc., Flagstaff, AZ
- 3:05 **Break**
- 3:20 **Free-Ranging Wild-caught Norway Rats have Reduced Fecundity after Consuming Liquid Oral Fertility Bait**  
*Brandy Pyzyna\**, SenesTech, Inc., Flagstaff, AZ
- 3:45 **Anticoagulant Poisoning of Non-target Species: Have Things Changed after Implementation?**  
*Philippe J. Berny\**, USC1233-INRA-Vetagro Sup., Marcy l'étoile, France
- 4:10 **Usefully Persistent? Anticoagulants as Quantitative Markers of Bait Uptake in Brushtail Possums**  
*Penny Fisher\**, Landcare Research, Lincoln, New Zealand
- 4:35 **New Rodenticide on the Block: Bromethalin Intoxication in Wildlife in California**  
*Stella McMillin\**, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Rancho Cordova, CA
- 5:00 **Session Close**
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM No-Host Welcoming Social – *Bay Laurel Foyer*

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**Wednesday, March 9 (AM)**

**SESSION: VERTEBRATE MANAGEMENT TOOLS**

*Bay Laurel North*

- 8:10 **Session Welcome**  
*Greg Hacker*, Session Chair, California Department of Public Health, Elk Grove, CA
- 8:15 **Mountain Lions in Southern California: Interactions with People and the Consequences for this Large Carnivore**  
*Winston Vickers\**, Wildlife Health Center, University of California, Davis, CA
- 8:40 **The Current Status of Feral Goat Eradications on the Island of Oahu, HI**  
*Christopher Miller\**, Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Pearl City, HI
- 9:05 **Managing Pocket Gophers Under the Healthy Schools Act**  
*Ashley Freeman*, Department of Pesticide Regulation, Sacramento, CA
- 9:30 **A Contractor Industry that Underpins a National-scale Pest Control Programme**  
*Bruce Warburton\**, Landcare Research, Lincoln, New Zealand
- 9:55 **Break**      *Refreshments sponsored by Liphatech Inc.*
- 10:10 **Optimizing Landscape-scale Vertebrate Pest Management using Control and Surveillance Data**  
*Dean Anderson\**, Landcare Research, Lincoln, New Zealand
- 10:35 **Landscape Scale Wireless Technology for Vertebrate Pest Control**  
*Simon Croft\**, Encounter Solutions Ltd., Auckland, New Zealand
- 11:00 **User-friendly Resource Design: Providing Accessible Ground Squirrel Extension for the Web**  
*Monica Dimson\**, University of California Cooperative Extension, Orange County, Irvine, CA
- 11:25 **Decision Support Systems for Improving Invasive Rabbit Management in Australasia**  
*Bruce Warburton\**, Landcare Research, Lincoln, New Zealand
- 11:50 **Lunch Break** (on your own)

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**Wednesday, March 9 (AM)**

**SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM: URBAN COYOTES**

*Laurel Bay Central/South*

- 8:10 **Session Welcome**  
*Niamh Quinn*, Session Chair, University of California Cooperative Extension, Irvine, CA
- 8:15 **Update on a Database of Coyotes Attacks on Humans, 1970-2015**  
*Robert Timm\**, Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of California, Hopland, CA
- 8:40 **Dealing with the Issues of the Urban Coyote – One County’s Experience**  
*Jim Hartman*, Los Angeles County Dept. of Agriculture, Arcadia, CA
- 9:05 **An Examination of Citizen-Provided Coyote Reports: Temporal and Spatial Patterns and Their Implication for Management of Human-Coyote Conflicts**  
*Niamh Quinn\**, University of California Cooperative Extension, Irvine, CA
- 9:30 **Coyotes in the City: Results from a Pilot Study of GPS-Collared Coyotes in Downtown Los Angeles**  
*Justin Brown\**, National Park Service, Thousand Oaks, CA
- 9:55 **Break**      *Refreshments sponsored by Liphatech Inc.*
- 10:10 **How Human Predation Can Shape Coyote Temperament, and Implications for Management in Urban Environments**  
*Stewart Breck\**, USDA National Wildlife Research Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 10:35 **Food Habits of Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) Along an Urban-Rural Gradient in Alabama**  
*Jim Armstrong\**, Auburn University, AL
- 11:00 **On the Use of Animal Behavior as a Means of Managing Human Animal Interactions**  
*Valerius Geist*, University of Calgary (*emeritus*), Port Alberni, British Columbia, Canada
- 11:25 **Q & A / Discussion with Morning Speakers**
- 11:50 **Lunch Break** (on your own)

