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Human-Wildlife Conflict

Panel 1 - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Wade Crowfoot — Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency
- Valerie Termini — Acting Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Chad Dibble — Deputy Director of the Wildlife and Fisheries Division
- Kevin Thomas — Deputy Director of Regional Operations and Acting Science Institute Lead
- Chief Nathaniel Arnold — Deputy Director of the Law Enforcement Division
- Erica Manes — Deputy Chief of the Law Enforcement Division

Panel 2 - Academia

- Kaggie Orrick — Director, California Wolf Project, UC Berkeley
- Fernando Nájera — Director, California Carnivores Program, UC Davis

Panel 3 - Real-World Impacts

- Kirk Wilbur — Vice President of Government of Affairs, California Cattlemen's Association
- Pamela Flick — California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife
- Sheriff Michael Fisher — Sheriff, Sierra County
- Kim Bosell — Regional Operations Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
- Beth Pratt — Regional Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation

Public Comment