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# New Incentives for Conservation Easements

## Discussion Will Include:

- ⇒ Conservation Easement Incentive Act of 2015 (Congressman Mike Thompson)
- ⇒ Conservation Easements in California (Civil Code 815.1)
- ⇒ Williamson Act and Estate and Real Estate Tax Issues
- ⇒ Limitations on Public Entity Land Conservation Entities
- ⇒ Competing Pressures on Land Resources:
  - Housing, Agriculture, Cannabis (the newest elephant in the room)
- ⇒ Creative solutions to encourage land conservation

### Robert Pittman

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Mr. Pittman is an accomplished public agency attorney with more than 20 years' experience advising county boards of supervisors, city councils, and staffs, developing practical solutions, and providing organizational leadership to public agencies. He has extensive experience in land use entitlement, real estate acquisitions, and land conservation. Mr. Pittman specializes in negotiating and documenting complex land use transactions.



### Randy Skidmore

Conservation Project Manager, Land Trust of Napa County

Mr. Skidmore retired from Coombs and Dunlap, LLP as a partner where he practiced business, real estate and land use law for almost 30 years. Mr. Skidmore's relationship with the Land Trust spans decades, starting with his work as an out-of-house attorney for the Land Trust from 1988-1994 and later as a volunteer committee chairperson and member of the Board of Trustees from 2008-2010. Randy's concern for the environment can be traced back to law school, where he wrote the article Nitrate Pollution and the California Environmental Quality Act: The Appropriate Solution to a Neglected Problem. Mr. Skidmore has his B.A. in English from the University of California, Berkeley and his J.D. from the California Western School of Law, San Diego.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017      **Time:** Check-In: 11:45 am; Presentation: 12:00—1:30 pm  
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