

THE WILDFIRE CONSERVANCY
2024 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Symposium Day 1:

Health & Safety, State of the Science and Research Perspectives

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Introductions	
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Introduction to the Wildfire Conservancy 2024 Annual Symposium: Goals and Objectives	Dr. Matt Rahn, Mr. Terry McHale, Dr. Kelcey Stricker
9:15-9:30 a.m.	The Wildfire Conservancy Overview	Dr. Matt Rahn, Wildfire Conservancy
9:30-10:15 a.m.	Respiratory Protection and Dermal Decontamination	Dr. Bryan Ormond, North Carolina State University
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30-11:15 a.m.	CAL FIRE R&D, Safety, and Wellness Update	CAL FIRE
11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Reporting Back on Wildland Firefighter Exposures: An Update from the Fire Fighter Cancer Cohort Study	Dr. Jeff Burgess, University of Arizona
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch: Innovations in Heat Stress and Respiratory Protection	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Engineering Student Presentation
1:00-1:45 p.m.	CalPoly Research Update	Dr. Christopher Dicus and Mr. Frank Frievalt, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
1:45-2:30 p.m.	Innovations in Cal/OSHA Rulemaking: Respiratory Protection During Wildland and WUI	Dr. Mike Wilson, Cal/OSHA
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45-4:45 p.m.	Research Gaps and Priority Setting Facilitated Discussion	Dr. Matt Rahn, Mr. Terry McHale
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Closing Comments	Dr. Matt Rahn, Mr. Terry McHale
5:00 p.m.	End of Day 1	
5:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>*2024 Symposium Reception</i>	



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Symposium Day 2:
Community Resilience

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Introductions	
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Health and Safety Wrap-Up	Dr. Derek Urwin, Los Angeles County Fire Department
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Current State of Wildfire and WUI Fires in California: Climate & Land Use Change	Dr. Matt Rahn, Mr. Terry McHale, Dr. Kelcey Stricker
9:45-10:30 a.m.	James Hardie: Structure Hardening and Community Resilience	Ms. Atousa Ghoreichi, James Hardie
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Framing the Insurance in California Issue	Dr. Matt Rahn, Mr. Terry McHale
11:00-11:15 a.m.	California Legislative Perspectives	Mr. Kelly Seyarto, California State Senator
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Insurance Challenges and Perspectives for California: Panel Discussion	Ms. Atousa Ghoreichi, James Hardie, Mr. Seren Taylor, Personal Insurance Federation, Mr. Frank Frievalt, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
12:15-1:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Research Gaps and Priority Setting Facilitated Discussion	Dr. Matt Rahn, Mr. Terry McHale
2:30-2:45 p.m.	California Legislative Perspectives	Mr. James Gallagher, California State Assembly Minority Leader
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Dr. Matt Rahn, Mr. Terry McHale
3:00-3:15 p.m.	<i>Group Photo</i>	
3:15 p.m.	End of Day 2	

