

Conservation Café

Conservation Café is designed to encourage informal science-based discussions of conservation issues of importance to Orange County, CA. Join us for coffee and pastries to discuss the issues that are important to you!



Our first speaker this series will be **Dr. Jennifer Funk**, an Associate Professor at Chapman University. Her research focuses on identifying characteristics of invasive plant species and using that information to restore native plant communities. She is particularly interested in how invasive species out-compete native species for resources in arid and nutrient-poor habitats. She has worked extensively in Hawaii and Mediterranean-climate ecosystems.



Topics to discuss include the following:

- *What are plant functional traits and how do we study them?*
- *How does understanding plant functional traits help us improve restoration?*
- *What are the important characteristics to know about the plants we use in restoration?*
- *How do collaborations between academic researchers and land managers benefit both research and land management decisions?*

For more information and to RSVP, visit www.ocscb.org

Sunday, Oct 2
10 - 11:30 AM

Muth Interpretive Center
2301 University DR
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Parking is free and the interpretive center is open for visitors this day