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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1

SAN FRANCISCO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011
LOS ANGELES, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Overview of Day One
Barbara Schussman, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Bingham McCutchen, San Francisco
Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Nossaman, Irvine
- 9:15 **NEPA Regulations and Cases**
A Primer
Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 10:15 Networking Break
- 10:30 **Cumulative Impacts**
Creating a Defensible Analytical Framework
Anna C. Shimko, Esq.
Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, San Francisco
- 11:30 *San Francisco:*
Keynote Presentation
Renewable Energy Siting in California
Karen Douglas, Esq., Chairman
California Energy Commission, Sacramento
- Los Angeles:*
Integrating NEPA with Other Federal Requirements
Coordinating Natural Resource Permitting Requirements
Robert J. Uram, Esq.
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, San Francisco
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 **Ethics**
Substance Abuse and Other Ethical Issues
San Francisco: **Stanley W. Lamport, Esq.**
Cox Castle & Nicholson, Los Angeles
Los Angeles: **Alex Yufik, Esq., PhD, Case Management Supervisor**
Lawyer Assistance Program, State Bar of California
Los Angeles
- 2:30 Networking Break
- 2:45 **The Gulf Oil Spill**
How Will It Affect NEPA Analyses of Uncertain Effects?
Alan C. Waltner, Esq.
Law Offices of Alan C. Waltner, San Francisco
- 3:30 **Renewable Energy**
Navigating the Environmental Process for Renewable Energy Projects on Public and Private Land; Programmatic Planning in the California Desert
San Francisco: **Kevin Hunting, Chief Deputy Director**
California Department of Fish and Game, Sacramento
Ella Foley Gannon, Esq.
Bingham McCutchen, San Francisco
Jenifer Lee, Managing Director, Environmental
Edison Mission Energy, Irvine
Moderator: Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Los Angeles: **Ella Foley Gannon, Esq.**
Bingham McCutchen, San Francisco
Jenifer Lee, Managing Director, Environmental
Moderator: Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 5:00 Adjourn

DAY 2

SAN FRANCISCO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011
LOS ANGELES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

- 8:30 Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 **Welcome Back**
Overview of Day Two
Barbara Schussman, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 9:15 **Environmental Assessments**
And Categorical Exclusions
Nicole H. Gordon, Esq.
The Sohagi Law Group, Los Angeles
- 10:15 Networking Break
- 10:30 **Recent NEPA Developments**
Cases, Regulations, Policies
Carolynn B. Lobell, Esq.
Nossaman, Irvine
- 11:15 *San Francisco:*
Integrating NEPA with Other Federal Requirements
Coordinating Natural Resource Permitting Requirements
Robert J. Uram, Esq.
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, San Francisco
- Los Angeles:*
Keynote Presentation
NEPA at 40: A Look Back, and Predictions for the Future
Richard M. Frank, Esq., Visiting Lecturer
University of California Davis School of Law
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 **NEPA and Climate Change**
What Does NEPA Require?
San Francisco: **Kevin Bundy, Esq., Senior Attorney**
Climate Law Institute of the Center for Biological Diversity, San Francisco
Barbara Schussman, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Los Angeles: **Linda Krop, Esq., Chief Counsel**
Environmental Defense Center, Santa Barbara
Barbara Schussman, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 2:45 Networking Break
- 3:00 **Joint CEQA & NEPA Compliance**
Similarities and Differences Between NEPA and CEQA; CALTRANS Experience in Resolving Joint Document Challenges and Compliance with Other Federal Laws
Kenneth M. Bogdan, Esq., Environmental Counsel
ICF Jones & Stokes, Sacramento
Kelly Dunlap, Esq.
Chief of the Environmental Management Office
Division of Environmental Analysis CALTRANS, Sacramento
- 4:00 **Bay Delta Conservation Plan**
Status and Future Direction; BDCP and the Delta Plan
Karla Nemeth, Agency Liaison to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan
California Natural Resources Agency, Sacramento
Brent Walthall, Assistant General Manager
Kern County Water Agency, Sacramento
- 5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Barbara Schussman leads the land use and development practice at her firm. She focuses her practice on environmental and land use litigation and counseling matters on behalf of public agencies and private entities. She has extensive CEQA litigation and counseling experience. Recently, Barbara won an appeal before the California Supreme Court for Stanford University regarding compliance with CEQA and the California State Planning and Zoning Law. In addition to her litigation and counseling practice, Barbara regularly authors publications on CEQA, NEPA and climate change matters.

Robert D. Thornton has practiced environmental law for over 30 years and represents landowners, resource developers and public agencies on high profile matters. He successfully defended over \$5 billion in regional transportation improvements and assisted clients in developing and implementing regional habitat conservation plans covering hundreds of thousands of acres. He specializes in NEPA, Endangered Species Act and other environmental compliance issues for large infrastructure projects.

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Ms. Douglas fills the Attorney position on the five-member Commission where four of the five members by law are required to have professional training in specific areas—engineering or physical science, environmental protection, economics, and law. She served as Director of the California Climate Initiative at Environmental Defense. Previously, Ms. Douglas spent four years at the Planning and Conservation League as the Natural Resources Director, General Counsel, and most recently, acting Executive Director.

Karen Douglas, Esq., Chairman
California Energy Commission, Sacramento

February 11, Los Angeles:



Mr. Frank joined the law school faculty in 2006 and also serves as a Lecturer in Residence, teaching courses in environmental law, climate change and public interest litigation. His research interests include climate change, water supply and allocation in the American West, environmental governance, property rights, and California environmental law and policy. Mr. Frank previously practiced law with federal and state agencies for 32 years, most of that time with the California Department of Justice.

Richard M. Frank, Esq., Visiting Lecturer
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