

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some frequently asked questions about the IEP Workshop. If you have additional questions, contact iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

Visit the [2026 IEP Annual Workshop](#) page for the registration links, the program, and the abstract booklet.

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GENERAL REGISTRATION

1. What is the difference between the in-person workshop registration and the remote Zoom workshop registration?

The in-person registration is only to sit in the auditorium to watch the live presentations. The remote Zoom registration is for those who cannot attend in-person. Separate registration for in-person is required since there is limited seating capacity in the auditorium.

2. Why do I need to register to come in-person to see the free live workshop presentations?

The live presentations are being held in the California Natural Resources Agency building auditorium. The auditorium has a limited seating capacity of 283 seats. We need people to register so we don't exceed the seating capacity of the room.

3. I want to attend in-person only 1 or 2 days of the 3-day workshop. How do I do that?

Go to the EventBrite registration page and register for each day you want to attend in-person. If you want to watch other days remotely, go to the remote Zoom registration page and register (one time only). A Zoom link will be emailed to you. The Zoom link will provide access for all three days of the workshop. The Zoom link is specific to the registered user, so do not share with others.

4. I could not register to come in-person as all the in-person tickets were "sold out". How can I still see the workshop?

Once in-person tickets are "sold out", only remote attendance will be available. The remote Zoom registration link will remain live till the last day of the workshop. Once registered with Zoom, the link will be good for all three days of the workshop.

5. I registered to come in-person, but my plans have changed. I need to cancel my in-person ticket. What do I do?

If your plans have changed and you need to cancel your in-person ticket, you can send an email to iep@wildlife.ca.gov and we'll cancel the ticket for you.

6. I did not register to attend the workshop in person. Can I come and register on the day of the workshop?

No. We do not offer on-site registration. You are welcome to view the posters on the 2nd floor and watch the live stream of the presentations in the overflow room, if seats are available. Otherwise, you'll need to register for remote attendance and watch the presentations over Zoom.

SPEAKER AND POSTER AUTHOR REGISTRATION

1. I am participating in the workshop as a session chair or a speaker. Am I automatically registered for all three days of the in-person workshop?

No. Session chairs and speakers are automatically registered only for the specific day on which their session is occurring. The auditorium has limited seating capacity, so priority registration is given to those who are chairing or presenting at a session that day. If chairs and speakers want to attend in-person on another day as an audience member, then they need to register using the EventBrite in-person registration system.

2. I am participating in the workshop as a poster presenter during the Poster Sessions. Am I automatically registered for all three days of the in-person workshop?

No. The in-person registration is for auditorium seating only. The auditorium has limited seating capacity, so priority registration is given to those who are speaking or volunteering in the auditorium (i.e., session chairs, speakers, and volunteers).

Posters are located on the 2nd floor of the building. No reservations are needed to view the posters. There is an overflow room (~30 chairs) next to the posters (room 2-221 A), where participants can sit and watch the live stream of presentations on a large screen. If poster authors want to attend the live presentations in the auditorium as an audience member, then they need to register using the Eventbrite in-person registration system.

3. I am scheduled to give a presentation or poster at the workshop, and I need to cancel due to an unforeseen event. What do I do?

If you can no longer come to the workshop to present your talk or your poster, contact your session chair (for speakers) or the poster session chair(s) (for poster authors). Also, see if you can find an alternate person to present your talk or man your poster. Notify the chair of the replacement. If you cannot reach your chair, send an email to iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

4. I have been accepted as a session chair, a speaker, or a poster author at the workshop. Where can I find more information on my role and the logistics of the session (i.e., presentation format, due dates, communication process, etc.)?

The IEP Program Support personnel and the IEP Organizing Chair will provide guidance to all session chairs and speakers prior to the workshop. A detailed guidance document will be sent to chairs and speakers. The poster session chairs will provide guidance to the poster authors. Any additional questions (not covered through these communications) can be sent to iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

REGISTRATION BADGES

1. What do I do with my registration badge on my last day of workshop attendance?

A registration badge is issued for all in-person attendees. Each registrant should wear their badge each day of the workshop. On your last day of attendance, return your badge to the registration table. We reuse the badge holders each year.

