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The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society
Monterey Bay Chapter

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Calflora's New Native Plant Tools

Please join us to learn from Calflora's Executive Director Cynthia Powell about new Calflora tools for CNPS native plant professionals, gardeners, and enthusiasts! Calflora aggregates millions of plant observations across the state from [dozens of sources](#) and serves them to the public free of charge. These data sources include CCH2 (a worldwide plant information portal from the California Consortium of Herbaria), iNaturalist, and CNPS plant checklists from around the state. How can you better use this incredible resource to learn more about regional plants?

At this presentation, Cynthia will cover Calflora's [planning your garden tool](#), specimen and other plant observations used in this tool, detailed plant ranges now available on Calflora's species pages (for example, [Grindelia stricta](#)), population monitoring tools, and [email alerts](#). She will also go over the important role CNPS members play in submitting and commenting on Calflora observations and checklists.

Because the Chapter is still observing the COVID-19 directives to avoid gatherings, we'll have an online presentation using Zoom. You can watch the lecture at home on your computer.

The link will be posted on the website, <https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/> and sent a day or two in advance via eblast. The Zoom presentation will start at 7:30 and you'll need to login to the web link with the instructions that will be available on the Chapter website and sent in the eblast. Please come early!

Presentation time Thursday, May 12th at 7:30pm

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Calflora's Executive Director Cynthia Powell

After 3 years as Calflora's GIS Project Manager, in 2016 Cynthia became Calflora's Executive Director. She graduated with her MS in GIS (Geographic Information Science) in 2010 forecasting Mokelumne River water supply based on MODIS remote sensing snow pack images. She's been examining what was under that snow — plants — ever since. She coordinates all Calflora programs, research, outreach, and advocacy, as well as fundraising and project management. Cynthia wears many hats.

Hike! Following the presentation, Cynthia will lead a **hike** Friday May 13th to demonstrate use of these tools in the field. We must limit the number of participants on the hike. Attending the presentation is a prerequisite to attending the plant hike. [Sign up here to receive hike details.](#)





CNPS Conservation and Restoration Initiatives from Around the Web

Twitter: Tell CA leaders to vote YES on AB2146 to reduce the use of dangerous #neonic pesticides that threaten human health and critical pollinators. [CLICK HERE TO SEE TWEET](#)

Facebook: Director of Biodiversity Initiatives Andrea Williams leads the CNPS Biodiversity Initiatives Group. Read more of her thoughts on Indigenous stewardship, land management, and the very definition of conservation. [CLICK HERE TO SEE POST](#)

Instagram: [Official CNPS Instagram](#)

Saging the World Supporting Indigenous-led efforts to safeguard white sage

On Earth Day, April 22nd, CNPS had the premiere of the *Saging the World* film and a panel discussion. Although this day has passed, there exists from this event a number of talking points and facts for us to use should we choose to speak about this issue. Below is the site link and as release times of the film become more known, those will be posted as well.

From the site: The sage wands you see for sale and the smudging you see in mainstream media do not represent the true cultural context of white sage (*Salvia apiana*). Indigenous people in Southern California and northern Baja have tended white sage populations for thousands of generations. Referred to lovingly by some as “grandmother,” white sage provides much in return: medicine, food, ceremony, and beyond. The cleansing rituals seen in popular culture misconstrue and disregard the Indigenous dimensions and contexts of white sage. Most glaringly, the white sage in most purchased smudge sticks is poached—not tended and gathered with respect.

Site Link: <https://www.cnps.org/conservation/white-sage>



Helpful CNPS Information Page

CNPS is dedicated to Preserving and Protecting California Native Plants and Their Habitats

You must register for field trips online at:
www.meetup.com/The-Monterey-Bay-Area-Hiking-Group
Meeting times, locations, and more details are on Meetup.
DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND LACK OF A FIELD TRIP
CHAIR, MEETUP EVENTS ARE LIMITED.

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