

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

YEAR	PRESIDENT	PRESIDENT ELECT/VP	PAST PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHAPTER REP	MEMBERSHIP	NEWSLETTER	WEBSITE
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>									
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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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1978	Dave Chesemore			Pamela Elam					
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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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1984	Chuck Evans	Michael Stafford	Mike Chapel	Jim Smith	Jim Smith	Mike Chapel			
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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>									
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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	Renée 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	Renée 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	Renée 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	Renée Robison	Howard Clark	Howard Clark
<i>Activities and Notes: 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	Renée Robison	Howard Clark	Howard Clark
<i>Activities and Notes: 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	Renée Robison	Howard Clark	Howard Clark
<i>Activities and Notes: 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	Renée Robison	Howard Clark	Howard Clark
<i>Activities and Notes: 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>									
2022	Rainey Davis	Kiersten Abarca	Erica Kelly	Julie Vance	Ryan Lopez	Randi McCormick	Renée Robison	Howard Clark	Howard Clark

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<i>Activities and Notes: Published one newsletter (in January); provided four travel grants to students to attend the Western Section annual meeting in Reno in February; Natural Communities Conference (Hodel's in Bakersfield) in March; blunt-nosed leopard lizard workshop held at Hodel's in Bakersfield and Semitropic Ecological Reserve in May; rattlesnake handling workshop in Bakersfield in August; signed a "thank you" letter to Sen. Feinstein for supporting the funding of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act in October; Chapter member Randi McCormick served as President Elect of the Western Section.</i>									
2023	Kiersten Abarca	Kacy Twist	Rainey Davis	Julie Vance	Ryan Lopez	Howard Clark	Mitchell Coleman	Howard Clark	Howard Clark
<i>Activities and Notes: Provided four travel grants to students to attend the Western Section annual meeting in Riverside in February; Natural Communities Conference (Hodel's in Bakersfield) in March; published one newsletter (in April); tracking workshop at Pyramid Lake in April; rattlesnake handling workshop in Fresno in August; small mammal trapping workshop in Bakersfield and Lokern in November; Chapter member Randi McCormick served as President of the Western Section.</i>									

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