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**Wednesday, March 9 (PM)**

**SESSION: VERTEBRATE MANAGEMENT TOOLS  
and DISEASE**

*Bay Laurel North*

- 1:20 **Session Welcome**  
*Ashley Freeman*, Session Chair, California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Sacramento, CA
- 1:25 **Comparison of 3 Kill Traps to Manage Pocket Gophers in Alfalfa**  
*Nicole Frey\**, Utah State University Extension, Cedar City, UT
- 1:50 **Self-resetting Traps provide Sustained Landscape Scale Control of Rat Plagues in New Zealand**  
*Darren Peters\**, Department of Conservation, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2:15 **Controlling Sympatric Pest Mammal Populations with Self-resetting, Toxin-Free Traps: An Opportunity**  
*Robert van Dam\**, Goodnature Ltd, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2:40 **Vector Control has a Role in Mitigating High Incidents of Flea-borne Typhus in Los Angeles County**  
*J. Wakoli Wekesa\**, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, West Covina, CA
- 3:05 **Break**      *Refreshments sponsored by EcoClear Products*
- 3:20 **Orange County Vector Control and the County's Feral Cat TNR Program: Ne'er the Twain shall Meet?**  
*Robert Cummings\**, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Garden Grove, CA
- 3:45 **Identification of Zoonotic and Vector-borne Infectious Agents Associated with Opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*) in Residential Neighborhoods of Orange County, CA**  
*Laura Krueger\**, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Garden Grove, CA
- 4:10 **Aversive or Attractive: The Effects of Skunk Oil and Pelt Coloration on Carnivore Behavior**  
*Holly Schiefelbein*, Department of Biological Sciences, CSU Long Beach, CA
- 4:35 **The Development of Semiochemical Lures for Invasive Rats**  
*Michael Jackson\**, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
- 5:00 **Session Close**
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM    Hors d'oeuvres, Poster Session, and Vendors' Forum – *Bay Laurel Foyer*

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**Wednesday, March 9 (PM)**

**SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM: URBAN COYOTES**

*Bay Laurel Central/South*

- 1:20 **Session Welcome**  
*Rex Baker*, Session Chair, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA
- 1:25 **A National Coyote Database to Aid in Selective Management of Problem Animals**  
*Rob Erickson*, On Target A.D.C., Cortland, IL
- 1:50 **Urban Coyotes in Arizona: a Ten Year Review**  
*David L. Bergman\**, USDA Wildlife Services, Phoenix, AZ
- 2:15 **A Balanced Approach to the Adaptive Management of Urban Coyotes: Integrating Geospecific Behavior Density with Human Dimensions for Establishing Targeted Management Implementation Threshold Levels**  
*Randy Farrar*, USDA Wildlife Services, Advance, MO
- 2:40 **Using Coyote Hazing at the Community Level to Change Coyote Behavior and Reduce Human-Coyote Conflict in Urban Environments**  
*Mary Ann Bonnell\**, Jefferson County Open Space District, CO
- 3:05 **Break**      *Refreshments sponsored by EcoClear Products*
- 3:20 **Successful Management in Problem Coyotes in the Chicago Area**  
*Rob Erickson*, On Target A.D.C., Cortland, IL
- 3:45 **The Problematic Trend of Pseudo-Science Dictating Urban Coyote Management Policy**  
*Sean Brady*, Michel & Associates, P.C., Long Beach, CA
- 4:10 **Q & A / Discussion with Afternoon Speakers**
- 4:35 *Symposium Adjourns*
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM    Hors d'oeuvres, Poster Session, and Vendors' Forum – *Bay Laurel Foyer*

