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- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- ... and some of the top attorneys in California!

Dear Colleague:

You are personally invited to CLE International's 5th Annual California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Conference. Whether you are an attorney, agency official, environmental consultant, or project applicant, you will benefit from this Conference by getting the latest information on CEQA compliance from the state's leading experts.

In the last year, CEQA has continued its rapid change and evolution. Greenhouse gas and climate change analysis has presented a whole new set of legal and analytical challenges. At the same time, the Supreme Court and appellate courts have continued to more strictly interpret traditional CEQA issues such as "project" definition and mitigation measure adequacy.

Highlights of this Conference include:

- Updates on CEQA climate change guidelines
- Updates on SB 375 implementation
- Legislative update, including CEQA exemptions contained in the 2009 Budget Act
- An expert panel addressing CEQA analysis of wildfire risks and impacts
- In-depth coverage of the most important case law developments, including the definition of "project," water supply impact assessment, and mitigation measure adequacy

You will directly benefit from this Conference by:

- Gaining knowledge of the most recent CEQA developments and trends
- Interacting with the expert faculty and fellow participants to gain practical insights on your CEQA issues

Please join us at the Conference. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Principal
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SAN FRANCISCO, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

SAN DIEGO, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome and Introduction

Overview of Day One

Margaret M. Sohagi, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Sohagi Law Group, Los Angeles

Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Principal, Program Co-Chair
SWCA Environmental Consultants, Sacramento

9:15 Judicial and Legislative Update

Latest Developments

San Francisco and San Diego:

Michael H. Zischke, Esq.
Cox, Castle & Nicholson, San Francisco

10:30 Morning Break

10:45 Defining a CEQA "Project"

Why Is It so Hard?

San Francisco and San Diego:

Whitman F. Manley, Esq.
Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, Sacramento

11:45 Lunch Break

1:00 Drafting Defensible CEQA Findings

Case Law and Practical Advice

San Francisco and San Diego:

Barbara Schussman, Esq.
Bingham McCutchen, San Francisco

Scott C. Smith, Esq.
Best Best & Krieger, Irvine

2:30 Afternoon Break

2:45 Water Supply Impacts

CEQA and SB 610 Requirements, Adaptation Challenges

San Francisco and San Diego:

James G. Moose, Esq.
Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, Sacramento

Clark Morrison, Esq.
Cox, Castle & Nicholson, San Francisco

Karen Donovan, Esq.
East Bay Municipal Utility District, Oakland

4:00 Ethics

Ethical Considerations in CEQA Compliance

San Francisco and San Diego:

Daniel W. Hager, Esq.
Roeca Haas Hager, San Francisco

5:00 Adjourn

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT!

Do you have specific questions or topics you hope to see covered in this program? Would you like to see a Conference on another topic? Would you like to learn about sponsorship and exhibit opportunities?

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SAN FRANCISCO, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome Back

Overview of Day Two

Margaret M. Sohagi, Esq., Program Co-Chair

Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Principal, Program Co-Chair

9:15 Featured Panel: Climate Change I

SB 375: Latest Developments and CEQA Streamlining

San Francisco:

William Craven, Esq., Chief Consultant

California Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, Sacramento

Curtis Alling, AICP, Vice President

EDAW | AECOM, Sacramento

Carol Whiteside, Founder and President Emeritus

Great Valley Center, Modesto

Therese W. McMillan, Deputy Executive Director, Policy

Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland

San Diego:

Rob Rundle, Principal Regional Planner

San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego

William Craven, Esq., Chief Consultant

Curtis Alling, AICP, Vice President

10:30 Morning Break

10:45 Climate Change II

Climate Change CEQA Guidelines and Thresholds: Will They Reduce Uncertainty?

San Francisco:

Cassie Gilson, Esq., Founder

Gilson Government Strategies, Sacramento

Matthew D. Vespa, Esq., Senior Attorney

Climate Law Institute of the Center for Biological Diversity
San Francisco

San Diego:

Cassie Gilson, Esq., Founder

Michael Fitts, Esq., Staff Attorney

Endangered Habitats League, Los Angeles

12:00 Lunch Break

1:15 Climate Change Adaptation

The Next CEQA Frontier

San Francisco and San Diego:

Rich Walter, Principal

ICF Jones & Stokes, Oakland

John T. Andrew, PE Climate Change Executive Manager

California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento

San Francisco:

Matthew G. Heberger, PE, Researcher

Pacific Institute, Oakland

2:30 Afternoon Break

2:45 Featured Panel

Wildfire Risks: Cutting Edge CEQA and Planning Approaches

San Francisco and San Diego:

Kate Dargan, California State Fire Marshal

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento

Jeffrey A. Chine, Esq.