VOLUNTEERING

1. I'm volunteering in the auditorium for one day during the workshop. Do I still need to register to attend in-person?

IEP needs the assistance of volunteers to ensure the workshop runs smoothly. As a volunteer, you are automatically registered only for the day you volunteer. If you want to attend the workshop in-person as an audience member (and not a volunteer), then you need to register for those days using the EventBrite in-person registration system.

2. I'm interested in volunteering in-person at the workshop, whom should I contact?

Anyone interested in volunteering should sign up using the [volunteer form](#) found on the [20206 IEP Annual Workshop](#) page or send an email to iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

3. What kind of volunteer opportunities are available for the IEP Workshop?

The IEP Workshop needs the assistance of several volunteers – from the planning of the workshop as part of the Planning Committee to the execution of the workshop (i.e., in-person volunteers). To participate in the planning of the workshop, watch for “planning committee calls”, which generally go out in the summer/fall. To help during the workshop, watch for “volunteer calls”, which generally go out in the winter & spring before the workshop. To receive these “calls”, you must subscribe to the IEP Annual Workshop listserv. To subscribe, visit our [IEP subscription](#) page.

In-person volunteer opportunities include manning the registration table, overseeing the overflow/poster session room, and assisting inside the auditorium as a mic-runner and timekeeper. At a minimum, volunteers are requested to work at least ½ day (morning or afternoon) with approval by their supervisors. Volunteers are not compensated for their time or costs. They are responsible for providing their own transportation and parking to and from the workshop and for providing their own food.

FOOD AND DRINK

1. Can I bring food or drink (i.e., water or coffee cups/mugs/bottles) into the auditorium?

No. The Department of General Services, which owns the building, has a “*no food or drink policy*” for the auditorium. This policy is to protect the furniture and floors from spilled materials. Please consume all food and drink prior to entering the auditorium. Sealed containers (i.e., water bottles) are okay if you are not drinking from them inside the auditorium.

2. Where can I purchase food and drink during the workshop?

A coffee and tea bar provided by a workshop sponsor will be in the lobby near the auditorium. Attendees can also purchase additional food and drink at their own expense from the building’s 1st floor food vendors, or from other vendors in the surrounding area. See the [Area Guide](#) (PDF) for more information on surrounding food establishments.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

1. Is public transit available near the venue?

SacRT’s light rail and bus options service the area near the venue. The Blue Line stops at 8th and O Street, directly outside the building. Use SacRT trip planner to plan your route.

2. What are the public parking options?

City-owned garages like Capitol Towers garage (1500 7th St) and Bonderson Garage (off 10th St between P and O), plus privately run lots such as 710 Q St lot. See the [Area Guide](#) (PDF) for additional information.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDS

1. Is the California Natural Resources Agency building handicap accessible?

Yes. A wheelchair ramp is located along P Street. The auditorium is located on the 1st floor and a ramp is available that leads into the auditorium. An elevator is also available to transport guests who cannot climb the stairs to the 2nd floor for viewing posters. If you need elevator access, contact iep@wildlife.ca.gov prior to the workshop.

2. I need a hearing assistive device in the auditorium. How do I obtain one?

Assistive hearing devices are available from DGS for the auditorium. If you need one, contact iep@wildlife.ca.gov prior to the workshop.

3. I need the use of a lactation room during the event. Does the California Natural Resources Agency building have lactation rooms?

Yes, the CNRA building has a lactation room available on the 2nd floor. If you need access to the room, contact iep@wildlife.ca.gov prior to the workshop.

NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES

1. I am new to the Interagency Ecological Program community. Are there any networking opportunities available at the workshop?

Yes. First, welcome to the IEP community! We are glad you are here. For those who are new to IEP and early in their career, the IEP offers an Early Career Scientist Luncheon on the first day of the workshop. Registration is required and it is a first-come, first-served process. If you missed it this year, make sure to [subscribe to our IEP Workshop listserv](#) so you receive notifications for next year.

