

The History of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society A Chronology of Officers and Activities

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| 1966 | Reed Sanderson | Chuck Graves | N.A. | Philip Arend | | | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Chapter approval letter from TWS sent to Philip Arend 11 July 1966. Reed Sanderson moved out of state shortly after the Chapter was founded; so Chuck Graves assumed the role as first president.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1967 | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1968 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1969 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1971 | Robert Jennings | Chuck Graves | | | Bill Asserson | | | | |
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| 1972 | Frank Schitosky | | | | | | | | |
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| 1973 | Dave Chesemore | | | | | | | | |
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| 1974 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1975 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1976 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1978 | Dave Chesemore | | | Pamela Elam | | | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1979 | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1980 | Michael LeFeire | Brad Valentine | | | | | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1981 | Brad Valentine | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Prepared position papers on several topics, including selenium/wildlife issues.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1982 | | Mike Chapel | Brad Valentine | | | | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | Mike Chapel | Chuck Evans | | | | | | | |

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| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1984 | Chuck Evans | Michael Stafford | Mike Chapel | Jim Smith | Jim Smith | Mike Chapel | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1985 | Michael Stafford | Scott Frazer | Chuck Evans | Jim Smith | Jim Smith | Mike Chapel | | Mike Stafford | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986 | Scott Frazer | Chuck Harris | Michael Stafford | Lesley Benjamin | Jonathan Oldham | Chuck Evans | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Letter to California Fish and Game Commission regarding the need for research before making decisions about culling mountain lions for the protection of the North Kings Deer Herd; letter to Sequoia National Forest Supervisor James Crates regarding the need to consider wildlife resources in the Vision Statement of the Sequoia Forest Plan.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1987 | Chuck Harris | Marti Kie | Scott Frazer | | | Mike Chapel | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Endangered and Sensitive Species of the San Joaquin Valley conference 10-11 December at CSUB (not specifically a Chapter event, but members helped organize and presented papers and posters); Western Section annual meeting held in Fresno in late January.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1988 | Marti Kie | | Chuck Harris | | Jonathan Oldham | Scott Frazer | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1989 | | | Marti Kie | | | Gail Presley | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Chapter member Scott Frazer served as President-Elect of the Western Section</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | | | | | | Gail Presley | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Chapter member Scott Frazer served as President of the Western Section</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991 | | | | | | Gail Presley | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Chapter member Scott Frazer served as Past President of the Western Section</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1992 | | | | | | Gail Presley | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes:</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 | Doug Barnum | Wes Rhodehamel | | Brian Cypher | | Gail Presley | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Chapter member Marti Kie served as President-Elect of the Western Section</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994 | Wes Rhodehamel | Waring Laurendine | Doug Barnum | Brian Cypher | | Gail Presley | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Chapter member Marti Kie served as President of the Western Section; Chapter member Mike Chapel served as President-Elect of the Western Section</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | Waring Laurendine | John Shelton | Wes Rhodehamel | Marcia Wolfe | William Vanherweg | Doug Barnum | | Brian Cypher | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Presentation at the November meeting by Lynn Overtree and Gary Collings on the Western Pond Turtle Headstart Project; Chapter member Marti Kie served as Past President of the Western Section; Chapter member Mike Chapel served as President of the Western Section</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | John Shelton | Steve Juarez | Waring Laurendine | Marcia Wolfe | William Vanherweg | Doug Barnum | | Charyce Taylor | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Chapter member Mike Chapel served as Past President of the Western Section</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | Steve Juarez | Karen Brown | John Shelton | Marcia Wolfe | Larry Saslaw | Gail Presley | | | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Created Chapter email listserve; provided written comments on the draft EIS/EIR for the sale of the Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 in Kern County; newsletter named The Valley Fever.