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CITY OF ENCINITAS NATIVE PLANT ORDINANCE STAKEHOLDER MEETING #1 – MEETING MINUTES

Opening discussion:

Don Rideout – N4E

- Jepson isn't on the list, (but Jepson is on the list)
- We all agree that we want natives
- Somewhat local but doesn't make landscaping impossible
- How do we identify SoCal? do we included desert or Baja species?
- NP4E is a Calscape sort

Joy Lyndes – City of Encinitas Councilmember

- WUCOLS
- Can't use invasives
- Street tree lists
- City's lists aren't here
- Must comply with other City ordinances as well
- SD Water Authority is a great resource for design, etc.
- Partners - other municipalities?

Brad Roth – Cottonwood Creek Conservancy

- Are materials available?
 - Yes, Sara (Cadona) will make available

Tori Neel – Neel's Nursery

- N4E list exists
 - Add to list?
- Non-native – important to provide a secondary source to ensure the plant(s) you're selecting are, indeed, native
 - Users will have access to the City's non-native/invasive/fire-threat list
- Ask the group which list(s) they consider the top 2-3 most viable lists
- Redirect CNPS to Calscape; note that Calscape is a branch of CNPS

Joe DeWolf -- San Diego Botanic Garden

- **His favorite is Calflora - What Grows Here?**
- Another vote for Calflora
- Has a list met all our criteria?
 - No, but almost

Bruce Ehlers – City of Encinitas Mayor

- The ordinance database will define our natives per the ordinance goals & objectives; other groups will likely identify subgroups
 - Depending on tools, how do we define the region?
 - Need a definitive regional search definition.

Patty Anders – City of Encinitas Planning Manager

- Single family homes are exempt but will be incentivized
- Ordinance must be comprehensive and strategic
- 2 other workshops coming

Next Steps/Questions/Discussion Topics:

- Further discuss the N4E list, how it was sorted, Calscape, etc.
- How does USDA define naturalized
- Wildlife suitability; biodiversity; keystone spp.
- How do we support native wildlife?
- Why are we focusing on only native plants
- City is committed to being a bee city
- Settling on a database does not preclude prioritizing biodiversity
- Adjacency to ESHA = higher percentage of natives
- Incentives
- Tree ordinance
- Reach out to Calscape on behalf of the ordinance
- Tie cultivars to location
- Tomorrow night tree ordinance
- Send Calscape and share our pros and cons
- Patty's HW: what would you all want us to ask for from Calscape?
- Sort by wildlife suitability
- Sources for understanding keystone species
- Next two meetings are with the public