

# SCAS 2022

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February 2022

## ***Happy New Year of Science!***

**We have two big events to share with you. Our upcoming SCAS Spotlight and the SCAS annual meeting.**



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## **SCAS Spotlight - Dr. Greg Pauly** **February 24, 2022 (7:00 pm)**

Dr. Gregory Pauly joined the SCAS board last year. He is curator of herpetology and co-director of the Urban Nature Research Center at NHM. His research since joining the museum in 2012 has focused on the impacts of urbanization on wildlife.

The title of his talk is: ***Community Science the Next Revolution in Conservation, Ecology, and Behavior Research?***

For centuries, natural history discoveries have been made by members of the public. The professionalization of natural history research is a relatively recent development. Professional scientists, however, are now recognizing that many research questions are best answered through large-scale efforts in which they partner with members of the public. These new community science efforts can answer basic and applied research questions across the fields of conservation, ecology, and behavior. Dr. Pauly will showcase how thousands of dedicated naturalists documenting reptiles and amphibians across Southern California have helped to make discoveries that were not possible through other methods. These discoveries include 1) documenting and tracking invasive species; 2) assessing how parasitism and predation vary along urban to rural gradients; and 3) documenting rarely observed natural history events such as mating behavior.

Join via webinar link:  
<https://bit.ly/SCASSpotlightGPauly>  
Passcode: 160561



See older SCAS spotlight talks here

## Reminder

Our 115th Annual Meeting will be held  
at CSU Fullerton on May 6, 2022

We are excited to hold our 2022 annual meeting **in person** at CSUF

\*Covid mitigation protocols will be in place, including masks while indoors and proof of vaccine. We will have a contingency plan for virtual participation, should it become necessary

In addition to many contributed talks and posters, and our exciting plenary speaker (see below), we have a great line-up of featured Symposia, including:

***Urban biodiversity***  
***Microplastics***  
***Drought and water***

We look forward to seeing you there.

Abstract submission deadline is **March 4**



Registration & Abstract  
Submission

Plenary Speaker - **Dr. Jennifer Norris**



Dr. Jennifer Norris serves as Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat at the California Natural Resources Agency. She has extensive experience in conservation policy, endangered species protection, and ecosystem management.

**Plenary Title:**

30x30 California: Accelerating Conservation of our Lands and Coastal Waters to Protect Biodiversity, Increase Access to Nature, and Combat Climate Change

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