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | Karen Brown | Brian Cypher | Steve Juarez | Gerrit Buma | Larry Saslaw | Steve Juarez | | Mark Otten | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: First Natural Communities Conference sponsored by Chapter (at CSUB); provided written comments to CDFG on proposed Regulations to Implement California Endangered Species Act (Cal Fish & Game Code Sections 2086-2089); Cosponsored (with SERCAL) conference on Practical Applications for Wildlife and Habitat Management on Farms and Ranches (Visalia Convention Center 8-9 Dec); two research awards of \$500 each given to HSU Masters student for research on urban kit fox in Bakersfield and to Phil Leitner for work on Mohave ground squirrel; presentation by Phil Leitner at April meeting on Mohave ground squirrels; presentation by Paul Ullman at February meeting on GIS application for wildlife/habitat/landuse.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | Brian Cypher | Scott Frazer | Karen Brown | Gerrit Buma | Christine Van Horn Job | Steve Juarez | | Brian Cypher | Gerald Hatler |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference; presentation by Phil and Sally Mook at the April meeting on the preservation of the Sierra Foothill Conservancy's (SFC) Black Mountain Preserve; presentation by Kerry</i> | | | | | | | | | |

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| <i>Arroues at the August meeting on soils of the SJV; presentation by Scott Blackburn at the November meeting on his work with hellbenders in West Virginia; donated \$400 to the SFC to assist with land acquisition efforts; "snow day".</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | Scott Frazer | Marcia Wolfe | Brian Cypher | Michelle Selmon | Christine Van Horn Job | Brian Cypher | Karen Brown | Brian Cypher | Gerald Hatler |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); "snow day" at Badger Pass in Yosemite in February; Karen Brown developed Chapter brochure; HCP workshop in Visalia.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | Marcia Wolfe | Kevin O'Connor | Scott Frazer | Michelle Selmon | Christine Van Horn Job | Kevin O'Connor | Karen Dulik | Karen Dulik | Gerald Hatler |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); two comment letters on UC Merced Community Plan EIR; comment letter to Western Section regarding their letter to the USFWS on the Draft Recovery Plan for the California red-legged frog.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | Kevin O'Connor | Eric Kleinfelter | Marcia Wolfe | Julie Vance | Christine Van Horn Job | Kevin O'Connor | Karen Dulik | Karen Dulik | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Western Section Annual Meeting in Visalia; provided comments on Western Section's comment letter on Assembly Bill 2290 concerning effects to wetlands and special aquatic sites under CEQA.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2003 | Eric Kleinfelter | Julie Vance | Kevin O'Connor | | Christine Van Horn Job | | Karen Dulik | Karen Dulik | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); blunt-nosed leopard lizard workshop (Doubletree Hotel, Bakersfield and Buttonwillow ER?).</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2004 | Julie Vance | Karen Dulik | Eric Kleinfelter | Rachel Kleinfelter | Christine Van Horn Job | Steve Juarez | Karen Dulik | Karen Dulik | Carie Wingert |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB).</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | Karen Dulik | Christine Van Horn Job | Julie Vance | Carie Wingert | Christine Van Horn Job | Steve Juarez | | | Carie Wingert |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); Mohave ground squirrel workshop?; provided a \$500 research grant for a study of Sierra newts.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | Christine Van Horn Job | Craig Bailey | Karen Dulik | Carie Wingert | Kevin O'Connor | Steve Juarez | Carie Wingert | Craig Bailey | Carie Wingert |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); giant kangaroo rat workshop (CSUB and Lokern BLM land); sponsored CSUSF Masters student to attend bat workshop at Hastings Institute; Chapter member Julie Vance served as President-Elect of the Western Section.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | Craig Bailey | Steve Pruett | Christine Van Horn Job | | | | Karen Dulik | Christine Van Horn Job | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); blunt-nosed leopard lizard workshop (CSUB and Buttonwillow ER?); Chapter member Julie Vance served as President of the Western Section.