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**Thursday, March 10 (AM)**

**SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM: BIRD MANAGEMENT**

*Bay Laurel North*

- 8:10 **Session Welcome**  
*Michelle Dennis*, Session Chair, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento, CA
- 8:15 **Predator Management Techniques for the Protection of Federally Listed Beach Nesting Species**  
*Jake Manley\**, Institute for Wildlife Studies, San Diego, CA
- 8:40 **Depredation of the California Ridgway's Rail: Causes and Distribution**  
*Cory Overton\**, US Geological Survey, Dixon, CA.
- 9:05 **Non-lethal Management of American Kestrels: A Case Study at the Los Angeles International Airport**  
*Todd J. Pitlik\**, USDA Wildlife Services, Los Angeles, CA
- 9:30 **Managing Raptor-Aircraft Collisions on a Grand Scale: Summary of a Wildlife Services Raptor Relocation Program**  
*Laurence M. Schafer\**, USDA Wildlife Services, Olympia, WA
- 9:55 **Break**
- 10:10 **Population Dynamics of the Feral Pigeon in the Heart of Butte America**  
*Cody Richardson\**, Montana Tech of the University of Montana, Butte, MT
- 10:35 **The Efficacy of OvoControl (0.5% nicarbazin) in the Management of Feral Pigeons**  
*Erick Wolf\**, Innolytics, LLC, San Clemente, CA
- 11:00 **West Nile Virus Activity in a Winter Roost of American Crows (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)**  
*Mitchell G. Hinton\**, University of California, Davis, CA
- 11:25 **Improving Bullfrog Capture Methods to Benefit Hawaii's Endangered Endemic Waterbirds**  
*Jared Grant Underwood\**, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Honolulu, HI
- 11:50 **Lunch Break** (on your own)

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**Thursday, March 10 (AM)**

**SESSION: NON-LETHAL VERTEBRATE CONTROL**

*Bay Laurel Central/South*

- 8:10 **Session Welcome**  
*Robert Schmidt*, Session Chair, Utah State University, Logan, UT
- 8:15 **Influence of Visual Input on Behavior of White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) to an Auditory Alert Recording**  
*George R. Gallagher\**, Dept. of Animal Science, Berry College, Mount Berry, GA
- 8:40 **The Need for Humane Wildlife Control Standards**  
*Sara Dubois\**, University of British Columbia and BC SPCA, Canada
- 9:05 **Making a Killing without Killing**  
*Rebecca Dmytryk*, Humane Wildlife Control, Moss Landing, CA
- 9:30 **Acceptable Management Practices for Bat Control Activities in Structures**  
*Justin Stevenson\**, White-nose Syndrome Conservation and Recovery Working Group, Las Lunas, NM
- 9:55 **Break**
- 10:10 **Protecting Small Livestock and Predators Alike: Early Successes**  
*Christy Wyckoff\**, Santa Lucia Conservancy, Carmel, CA
- 10:35 **The Marin County Livestock Protection Program: 15 Years in Review**  
*Stephanie Larson\**, UC Cooperative Extension, Santa Rosa, CA
- 11:00 **Hazing and Deterrents – “Preventive Medicine” Deployed for Protection of Wildlife in or near Oil Spills**  
*Winston Vickers*, Oiled Wildlife Care Network, Wildlife Health Center, University of California, Davis, CA
- 11:25 **What if Everything You Thought You Knew About “Feral” Cats was Wrong?**  
*Peter J. Wolf*, Best Friends Animal Society, Kanab, UT
- 11:50 **Lunch Break** (on your own)

