



Stewards of the Land

Monday, September 29th 6:30pm-8:30pm

Altadena Community Center, 730 E. Altadena Dr.

doors open at 6pm.

***Space/ seating is limited and will operate on a first come first serve basis.**



AltadenaWILD will discuss and share the story of how a development threat in the Altadena foothills galvanized the birth of AltadenaWILD, how they harnessed the power of community to defeat that threat, and how they worked with the County to develop a new Area Plan - with changes in zoning and land use classifications - to create an opportunity for future conservation options.

The Chaney Trail Corridor Project will highlight how professional and community scientists contributed to data collection and public awareness which helped achieve the withdrawal of the Polyfields development. Since the Eaton Fire, the project has focused on documenting post-fire impacts, regrowth, wildlife repopulation, and the protection of the Corridor's trees and natural stream. Finally, Chaney Trail will share its efforts to bring together governmental and non-governmental stakeholders on a plan to conserve the wildland



A 23-year resident of Altadena, Michael is an astrophysicist with extensive experience in science and government management. He grew up in suburban Minneapolis and earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University. He was a research scientist at Caltech for eleven years over two periods sandwiching his six years as a program scientist at NASA Headquarters in Washington. Michael served 15 years as Science Director at a NASA research center in the heart of Silicon Valley -- commuting from Altadena - before retiring from the Senior Executive Service on Leap Day 2020. He has been awarded the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal and the prestigious White House Presidential Rank Award. Michael was named 2024 Citizen of the Year by the Altadena Chamber of Commerce & Civic Association



Kristen is a physician, professor of medicine and naturalist, with 30 years of experience in community organizing, non-profit and governmental leadership. She works for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and is on the faculty of the UCLA School of Medicine. She founded the Chaney Trail Corridor Project in 2024, combining her commitment to social and environmental justice with her love for wildlife trail camera research to create a movement rooted in community biological science dedicated to conserving the land of the Chaney Trail Corridor.