


Canyon Keepers 2024 Meeting Schedule

Month	Date and Time	Location	Topic/Guest Speaker
March 2024	3/5/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Natural Resources Preservation and Enhancement</p> <p>Speaker: Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Director of Agriculture, Parks, and Natural Resources</p> <p>Topic: The mission of the Department of Agriculture, Parks, and Natural Resources is to protect human health and the environment, provide ample outdoor recreational opportunities to the public, and collaboratively work to manage Placer County's natural resources in a sustainable manner. Guided by the County's General Plan, it seeks to protect and sustain its native flora and fauna and waters by careful management and preservation of sensitive habitats. Its responsibilities include regulating pesticide use, protecting consumers, preventing invasive species, resolving human-wildlife conflicts, and managing its parks and trails. It also coordinates and implements projects and actions to protect the county from catastrophic wildfire.</p> <p>Bio: Although both his parents were teachers, Josh has always loved agriculture and spent his early years working in orchards. After receiving his B.S. in Fruit Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2000, he joined the Placer County Agriculture Department, first as a seasonal insect detection trapper, then a full-time inspector. His subsequent County positions and achievements led to his appointment as Director in 2023. In that capacity Josh frequently works with many of the county's other departments and partners including the Planning division, CEO's office, CAL FIRE, Placer Resource Conservation District, Placer County Water Agency, and Air Pollution Control District.</p> <p>Josh is current chair of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) Legislative Committee. He lives in Grass Valley with his wife Jana and their three kids. They enjoy camping, gardening, mountain biking, motorcycles, boating, and any sort of travel.</p>

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April 2024	4/2/2024 5:45 for light refreshments 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Climate, Snowpack, and Resource Planning at Placer County Water Agency</p> <p>Speakers: Andy Fecko & Darin Reintjes</p> <p>Topic: PCWA will cover their efforts to analyze and adapt to future climate scenarios in the American, Yuba and Bear River watersheds.</p> <p>Bios: Darin Reintjes is PCWA's Director of Resource Management. He is responsible for long range planning of the Agency's water supplies and climate adaptation strategies. Andy Fecko serves as PCWA's General Manager. The Agency serves nearly 250,000 people in Placer County and generates enough renewable hydroelectric energy to serve most of the county. Andy and Darin have each been with PCWA for 18 years.</p>
			
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February 2024	02/06/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Auburn SRA updates from staff and volunteers; video "Auburn Dam: The Dam That Never Was."</p> <p>Speaker: Joe Shanahan, Activity Chairs</p> <p>Topic: Park Interpreter Joe Shanahan will explain ASRA's plans for 2024. Canyon Keeper Activity chairs will describe their roles, volunteer opportunities, and needs. In addition to bringing park volunteers up to speed on plans for 2024, this will be a good opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about park volunteering. The evening will wrap up with a repeat showing of local filmmaker Steve Hubbard's video, "Auburn Dam: The Dam That Never Was."</p> <p>Bio: Steve Hubbard, Friends of Auburn Ravine: Steve is a freelance writer and filmmaker in Placer County, California. Following a career in telecom he has produced a number of books, films, and articles about the history and environment in the Sierra Nevada. He teaches documentary photography at Sierra College. A number of his films have appeared in film festivals like the Wild and Scenic Festival and California Capital film festival.</p>

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Canyon Keepers meetings are held on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month unless otherwise specified. For additional meeting information, or to make any suggestions for future topics/speakers, contact William Wauters at williamwauters@yahoo.com