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**Thursday, March 10 (PM)**

**SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM: WILD PIG MANAGEMENT**

*Bay Laurel North*

- 1:20    **Session Welcome**  
*Dirk Van Vuren*, Session Chair, Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation  
Biology, University of California, Davis, CA
- 1:25    **An Overview on Feral Hog Management in Brazil after Two Years of Control Regulation**  
*Marcelo Osório Wallau\**, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- 1:50    **Bait Preference for Delivering Pesticide to Feral Swine**  
*Nathan P. Snow\**, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, TX and USDA Nat. Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 2:15    **Development of a Self-contained Carbon Dioxide Euthanasia Trailer for Large Scale Euthanasia of Feral Pigs**  
*John C. Kinsey\**, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Hunt, TX
- 2:40    **Thinking Outside of the Box Trap**  
*Joshua A. Gaskamp\**, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK
- 3:05    **Break**
- 3:20    **An Overview of San Diego County's Ongoing Feral Pig Eradication Project**  
*Ryan McCreary\**, USDA-Wildlife Services, El Cajon, CA
- 3:45    **Land Management and Land Cover Influence the Emergence of Pseudorabies in Feral Swine in Florida**  
*Samantha Wisely\**, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
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- 4:10    Closing Remarks – will be in: *Bay Laurel Central/South*
- 4:20    *Conference Adjourns*

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## Thursday, March 10 (PM)

### SESSION: FIELD RODENTS

*Bay Laurel Central/South*

- 1:20    **Session Welcome**  
*Gary Witmer*, Session Chair, USDA Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 1:25    **Managing Voles in Idaho Crops and Landscapes**  
*Danielle Gunn\**, University of Idaho, Fort Hall, ID
- 1:50    **Evaluation of Forage Preferences and their Corresponding Nutritional Content of Northern Pocket Gophers**  
*Gary Witmer*, USDA Wildlife Services, Nat. Wildlife Res. Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 2:15    **Impact of Field Border Plantings on Rodents and Food Safety Concerns**  
*Laurel Sellers\**, University of California Cooperative Extension, Woodland, CA
- 2:40    **Herbal Repellents against Agricultural Rodent Pest Species**  
*Sabine Hansen\**, Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI) Institute for Plant Protection in Horticulture and Forests, Muenster, Germany
- 3:05    **Break**
- 3:20    **The Use of Forced Gas Rodent Burrow Fumigation Systems and the Potential for Risk to Humans**  
*John D. Eisemann\**, USDA Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 3:45    **Evaluation of Potential Repellents for Pocket Gophers (*Thomomys bottae*)**  
*Gary Witmer\**, USDA Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 4:10    **Closing Remarks**  
*John D. Eisemann*, Chair-Elect, Vertebrate Pest Council
- 4:20    *Conference Adjourns*

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## POSTER SESSION

**Wednesday, March 9 (6:00 - 7:30 PM)**

*Bay Laurel Foyer*

### ***Session Chairs:***

**Kathleen Fagerstone**

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**Ashley Freeman**

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### **A Review of Cat Home Ranges: Movements of Feral and Free-Roaming Cats to Inform Colony Exclusion Zone**

*Adam Griesemer*, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Kapaa, HI

### **“Achilles Heel” Approach to Vertebrate Pest Control**

*Brian Hopkins\**, Landcare Research, Canterbury, New Zealand

### **Genetic Pest Management Technologies to Control Invasive Rodents**

*Dona Kanavy\**, Texas A&M University Department of Molecular and Cell Medicine, College Station, TX

### **Potential Increases in High Elevation Coyote Susceptibility to Neck Snaring Efforts during Breeding**

*Pat Jackson\**, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Reno, NV

### **The Role of Feral Swine in the Emergence of Neglected Pathogens of Cattle in Florida**

*Mary M. Merrill\**, Department of Environmental and Global Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

### **Could Spectral Characteristics of Decayed Wood Signal Woodpeckers?**

*Sean T. O'Daniels\**, Missouri Cooperative Research Unit, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

### **Exploring Novel Tools for Island Conservation through the Mating of Wild and Laboratory Mouse Strain**

*Megan Serr\**, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

### **Observations of Feral Hog Ecology in South and Southeast Brazil**

*Marcelo Osorio Wallau\**, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil

### **Behavioral Responses of Red-winged Blackbirds to Simulated Unmanned Aerial System Scare Tactics**

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