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | Steve Pruett | Julie Vance | Craig Bailey | Lisa Ashley | Christine Van Horn Job | Craig Bailey | Karen Dulik | Christine Van Horn Job | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); Chapter member Julie Vance served as Past President of the Western Section.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 | Julie Vance | Linda Connolly | Steve Pruett | Lisa Ashley | Justin Sloan | Craig Bailey | Justin Sloan | Christine Van Horn Job | Eric Renger |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); blunt-nosed leopard lizard workshop (CSUB & Buttonwillow ER); Chapter logo contest.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | Linda Connolly | Curtis Uptain | Julie Vance | Erin Tennant | Justin Sloan | Craig Bailey | Justin Sloan | Christine Van Horn Job | |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); sensitive small mammals workshop (CSUB & Lokern BLM land); logo designed by Robin Phanco selected to be new Chapter logo; \$3K donation to Memorial Fund for the families of CDFG employees Kevin O'Connor, Clu Cotter, and Tom Stolberg and pilot Mike Donovan who died in a helicopter accident while conducting deer surveys; provided two research grants of \$500 each for two CSUB Masters students studying Tipton kangaroo rat translocation and blunt-nosed leopard lizard genetics.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | Curtis Uptain | Skip Moss | Linda Connolly | Erin Tennant | Justin Sloan | Linda Connolly | Justin Sloan | Christine Van Horn Job | Howard Clark |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); donation and visit to California Living Museum (CALM) in Bakersfield; donated \$200 to support Western Regional Wildlife Students' Conclave hosted by HSU; provided research grant to CSUB Masters student for study of urban kit fox parental care and role of helpers.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012 | Skip Moss | Jeff Davis | Curtis Uptain | Erin Tennant | Justin Sloan | Linda Connolly | Justin Sloan | Christine Van Horn Job | Howard Clark |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); San Joaquin kit fox workshop (CSUB); sensitive small mammal workshop (CSUB and Lokern BLM land); provided a research grant for CSUB Masters student research on giant kangaroo rat genetics; provided donations to San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, and Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners; started email discussion list using Yahoo!Groups.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2013 | Jeff Davis | Lori Bono | Skip Moss | Erin Tennant | Justin Sloan | Linda Connolly | Justin Sloan | Christine Van Horn Job | Howard Clark |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); blunt-nosed leopard lizard workshop (CSUB & Buttonwillow ER); provided funding for and judged an urban kit fox poster contest for Bakersfield high schools; compiled chapter history and made newsletters and minutes available on website; received Western Section Chapter of The Year award (2012) at WS annual meeting; provided donations to Working Dogs for Conservation, California Living Museum, and Buttonwillow Ecological Reserve.</i> | | | | | | | | | |

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| 2014 | Lori Bono | Rick Perry | Jeff Davis | Erin Tennant | Justin Sloan | Jeff Davis | Justin Sloan | Christine Van Horn Job | Howard Clark |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Provided two travel grants to new professionals to attend the Western Section annual conference in Reno; Natural Communities Conference (CSUB); provided donations to San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, Working Dogs for Conservation, Ayer Elementary School (bus program to Wind Wolves Preserve), and California Living Museum (for bays to house mange-infected kit foxes); Certification Workshop (Fresno).</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | Erin Tennant | Kristofer Robison | Lori Bono | Julie Vance | Ryan Lopez | Jeff Davis | Renee Robison | Christine Van Horn Job | Howard Clark |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Provided one travel grant to a new professional to attend the Western Section annual meeting in Santa Rosa; Natural Communities Conference (Hodel's in Bakersfield); Carrizo Plain Botany Field Trip; Tracking Workshop (Wind Wolves Preserve); provided donations to San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, Working Dogs for Conservation, Ayer Elementary School (bus program to Wind Wolves Preserve), and California Living Museum (for bays to house mange-infected kit foxes); professional/student lunch at CSUB.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 | Kristofer Robison | Kacy O'Malley | Erin Tennant | Julie Vance | Ryan Lopez | Jeff Davis | Renee Robison | Howard Clark | Howard Clark |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Provided one travel grant to a new professional to attend the Western Section annual conference in Pomona; Natural Communities Conference (Hodel's in Bakersfield); Blunt-nosed leopard lizard workshop in Kern County; professional/student lunch at CSUF; 50th anniversary logo created by Robin Phanco; 50th anniversary camping trip to Courtright Reservoir; social hours (2 in Bakersfield, 2 in Fresno); provided one research grant of \$500 to a CSUF Masters student studying the microbiome of American crows; created Champion for Wildlife Award to recognize individuals who make extraordinary contributions to conservation and management of wildlife resources in Chapter area; provided donations to Working Dogs for Conservation, Ayer Elementary School (bus program to Shaver Lake), California Living Museum, Calflora, and Carrizo Plain Conservancy; added a student affairs coordinator for CSUF; released a Chapter newsletter.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2017 | Kacy O'Malley | Larry Saslaw | Kristofer Robison | Julie Vance | Ryan Lopez | Randi McCormick | Renee Robison | Howard Clark | Howard Clark |