Allen Matkins, San Diego

San Francisco:

Alex Hinds, Interim Director, Center for Sustainable

Communities

Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park

San Diego:

Richard W. Halsey, Director

California Chaparral Institute, San Diego

4:00 Biological and Cultural Resource Mitigation

Tips on Effectiveness and Defensibility

San Francisco and San Diego:

Susan K. Hori, Esq.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, Costa Mesa

Robert "Perl" Perlmutter, Esq.

Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, San Francisco

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

MEET YOUR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

California Environmental Quality Act

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Al Herson, is an environmental planner/attorney and CEQA expert with over 30 years of experience. He is co-author of the *CEQA Deskbook*, *The NEPA Book*, and *California Environmental Law and Policy: A Practical Guide*, and is a frequent speaker and trainer for CEQA and NEPA topics.

Margaret M. Sohagi is a recognized authority on CEQA, NEPA and land use planning. She has extensive experience in general plan updates, climate change, the Coastal Act, planning and zoning and takings. She is an Adjunct Professor of Land Use Law at USC Law School.

FEATURED PRESENTERS

William Craven and his committee have jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to water, forestry, endangered species and wildlife, public lands, coastal protection, state parks, mining, harbors, and other resource areas. In 2007-08, Darrell Steinberg chaired the committee and introduced SB 375, and Mr. Craven provided staff assistance to Senator Steinberg on SB 375.

Kate Dargan is a 30-year veteran of her department and the first woman to hold her position since the office was established in 1923. She has been a volunteer firefighter, a training officer, and an elected board member for a local fire/community services district.

FACULTY

John T. Andrew served as the Department's Chief of Special Planning Projects. From 2000 to 2003, he served as the Drinking Water Quality Program Manager and Southern California Regional Coordinator for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Curtis Alling is a CEQA and NEPA expert with over 30 years experience, specializing in climate change issues, natural resources management, park and recreation projects, and renewable energy.

Jeffrey A. Chine chairs the land use group at his firm. He has more than 20 years' experience representing clients on a wide variety of land use and environmental matters throughout California.

Karen Donovan specializes in water rights, water quality, natural resources, CEQA and NEPA, and environmental issues. Previously, she spent over 10 years as an attorney in private practice.

Michael Fitts works for California's only regional conservation organization dedicated to ecosystem protection and sustainable land use planning.

Cassie Gilson has served as an attorney and political advisor to a variety of clients on issues throughout California.

Daniel W. Hager has a unique background in malpractice prevention, ethics and law practice management. He has served as national loss prevention counsel for major insurers.

Richard W. Halsey has taught biology and natural science for over 30 years. Current projects include research on the impact of increased fire frequency on chaparral and other shrubland ecosystems.

Matthew G. Heberger spent the last 10 years working on water issues as a consulting engineer, in water policy in Washington DC, and as a hygiene and sanitation educator in West Africa.

Alex Hinds has directed planning and related departments for Marin, San Luis Obispo, and Lake Counties for over 24 years.

Susan K. Hori emphasizes land use and environmental law, including the processing of land use entitlements for real estate development projects.

Whitman F. Manley focuses on CEQA, the California Planning and Zoning Law, and other environmental and land use laws.

Therese W. McMillan oversees MTC's departments responsible for strategic financial planning, legislative advocacy and public affairs, and long range planning, transportation and land use.

James G. Moose has over 20 years of experience advising public and private clients on CEQA, land use and water supply issues.

Clark Morrison has extensive experience in the entitlement and development of large and controversial development projects.

Robert "Perl" Perlmutter represents and advises community groups, public agencies, and environmental organizations on a wide range of environmental and land use issues.

Rob Rundle is in charge of SANDAG's Environmental and Public Facilities Planning division. He has been with SANDAG for 13 years and oversees the agencies environmental planning activities.

Barbara Schussman focuses on environmental and land use litigation and counseling on behalf of public agencies and private entities.

Scott C. Smith specializes in governmental, land use and environmental law. He has represented public agencies in environmental review of development projects since 1985.

Matthew D. Vespa litigates at the state and national levels to enforce existing laws that can speed progress toward greenhouse gas reductions.

Rich Walter has 15 years of experience in environmental planning, compliance strategy, permitting, and mitigation development and implementation.

Carol Whiteside began the Center in August 1997 to support organizations and activities that promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of California's Central Valley.

Michael H. Zischke co-authored *CEB's Practice Under the California Environmental Quality Act*. He specializes in CEQA and land use litigation and compliance.

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