Another networking opportunity is the poster session. This is a great time to meet other scientists working in the Bay-Delta and speak with them about their research and studies. Posters will be housed on the 2nd floor (rooms 2-221 B+C) and the poster session will be for the first two days of the workshop. View the Abstract Booklet found on the [2026 IEP Annual Workshop](#) page to see who will be presenting.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

1. I was not able to attend the workshop. Were the presentations recorded? If so, where can I find them?

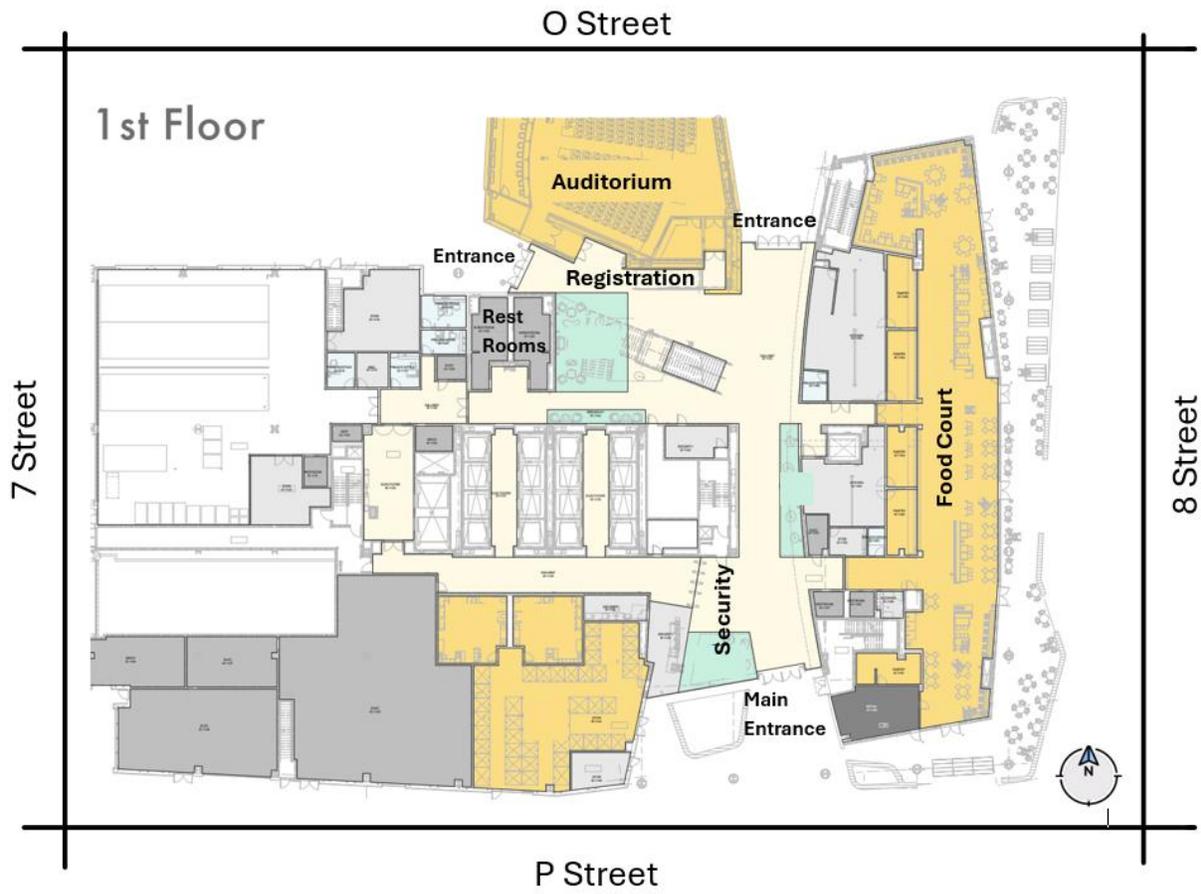
Yes, the workshop will be recorded but it will exclude the poster sessions and live presentations of speakers who did not consent to have their presentation recorded. Workshop posters and abstracts will be shown on the [IEP Annual Workshop](#) page after the workshop ends. The recording will be housed on the [IEP Master Playlist](#) on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's YouTube channel once the closed captions have been completed.

WORKSHOP SPONSORS

1. I noticed there were sponsors who supported the coffee/tea bar and the Early Career Scientist Luncheon at the workshop. How can my company or agency be a sponsor of these or other workshop activities?

Since IEP doesn't have funds to support incidental workshop activities, we always appreciate it when sponsors help us to pay for these activities. Activities can include a coffee and tea bar and/or snacks in the lobby, the Early Career Scientist Luncheon, after hours/evening offsite social event, and the rental of poster boards for the Poster Session. If interested in sponsoring an activity for next year, contact iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

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