



## Sierra Meadows Partnership Annual Gathering

May 29-31, 2024

Montecito Sequoia Lodge

### Day 1 - May 29, 2024

**1:50 Meet at [Big Meadows Winter Trailhead](#) and carpool to meadow**

- Meeting location: -118.874, 36.702
- Restrooms are available at the trailhead

**2:15 Field tour of [Big Meadows](#)**

- Bring knee-high waterproof boots, sunscreen, sunglasses, water, and appropriate clothing for the weather
- The parking area has a restroom and is < 1/4 mile from the meadow
- We will be walking around the meadow for an hour to an hour and a half
- *Lead: Terri Rust, Plumas Corp*

**3:45 Carpool back to Big Meadows Winter Trailhead**

**5:00 No host happy hour**

- Pine Box Bar, adjacent to the dining room in the Main Lodge

**6:00 Dinner**

### Day 2 - May 30, 2024

**7:30 Breakfast**

**9:15 State of the Partnership**

- An overview of the purpose, progress, and potential of the SMP.
- *Presenter: Ryan Burnett, Point Blue*

**9:45 Indigenous Perspectives**

- Hear from indigenous people from throughout the Sierra about their past and present connection with mountain meadows and their vision and priorities for meadows in the future.
- *Presenters:*
  - *Chairman Serrell Smokey, Washoe Tribe*
  - *Laneia Pozzesi and Jesse Galvan, Buena Vista Me-Wuk Tribe*
  - *Chairman Robert Gomez, Tübatulabals of Kern Valley*

**10:45 Break**

**11:15 Approaches to Meadow Restoration**

- A panel discussion on how to select the best restoration techniques for your meadow project, including evaluating source problems and working around constraints
- *Panelists:*
  - *Terri Rust, Plumas Corp*
  - *Evan Wolf, Ecohydro*
  - *Beth Christman, Truckee River Watershed Council*

**12:30 Lunch**

**1:30 Innovations in meadow restoration**

- Presentations on new research, tools, and techniques
- *Presenters:*
  - *Evan Wolf, Ecohydro*
  - *Alecia Weisman, SYRCL*
  - *Jessica Strickland, Trout Unlimited*

**2:30 Break**

**2:45 Meadow benefits breakout sessions**

- Biodiversity: *Helen Loffland, The Institute for Bird Populations and Brent Campos, Point Blue*
- Carbon: *Cody Reed, Point Blue and Steve Hart, UC Merced*
- Meadow Hydrology – how to effectively tell your story: *Alecia Weisman, SYRCL and Beth Christman, Truckee River Watershed Council*
- Vegetation: *Catherine Schnurrenberger, C.S. Ecological Surveys and Assessments*

**3:45 Break**

**4:00 The Path Ahead**

- Brief closing discussion of current and upcoming opportunities for the SMP to achieve its strategy and increase our impact
- *Facilitator: Ryan Burnett, Point Blue*

**4:30 Field Tour Logistics**

- *Allison Hacker, Point Blue*

**5:30 Dinner**

**7:00 Lightning Talks**

- Updates on meadow restoration related projects occurring throughout the region.
- *MC: Matt Freitas, American Rivers*
- *Presenters:*
  - *Cathy Mueller, American River Conservancy*
  - *Marrina Nation, CalTrout*
  - *Faith Churchill, Butte County RCD*
  - *Jessica Strickland, Trout Unlimited*
  - *Susan Mortenson, Wildscape Engineering, Inc. & Beth Christman, Truckee River Watershed Council*
  - *Cody Reed, Point Blue*

- *Terri Rust, Plumas Corp*
- *Amy Langston, Desert Research Institute*
- *Gordon Gianniny, American Rivers*

### **Day 3 - May 31, 2024**

**8:20 Meet at [Wuksachi Lodge](#) to carpool**

- Meeting location: Wuksachi Trailhead parking lot
- 4 - 5 people per car

**9:00 Meet at [Crescent Meadow Trailhead](#)**

- SEKI staff will reserve 15 parking spots
- Picnic tables, bear lockers, and restrooms available

**9:15 Walk to Log Meadow**

- About 1 mile on a relatively flat, paved path

**9:45 [Log Meadow](#) Tour**

- *Leads: Evan Wolf, Gordon Gianniny, SEKI staff, Walker Basin Conservancy staff*

**11:15 Walk back to Crescent Meadow Trailhead**

**11:45 Drive to [Halstead Meadow Picnic Area](#)**

- 15 parking spots, SEKI staff will help direct parking
- Restrooms and picnic tables available
- Bring waterproof boots or expect to have wet feet

**12:30 Lunch at Halstead Meadow Picnic Area**

**1:00 [Halstead Meadow](#) tour**

- *Leads: Evan Wolf, SEKI staff*

**2:30 Carpool back to Wuksachi Lodge**

**3:00 Depart**