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CEQA

A Review of 2017

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Dear Colleague:

2017 has been another banner year for CEQA legal and policy developments! As always, California's pre-eminent CEQA attorneys, planners, and experts will provide you with the latest CEQA insights, trends, and practice advice.

Don't miss our annual conference to learn about the key CEQA changes that have taken place this past year! In the Supreme Court, the *San Mateo Gardens* case set new rules for supplemental CEQA document preparation. The *CNFF v. SANDAG* case further defined the contours of legally adequate CEQA GHG analysis. The *Banning Ranch Conservancy* case placed new emphasis on integrating CEQA with other environmental laws. And once again, the appellate courts have published numerous decisions that change CEQA practice, such as refining the definition of ministerial actions that are exempt from CEQA.

At the same time, the Legislature continued to debate whether affordable housing projects should bypass CEQA review with "by right" approvals in response to the housing crisis. The Legislature also considered significant cutbacks to the use of land use initiatives to bypass the CEQA process.

This year's panels and presentations will cover:

- **Late 2016 and 2017 case law and legislative updates**
 - **CEQA and General Plan Guidelines updates**
 - **CEQA's consideration of designated sensitive natural places after *Banning Ranch Conservancy***
 - **Supplemental environmental review after *San Mateo Gardens***
 - **Latest approaches for GHG impact analysis after *Newhall Ranch* and *CNFF v. SANDAG***
 - **Best practices for developing the CEQA administrative record**
 - **Streamlining CEQA for housing approvals**
- ... and much more!

Whether you are an attorney, planner, consultant, agency staff, or project applicant, you will benefit greatly from the knowledge you gain, as well as the opportunity to network with expert speakers and fellow attendees.

Sincerely,



Curtis E. Alling, AICP
Program Co-Chair
Principal, Ascent Environmental, Sacramento



Al Herson, Esq., FAICP
Program Co-Chair
The Sohagi Law Group, Sacramento

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Overview of Day One

Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair
Principal, Ascent Environmental, Sacramento

Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair
The Sohagi Law Group, Sacramento

8:45 **Case Law and Legislative Update**

The Year in Review

Robert "Perl" Perlmutter, Esq.
Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, San Francisco

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

10:15 Networking Break

10:30 **Keynote Presentation**

CEQA and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Chuck Bonham, Director
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sacramento

11:15 **Proposed CEQA Guidelines and General Plan Guidelines**

An In-Depth Look

Elizabeth Baca, MD, MPA, Senior Health Advisor
Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Sacramento

Arthur F. Coon, Esq.
Miller Starr Regalia, Walnut Creek

Daniel S. Cucchi, Esq.
Abbott & Kindermann, Sacramento

Jeannie Lee, AICP, Esq., Senior Counsel
Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Sacramento

12:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 **CEQA Consideration of Sensitive Natural Places**

Banning Ranch Conservancy Decision and Emerging Programs and Policies

Sara A. Clark, Esq.
Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, San Francisco

Osha Meserve, Esq.
Soluri Meserve, Sacramento

Ron Unger, Environmental Program Manager
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sacramento

3:00 Networking Break

3:15 **Supplemental Environmental Review**

After *San Mateo Gardens I* and II

Marina D. Cassio, Esq.
Marten Law, San Francisco

Rachel Mansfield-Howlett, Esq.
Provencher & Flatt, Santa Rosa

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

4:45 Adjourn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome Back**

Summary of Day One and Overview of Day Two

Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair

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

8:45 **Policies and Practices for CEQA GHG Analysis**

After the *CBD v. CDFW* and *CNFF v. SANDAG* Decisions

Kevin Bundy, Esq., Climate Legal Director, Senior Attorney
Center for Biological Diversity, Oakland

Honey L. Walters, Principal
Ascent Environmental, Sacramento

10:15 Networking Break

10:30 **Developing the CEQA Administrative Record**

Legislation, Case Law, and Practice Tips

Nicole H. Gordon, Esq.
The Sohagi Law Group, Los Angeles

Barbara J. Schussman, Esq.
Perkins Coie, San Francisco

Veera Tyagi, Esq., Principal Deputy District Counsel
South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar

12:00 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:15 **Ethics**

Considerations for CEQA Practitioners

Joshua Nelson, Esq.
Best Best & Krieger, Sacramento

2:15 **Streamlining CEQA for Housing Approvals**

Existing Tools and Legislative Proposals

Mark Rhoades, AICP, President & CEO
Rhoades Planning Group, Oakland

Terry Rivasplata, AICP, Technical Director
ICF, Sacramento

3:45 **Q&A Panel**

Members of the Faculty

4:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

"Every panel was of interest. The breadth of information and discussion was stimulating from the first session on Thursday morning through late Friday afternoon. Thank you for your ongoing investment in providing such a high quality workshop."
- Kathie Lowrey, Prunuske Chatham, Sebastopol

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PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Curtis E. Alling, AICP, is a CEQA and NEPA expert with over 35 years of experience. He specializes in natural resources management, climate change issues, transportation, park and recreation projects, and water resources. He is a founding principal of Ascent Environmental, Inc., an environmental, climate change, and natural resources consultancy established in 2010. Mr. Alling is a leader in CEQA practice approaches for public agencies' most complex or "first-time" situations, such as innovative use of Program EIRs, CEQA-equivalent documents for regulatory processes, and incorporation of climate-change issues into environmental analysis.

Al Herson, FAICP, is an environmental attorney and planner with over 35 years of experience. He is a recognized authority on CEQA, NEPA, and natural resources law. He serves as Sohagi Law Group's Sacramento presence, and advises public agencies on complex environmental and land use law matters. Mr. Herson is co-author of *California Environmental Law and Policy: A Practical Guide*, the CEQA Deskbook (2nd edition), and *The NEPA Book*, as well as CEQA chapters in Matthew Bender's *California Environmental Law* treatise. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP).

SPEAKERS

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Chuck Bonham was appointed as Director by Governor Edmund G. Brown in August 2011. Under the Brown Administration, Mr. Bonham has served as Director for five years, making him one of the longest-serving directors in recent history. Prior to his appointment, Bonham served in a number of roles for Trout Unlimited (TU) for over ten years, including as the organization's California director and as a senior attorney. He was responsible for developing, managing, and implementing TU's programs in California, including the California Water Project, Sportsmen's Conservation Project, and restoration and watershed projects in both northern and Southern California.

"Great conference. Lots of new and timely information."

- Robert Sawyer, Esq., Remy Moose Manley, Sacramento

"CLE International did an excellent job of bringing together panelists and speakers from a variety of professional backgrounds and roles in the practice of CEQA. Very well balanced discussion. Great organization, starting with case law from the year prior and (nearly) ending with the future of CEQA."

- Rachel Schuett, San Francisco Planning Department

"Year after year, this course provides a thorough review of the evolution of CEQA. Very cost effective."

- David F. Dietz, Mead & Hunt, San Francisco

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