| <i>Activities and Notes: Provided one travel grant to the inaugural Champion for Wildlife recipient (Erin Tennant) to attend the 2017 Western Section annual meeting in Reno; Natural Communities Conference (Hodel's in Bakersfield); Botany field trip to the Carrizo Plain led by Ellen Cypher and Chris Winchell; raised \$1600 and provided blankets and other donations at the Natural Communities Conference for the California Living Museum to care for mange-afflicted San Joaquin kit foxes; Chapter member Skip Moss started a GoFundMe campaign to raise additional funds for the California Living Museum's efforts to care for mange-afflicted kit foxes, raising > \$4700 by the end of the year; provided \$1000 donation to support TWS student conclave in Yosemite; also supported the student conclave by organizing a restoration activity in Yosemite Valley and talks by local wildlife professionals; Chapter members Renee Robison, Kris Robison, and Jeff Davis, with assistance from Ellen Cypher, prepared and released An Introductory Guide to the Plants of the Southern San Joaquin Valley; advanced tracking workshop in Tulare County; Chapter member Jeff Davis served as President-Elect of the Western Section; published two newsletters (one in July, one in December); provided travel grants for 6 students and early career professionals to attend the 2018 Western Section annual meeting in Santa Rosa.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | Larry Saslaw | Erin Whitfield | Kacy O'Malley | Julie Vance | Ryan Lopez | Randi McCormick | Renee Robison | Howard Clark | Howard Clark |
| <i>Provided six travel grants to students and officers to attend the Western Section annual meeting in Santa Rosa; donated \$205 in auction items for the Western Section annual meeting; received Western Section Chapter of The Year award (2017) at WS annual meeting in Santa Rosa; Natural Communities Conference (Hodel's in Bakersfield); Steve Juarez was honored with the Champion for Wildlife Award at the Natural Communities Conference; Blunt-nosed leopard lizard workshop in Kern County; provided one research grant of \$1000 to a CSUB Masters student studying interspecific competition between coyotes, San Joaquin kit foxes, gray foxes, and red foxes in urban Bakersfield; coordinated a condor field trip to Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge for stakeholder groups; published one newsletter; Chapter member Jeff Davis served as President of the Western Section.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2019 | Erin Whitfield | Tory Westall | Larry Saslaw | Julie Vance | Ryan Lopez | Randi McCormick | Renee Robison | Howard Clark | Howard Clark |
| <i>Contributed \$650 toward a Western Section annual meeting silent auction item for a San Joaquin kit fox trapping experience with Brian Cypher and other from the Endangered Species Recovery Program; provided 5 travel grants of \$600 each for students/early career professionals to attend the Western Section annual meeting at Tenaya Lodge; Natural Communities Conference (Hodel's in Bakersfield); Christine Van Horn Job was honored with the Champion for Wildlife Award at the Natural Communities Conference; contributed up to \$1500 to cover the cost of feeding five orphaned kit fox pups in Bakersfield; published two newsletters (in March and December); provided a \$950 grant for a Chapter member to collect camera trapping data for national wildlife database called Snapshot USA; Chapter member Jeff Davis served as Past President of the Western Section.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2020 | Tory Westall | Erica Kelly | Erin Whitfield | Julie Vance | Ryan Lopez | Randi McCormick | Renee Robison | Howard Clark | Howard Clark |
| <i>Provided eight travel grants of \$600 each for students/early career professionals to attend the Western Section annual meeting in Redding; contributed \$300 in items from REI for the raffle at the Western Section annual meeting; Natural Communities Conference and other planned in-person activities were not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | Erica Kelly | Rainey Reedy | Tory Westall | Julie Vance | Ryan Lopez | Randi McCormick | Renee Robison | Howard Clark | Howard Clark |
| <i>Provided two grants for students to attend the Western Section annual meeting, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic; published one newsletter (in February); Natural Communities Conference (virtual); Howard Clark was honored with the Champion for Wildlife Award at the Natural Communities Conference.</i> | | | | | | | | | |

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