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**Friday, August 26, 2016 11:00 a.m.**

**Erik Meyers, from the Conservation Fund will present:**

**[Incorporating Science into Conservation Project Execution](#)**

The Conservation Fund is a 30+ year old national charity pursuing a unique, dual mission of environmental protection and sustainable community and economic development. The Fund works on traditional high priority land and water resource conservation projects for such partners as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service and many others at state, local and national levels. It also provides strategic conservation planning services; expertise on sustainable closed-loop aquaculture; peer-to-peer education on balancing nature and commerce; support for community-based groups striving to overcome social and economic obstacles with land and resource-based strategies; and projects demonstrating effective metropolitan water management integration.

The Fund has special expertise in structuring funding and financing for conservation at all scales, and has been innovative in anticipating and responding effectively to national needs and trends, including conserving working lands for food and fiber as well as for ecosystem values. On climate change, the Fund has been the leader in land-based carbon sequestration since the late 1990's and at the forefront of projects to adapt high value natural areas and communities to the effects of a warming climate. Throughout its work, the Fund makes use of the best available science to inform and structure tangible conservation projects. It seeks actionable science to make conservation work better for America.

Erik will address some of the ways in which the Fund utilizes new scientific understanding, commissions research, or synthesizes the latest science.

*Erik J. Meyers is Vice President for Climate and Water Sustainability for The Conservation Fund. He previously led the Fund's Sustainable Programs division for 8 years and chaired its community development financial subsidiary, which has now grown to a \$30 million enterprise active in a 9 state service area. He serves on the executive committee of the US Water Alliance, and co-chairs the Chesapeake Bay Program's Climate Resiliency Work Group, Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition, and SAGE Initiative's Financing Work Group. An attorney, Erik was formerly Vice President and General Counsel at the Environmental Law Institute, a national education and policy organization where he led its Wetlands, Corporate Environmental Management and legal education programs in addition to providing core legal services. Meyers has been recognized by ANSI, the American National Standards Institute, for his leadership of the Environmental Systems Council and by the American Planning Association for his role in co-writing a planning book of the year on non-tidal wetlands protection.*



*This presentation will also be available remotely via Webex:*

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