



**Item #09-6-7
Information**

Land Use and Housing Committee

March 27, 2009

USFWS/Conservation Fund Green Infrastructure Conference

Issue: Update on Strategic Conservation Planning - Using a Green Infrastructure Conference held May 18-22, 2009.

Recommendation: None. This is for information only.

Discussion: Stacey McKinley as part of SACOG's core consultant/staff team for the Rural Urban Connections Strategy project, was invited to participate in a week long conference hosted at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, focusing on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and The Conservation Fund's "Strategic Conservation Planning - Using a Green Infrastructure" initiative. The conference included key decision-making staff from (with the exception of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) all federal regulatory agencies, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. DOT/Federal Highways, representatives from large HCP efforts, land trusts and others. SACOG was the sole MPO at this particular gathering, and as a result, SACOG's work was cited several times in discussions of "best practices" and, thus, received a tremendous amount of exposure to key decision makers.

Ms. McKinley will brief the Committee on the lessons learned and the overall results of the conference, as well as brief the Committee on the offer The Conservation Fund has made to bring a regionally-specific, multi-day conference to Sacramento.

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