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## Featured Presentation



Nicholas C. Yost, Esq.  
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Speaking on:

*"Twelve Rules to Make the NEPA Process Work"*


Nicholas C. Yost drafted the federal regulations governing the NEPA Environmental Impact Statement Process and was the former director of the President's Task Force on Global Resources and the Environment. He is also the author of the *NEPA Deskbook*, 3d Ed. 2004.



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Morning 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Afternoon 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<p>8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 <b>Introduction and Welcome</b>  <i>San Francisco &amp; San Diego:</i>  <b>Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Chair</b>  <i>Nossaman, Guthner, Knox &amp; Elliott, San Francisco</i></p>	<p>1:30 <b>Section 1508.27 of the CEQ NEPA Regulations and the Trigger for Preparing an EIS</b>                      Significantly Affecting the Quality of the Human Environment  <i>San Francisco &amp; San Diego:</i>  <b>Ken Bogdan, Esq.</b>  <i>James &amp; Stokes, Sacramento</i></p>
<p>8:45 <b>Featured Presentation</b>                      Twelve Rules to Make the NEPA Process Work                      Insights for the Environmental Attorney  <i>San Francisco &amp; San Diego:</i>  <b>Nicholas C. Yost, Esq.</b>  <i>Sonnenschein Nath &amp; Rosenthal, San Francisco</i></p>	<p>2:15 <b>Cumulative Impacts and Indirect Effects</b>                      Issues in Federal Water Contract Renewals and Related Actions  <i>San Francisco &amp; San Diego:</i>  <b>Karen L. Donovan, Esq.</b>  <i>Duane Morris, San Francisco</i></p>
<p>9:30 <b>Practical Tips for Infrastructure</b>                      What You Need to Know  <i>San Francisco &amp; San Diego:</i>  <b>Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Chair</b></p>	<p>3:00 Afternoon Break</p> <p>3:15 <b>Ethical Considerations</b>                      Issues Faced by Environmental and Public Agency Lawyers and Their Clients  <i>San Francisco &amp; San Diego:</i>  <b>Jill N. Willis, Esq.</b>  <i>Best Best &amp; Krieger, Riverside</i></p>
<p>10:15 Morning Break</p> <p>10:30 <b>The Scope of the Analysis for a NEPA Document</b>                      The Question of Federalization and the Treatment of a Private Project Under NEPA  <i>San Francisco:</i>  <b>Alicia Guerra, Esq.</b>  <i>Morrison &amp; Foerster, Walnut Creek</i>  <i>San Diego:</i>  <b>Donna R. Black, Esq.</b>  <i>Morrison &amp; Foerster, Los Angeles</i></p>	<p>4:15 Q&amp;A Panel  <i>Members of the Faculty</i></p> <p>4:30 Evaluations and Adjourn</p>
<p>11:15 <b>Preparation of Joint NEPA/CEQA Documents</b>                      Legal Requirements and Useful Tips  <i>San Francisco &amp; San Diego:</i>  <b>Barbara Schussman, Esq.</b>  <i>Bingham McCutchen, Walnut Creek</i></p> <p>12:00 Q&amp;A Panel  <i>Members of the Faculty</i></p> <p>12:15 Lunch Break</p>	

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<p><b>Program Chair</b></p> <p><b>Robert D. Thornton</b> is a partner with his firm, where he has practiced environmental law for 28 years and specializes in NEPA compliance for large infrastructure projects. He has successfully defended over \$5 billion in transportation projects against NEPA and other federal litigation challenges.</p>	<p><b>Karen L. Donovan</b> practices in the areas of environmental and natural resource law. She has extensive experience with issues pertaining to NEPA and CEQA, as well as water rights and water quality, endangered species, wetlands, coastal development, and related land use and resource areas. She is a former Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, where she represented the San Francisco Airport Commission and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Prior to that, she was in private practice in Washington, DC, representing water suppliers, industry associations, environmental organizations and other interests.</p>	<p><b>Jill N. Willis</b> is a member of her firm's Environmental Law and Natural Resources Practice Group. She specializes in water rights and related issues. She represents numerous public and private clients in actions involving surface and groundwater rights throughout Southern California, including the Antelope Valley, the Cucamonga Basin, the Chino Basin, the Santa Ana River, and the Colorado River.</p>
<p><b>Featured Presenter</b></p> <p><b>Nicholas C. Yost</b> has a nationwide NEPA practice, primarily assisting applicants with NEPA compliance. No NEPA document on which he has assisted has ever been overturned in court. He has served as General Counsel to the President's Council on Environmental Quality, where he drafted the federal government's CEQ NEPA Regulations. He was also in charge of the Environmental Unit of the California Attorney General's Office.</p>	<p><b>Alicia Guerra</b> practices land use and natural resource law. She has more than 17 years of experience as an environmental consultant and attorney in land use and natural resource matters, including land use planning and development, wetland and endangered species regulation, environmental review, water rights, water quality and air quality permitting. Her expertise is in advising private and public sector clients in navigating through the California Environmental Quality Act, NEPA, ESA and the Clean Water Act.</p>	<p><b>CLE INTERNATIONAL Program Coordinator,</b>  <b>Meghan Thorson, meghan@cle.com.</b></p>
<p><b>Donna R. Black</b> is a partner in her firm's Land Use and Environmental Law Group, with a special focus on CEQA, land use permitting and entitlements, and natural resources. She is co-editor and an author of the <i>California Environmental Law Handbook</i>, and serves as Chair of the State Bar of California Real Property Section Zoning and Land Use Committee.</p> <p><b>Ken Bogdan</b> is environmental counsel with his company, a western-United States consulting firm specializing in environmental planning and natural resource management. He is co-author of <i>The NEPA Book: A Step-By Step Approach</i> (2001 Edition); the <i>CEQA DESKBOOK; A Step-By-Step Guide to Compliance With the California Environmental Quality Act</i> (2001 edition); and other books and publications with Solano Press.</p>	<p><b>Barbara Schussman</b> focuses on environmental and land use litigation and counseling on behalf of public agencies and private entities. She has experience defending writ of mandate proceedings, and counseling clients regarding NEPA and CEQA compliance, the Planning and Zoning Law, and a variety of other land use and environmental regulations. She is the author of the CEQA chapter of Curtin's <i>California Land Use and Planning Law</i>, and she teaches and lectures on NEPA and CEQA compliance and litigation issues for a variety of organizations.</p>	

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