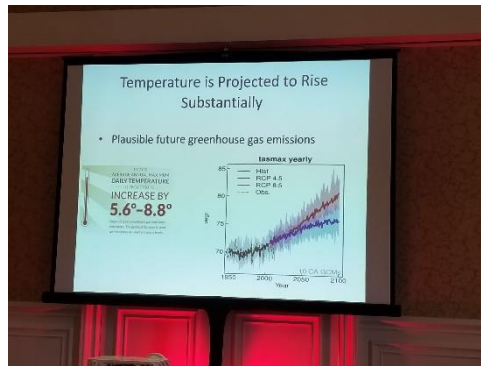


BATIQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION HOSTS THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP ASSOCIATED WITH OUR BATIQUITOS LAGOON RESIELIENCY PLAN PROJECT



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On Thursday, November 13, 2018, the BLF held the first scientific workshop associated with our Batiquitos Lagoon Resiliency Plan (BLRP) through a City of Carlsbad grant. Our grant focuses on climate change impacts and the development of adaptation strategy for the Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve (BLER). The workshop was held at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort and SPA in Carlsbad, CA. Our resiliency project will use a new protocol and process that was developed by the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR) called Climate Understanding and Resiliency in the River Valley (CURRV). A key component of this the engagement of land managers, scientists, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders (e.g., the City of Carlsbad, Aviara Master Association, Park Hyatt Aviara, Leucadia Waste Water District, Caltrans, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to evaluate difference climate change scenarios and develop appropriate adaptation strategies that address potential impacts on sensitive resources under those scenarios. Our project is divided up into four phases: Phase I: Scenario planning and identification of data needs, including identification of what data currently exists and performing a gap analysis; Phase II: Data collection as needed to fill the identified gaps; Phase III: Development of adaptation strategies; Phase IV: preparation of the final report. This workshop followed our Stakeholder Workshop which was held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 where various scenario strategies were discussed. The scientific workshop was the first to further define and refine the scenarios for the plan. Twenty-eight key subject-area specialists attended, including representatives from Scripps Institute of Oceanography, US Fish and Wildlife, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Oceanographic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA), Tijuana River National Estuarine River Reserve (TRNERR), San Diego State University, City of Carlsbad, University California San Diego (UCSD), San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, and the BLF. The second scientific workshop will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019.