Conservation Finance Practitioner Roundtable

September 20-21, 2018 | Offices of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP | Washington, DC

Agenda

Day 1 – Thursday, September 20

9:30-10:00 a.m.	Registration & Coffee	
10:00-10:15	Welcome & Introductions	
	Kari Cohen, NRCS; Leigh Whelpton and Allegra Wrocklage, The Conservation Finance Network	
10:15-11:15	Session 1 – Family Office Interest in Working Lands Investment	
	Moderator: Peter Stein, The Lyme Timber Company	
	Panelists: Lex Sant, Summit Foundation; Ann Mills, Agua Fund	
11:15-11:30	Break	
11:30-12:30 p.m.	Session 2 – Water Funds & Building the Business Case for Beneficiaries	
	Moderator: Peter Howell, Open Space Institute	
	Panelists: Spencer Meyer, Highstead; Clare Billett, William Penn Foundation	
12:30-1:00pm	Remarks from Bill Northey, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation	
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Lunch	
2:00-2:30	Session 3 – Federal Agency Updates: NRCS & USFS	
	Presenters: Kari Cohen, NRCS; Tommie Herbert, USFS	
2:30-3:30	Session 4 – Advancing Conservation through Mainstream Farm Finance	
	Moderator: Maggie Monast, Environmental Defense Fund	
	Panelists: Eron Bloomgarden, Climate and Forest Capital; Chris Adamo, DanoneWave	
3:30-4:00	Break	
4:00-5:00	Session 5 – Roundtable Impact & Outlook	
	Moderator: Evan Smith, The Conservation Fund	
	Panelists: Kari Cohen, NRCS; Leigh Whelpton, The Conservation Finance Network; Sean Penrith, Gordian Knot Strategies	
5:30-7:30	Reception at The Wilderness Society	
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Day 2 – Friday, September 21

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration & Coffee
9:00-9:45	Session 6 – Lessons Learned from Conservation Finance CIGs
	Moderator: Lindsay White, NRCS
	Panelists: Todd Gartner, World Resources Institute; Craig Wichner, Farmland LP
9:45-10:30	Session 7 – Case Study: Upstream Tech
	Facilitator: Carolyn duPont, Quantified Ventures Presenter: Jessie Norriss, Upstream Tech
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:00	"Dolphin Tank" Introduction
	Panel: Catherine Godschalk, Calvert Impact Capital; Chris Adamo, DanoneWave; Eron Bloomgarden, Climate and Forest Capital; Shani Harmon, Orrick
11:00-11:30	Session I – Iowa Soybean Association
	Presenter: Adam Kiel
11:30-12:00 p.m.	Session II – Environmental Defense Fund
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	Presenter: Maggie Monast
12:00-12:30	Wrap-Up
	Facilitators: Kari Cohen, NRCS, Adam Chambers, NRCS; Leigh Whelpton and Allegra Wrocklage, The Conservation Finance Network
12:30-2:00	Lunch