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Coyotes in the Urban Environment, Workshop #1
March 26, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Agenda

I. Welcome

II. Goals of the Workshop

III. What Does Science Tell Us?

Presentation: Biological sciences – Dr. Niamh Quinn

Niamh Quinn is Human-Wildlife Interactions Advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), based at the South Coast Research and Extension Center in Irvine. Her focus is directed on coordinating UCCE programming regarding human-wildlife conflicts, particularly within the residential and industrial areas within southern California. Her research and education focus on everything from mice to mountain lions, but she mostly focuses on coyotes, rodents, coyotes, urban wildlife management, and the effects of rodenticides on non-targeted wildlife.

Presentation: Human dimensions – Dr. Alex Heeren

Alex Heeren is a research scientist (statewide researcher) for the Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conservation Unit at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Human Dimensions Unit's social science research focuses on how people interact with, value, and perceive wildlife, and how the public perceives wildlife issues. Alex has a Ph.D. from Ohio State University and an M.S. from the University of Minnesota.

Presentations Q & A

Focused Discussion

1. Has the coyote population increased, regionally or statewide, in California?
2. Is hazing an effective method to reduce conflict? Are there other nonlethal methods?
3. Is birth control an effective method to manage coyote populations?
4. What is targeted lethal removal of aggressive coyotes and is it an effective method to reduce conflict?
5. What is opportunistic lethal removal of coyotes and is it an effective method to reduce conflict?
6. Is widespread coyote eradication (e.g., bounties, trapping, poisoning) an effective method to reduce conflict?

IV. What are the Relevant Laws, Regulations and Policies?

Presentation: State laws, regulations, and policies – Chris Stoots

Chris Stoots is the Law Enforcement Division's Legislation and Regulations Unit Captain at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Law Enforcement Division is the state lead in wildlife conservation law enforcement, dedicated to protecting California's natural resources and providing public safety.

Presentation: Local ordinances and county management – Joe Deviney

Joe Deviney was awarded a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences in 1987 by California State University at Hayward. Joe started his agricultural career with Contra Costa County in 1988 as a pest detection/noxious weed specialist. From 1990 to 2012 he was an agricultural biologist and worked in all programs of the Agricultural Commissioner's office. He has been the Agricultural Commissioner & Sealer of Weights and Measures for Santa Clara County since 2012. Joe has a passion for science and enjoys biology, entomology, botany, agriculture, land use and environmental topics.

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Focused Discussion

1. Is it legal to feed coyotes?
2. Is it okay to haze coyotes?
3. Is it legal to trap and release a coyote elsewhere?
4. Is it legal to trap and kill coyotes, such as a private citizen or local jurisdiction (e.g., wildlife management program or plan)?
5. Who do I call if I suspect someone is illegal taking coyotes?
6. How do I report aggressive coyotes?
7. How do I report sick, injured, or orphaned coyotes?

V. Conclusion and Next Steps