



**Briefing on Ecosystem Services by the Director of the California Department of Conservation**

**Background**

Mark Nechodom was appointed Director of the California Department of Conservation in December 2011. Prior to his appointment, he served as a Senior Policy Advisor for Environmental Markets to the Secretary of the US Department of Agriculture. His accomplishments include participating in negotiations for the greenhouse gas reporting protocol for forestry for California's Climate Action Reserve and founding the UC Davis Land Use and Natural Resources program, which plays an integral role in the history of planning and environmental management in California.

Mr. Nechodom will brief the Commission on current work at the Department of Conservation, in coordination with other agencies and organizations, relating to ecosystem services.

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