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Inaugural Celebration of the
Baja California Chapter of the California Native Plant Society
August 16-18, 2013 Tijuana and Ensenada Mexico

Friday August 16 in Tijuana

6:30-7:00 at the Binational Native Plant Friendship Garden, Tijuana

- ❖ Location: <http://goo.gl/maps/HIaof>
- ❖ Presentation of the Certificate of Chapter Recognition
- ❖ Photo Opportunity

Saturday August 17 in Ensenada

11:00-12:00 at the Terra Peninsular headquarters, Ensenada

- ❖ Location: <http://www.terrapeninsular.org/contacto.php>
- ❖ Chairpersons and members meeting with CNPS Executive Director and other members.

1:00-3:00 at the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California

- ❖ Location: <http://goo.gl/maps/ghzdA>
- ❖ Herbarium and Botanical garden guided visit.

5:30-9:30 at the Terra Peninsular headquarters, Ensenada

- ❖ Location: <http://www.terrapeninsular.org/contacto.php>
- ❖ 5:30 Presentation: Native Plants, California Floristic Province, and CNPS/SPNBC
- ❖ 6:00 Questions
- ❖ 6:30 Dinner (\$20/person)
- ❖ 7:30 Presentation: Official State Rule for Endemic Flora and Fauna (Sergio Mata, & Pedro Arce)

Sunday August 18 in the Valle de Guadalupe (near Ensenada)

9:00 in the Valle de Guadalupe near Ensenada

- ❖ Location: exact site to be confirmed
- ❖ Guided hike with Sula Vanderplank

About the new Baja Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

Please join the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) in celebrating addition of its first international chapter! In March 2013, the CNPS Chapter Council was presented with a petition for acceptance of a new chapter, signed by 49 participants. After due deliberation, on Friday May 31 2013 the CNPS Board of Directors enthusiastically admitted the Baja California Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

The Baja Chapter is already demonstrating an energy and affection for our flora that is true to the fundamental principles of the 50 year organization. Since 1965, the California Native Plant Society has worked to protect California's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Our 10,000 members promote native plant appreciation, research, education, and conservation through our five statewide programs and 34 chapters. Californios on both sides of the national boundary are excited to work together to celebrate and protect our shared natural legacy.

The vision for the new Baja Chapter is poetically expressed in the petition for Chapter recognition:

“It is thru this document that a group of persons and environmental organizations wish to create a Baja California chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

Historically Alta and Baja California have been tied with the existence of the native peoples of this great region and more recently with the arrival of the first Spaniards and Europeans to these lands. Alta California (now part of the United States) and Baja California in México are very different societies and contexts pertaining to the countries they belong to. Yet whatever differences we may have, we share the bounty of the California Floristic Province, with its world famous Mediterranean flora and habitats. And even though our ecosystems have proven to be very resilient to the perils of modern culture, we also share similar problems and threats to our unique natural surroundings.

Our geographical area of operation would be the Mexican portion of the California Floristic Province in the Mediterranean cities of Tijuana, Tecate, Rosarito and Ensenada. It is our intent to adhere our group to the vision and mision of the California Native Plant Society for the preservation and protection of our native flora and habitats, for the benefit of Baja California and for the enjoyment and wonder of all.”

To find out about upcoming events, or to learn more about CNPS or the Baja Chapter of CNPS, please visit <http://CNPS.org>.



Participants at Baja Chapter's first native plant walk, to the beautiful Canyon Doña Petra.