

California Desert Coalition



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DEFEND THE DESERT: CALIFORNIA DESERT SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 30th, 2023, 9am-12:30pm. Experts Discuss Today's Critical Conservation Issues.

Joshua Tree, California. Attend the California Desert Summit to learn about the scientific and state planning that affects our communities and environment. You will hear about strategies for protecting desert wildlife and plants from development fragmentation as well as the California visioning to mitigate climate change effects through protection of the natural landscape.

The Summit is organized by California Desert Coalition (CDC) and sponsored by the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment. Presentations will be given by noted conservation experts, including keynote speaker Kristeen Penrod, an expert on wildlife corridors and landscape connectivity, Robin Kobaly, famed desert botanist and plant ecologist with expertise on the Southwest Desert, and Dr. Tim Krantz, environmental planner on the frontlines of CEQA/NEPA and former planning commissioner. The presentations will inform participants while supporting strong advocacy strategies to protect the places we love and shape the outcome of land use decisions.

Topics covered by conservation experts include the following:

- How to use the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a powerful tool for citizens to guide land use decision-making in California,
- Protecting wildlife corridors intrinsic to the landscape level connectivity of the desert,
- California's vision of 30x30 planning and how the citizen-organized Inland Desert Working Group has been working to shape that plan.

The Summit is a hybrid event offered live at the [Bell Center, Copper Mountain College, Joshua Tree, CA](#) and [simultaneously online](#).

RSVP AT info@desertcoalition.org TO ATTEND THE FREE LIVE WORKSHOP or THE LINK TO THE ZOOM WEBINAR. PLEASE REGISTER by SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

CONTINENTAL REFRESHMENTS SERVED from 8:45am

The California Desert Coalition (<https://www.cadesertcoalition.org>) is a nonpartisan, issue advocacy group that exists to give the people of the California desert a voice in its future. We build coalitions to promote a deeper understanding of public policy issues and to stitch together the voices that are responsible for these decisions.

The Rose Foundation (www.rosefdn.org) supports grassroots initiatives that help build a world in which individuals, organizations, and communities are empowered to promote stewardship of nature, inspire people to take action, and hold government and corporations accountable.

Morongo Basin Conservation Assn (www.mbconservation.org) is a supporter of this program. MBCA advocates for a healthy desert environment that nurtures the region's rural character, cultural character, and economic well-being.