

2018 AEP Advanced CEQA Workshop Speakers

Los Angeles – February 14th

- **Ian Michael Forrest**, Southern California Edison
 - Ian Michael Forrest is a Senior Attorney in the Real Property, Local Government Affairs & Licensing division of Southern California Edison Company's law department. A former environmental consultant, Ian has worked in various capacities to facilitate the permitting and implementation of development projects and aid complex industrial interests with environmental compliance. He has facilitated the permitting and implementation of a wide variety of public and private development projects, including energy utility infrastructure, energy generation, rapid urban transit, mixed-use residential and water quality enhancement. He has also served as a technical point of contact and public spokesperson, representing client interests before the media and in environmental negotiations with community groups and local municipalities.
 - Ian has substantive expertise on federal and state environmental statutes, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the federal and California Endangered Species Acts (ESA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the Federal Aviation Act (FAA). Ian's work with SCE focuses on environmental counseling related to energy and infrastructure projects. He has worked on numerous transmission lines and utility-scale renewable energy projects in the Western United States and has extensive experience before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Based out of Los Angeles, Ian is a frequent lecturer regarding renewable energy development, CEQA, and climate change legislation and policy in California and the United States. Internationally, Ian has worked with numerous organizations, including the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), World Business Council For Sustainable Development (WBCSD), United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), and Centre d'Informació i Documentació Internacional a Barcelona (CIDOB). Ian currently serves as Co-Chair of the AEP Legislative Committee and is the Legislative Liaison of the Los Angeles Association of Environmental Professionals.
- **Michelle Ouellette**, Best Best & Krieger LLP
 - Michelle Ouellette brings an indepth understanding of environmental laws and knowledge of state and federal regulations that help her clients' projects succeed in California. With more than 25 years of experience, she knows how to effectively and efficiently help cities, counties, special districts, developers and other clients in the private sector to navigate the requirements of the

California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and state and federal endangered species laws. A trusted counselor and a successful litigator, Michelle works with her clients to reach their goals of building a project, developing a habitat conservation plan or defending environmental documents in court with a responsive and tenacious approach.

- **Margaret Sohagi**, Sohagi Law Group
 - Margaret Moore Sohagi is a recognized authority on CEQA, NEPA, climate change and land use planning. She has extensive experience in general plan updates, sensitive resources, the Coastal Act, planning and zoning, takings and First Amendment including the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), impact fees, rates and charges, and adult uses. For the past 20 years, Ms. Sohagi has represented only public agencies in complex, high profile land use and environmental transactional and litigation matters. Ms. Sohagi currently leads the outside counsel team for all of the Los Angeles World Airport's broad range of land use and environmental issues, including CEQA, NEPA, the California Coastal Act, the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, endangered species laws and other regulatory requirements. Specifically, she has directed remodels of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Additionally, Ms. Sohagi has played an active role with the Port of Los Angeles, Port of San Diego, and numerous cities and counties throughout California. Ms. Sohagi is one of the state's leading experts in CEQA and an Adjunct Professor at USC School of Law where she taught land use law for over six years. She is a state-wide instructor in environmental law, and an instructor for the Judicial Council of California where she teaches introductory and advanced CEQA courses to Superior, Appellate, and Supreme Court Judges and court attorneys. Ms. Sohagi is primary contributor to *Funding Open Space Acquisition Programs: A Guide for Local Agencies in California* and co-author of *Exactions and Impact Fees in California: A Comprehensive Study Guide to Policy, Practice and the Law*. She is AV-rated for highest professional excellence and ethical standards and is listed in Martindale Hubbell's Register of Preeminent Lawyers and is also a member of the California Planning Roundtable.

Inland Empire (Riverside) – February 20th

- **Heidi Rous**, Environmental Science Associates
 - As a principal associate with ESA, Heidi partners with clients and project teams throughout California to provide comprehensive permitting, compliance, and planning services specializing in air quality, climate change adaptation, health risk assessments (HRAs), and acoustical analysis.
 - Heidi has more than 25 years of experience performing and managing emissions inventories; air quality, greenhouse gas, and noise impact assessments; and off-

site consequence analyses for industrial clients (oil and gas, manufacturing, water and energy), the transportation sector (airports, ports, roadways, rail), and development projects (residential, institutional, mixed/use). She is highly skilled in quantifying, modeling, and mitigating emissions from stationary and mobile sources. Heidi is adept at the design and permitting of air pollution control devices, including Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determinations, emission credit (ERC and RECLAIM) assistance, permit negotiation, and other compliance services.

- **Charity Schiller, Best Best & Krieger LLP**
 - As a Partner at Best Best & Krieger, Charity Schiller helps public and private clients negotiate the maze of laws that apply to infrastructure and private development projects, so that those projects can be entitled and built. Specifically, Charity assists clients with all aspects of the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental laws. She has extensive experience with the preparation and adoption of environmental impact reports, environmental impact statements, negative declarations, addenda, exemptions and other environmental documents. Charity is also an experienced litigator, successfully defending her clients before administrative boards and trial and appellate courts throughout California.

Central (Fresno) – February 21st

- **Sydney Coatsworth, Ascent Environmental**
 - Sydney Coatsworth is a Principal with Ascent Environmental and is a geographer and environmental planner with over 25 years of experience in environmental compliance, planning, environmental analysis, and public outreach programs for a wide variety of projects. Her practice runs the gamut, including water resources, wastewater treatment facilities, floodplain management, renewable energy facilities, affordable housing, urban development, natural resources management, and environmental policy and regulation. She is an expert and educator in environmental compliance pursuant to CEQA, NEPA, and TRPA laws and regulations. Sydney specializes in managing large-scale and complex environmental compliance projects and has overseen the preparation of hundreds of environmental documents. Outside of the office, Sydney serves on the Board of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, helping the region maintain and enhance its urban forest.
- **John P. Kinsey, Wanger Jones Helsley PC**
 - John P. Kinsey is a Shareholder of the law firm of Wanger Jones Helsley PC. Mr. Kinsey's practice focuses on all aspects of land use and environmental law, including litigation, counseling, and regulatory services. His practice also

includes civil litigation in both state and federal courts, including complex real estate, business, and municipal law matters. He also has experience in water law, federal Indian law, and representing public agencies.

- **Trevor Macenski**, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
 - Trevor develops environmental compliance programs for controversial development activities to help communities, clients, and regulators, find a balanced approach to development. As a seasoned impact assessment practitioner, educator, and strategist; Trevor advises clients from concept all the way through construction. With experience in the power, community development, transportation, education, commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors Trevor's background offers a wide range of experience on litigious projects.
 - As an adjunct professor and guest lecturer, Trevor has taught at the University of California Davis, Fresno State, and Sonoma State, and is the past Chapter Director for the Bay Area and Sacramento chapters of the Association of Environmental Professionals.

Channel Counties (San Luis Obispo) – February 22nd

- **Richard Daulton**, Rincon Consultants
 - Richard is a Principal Planner with Rincon Consultants in San Luis Obispo, where he oversees a team of 20 environmental professionals, including planners, biologists, archaeologists, regulatory specialists, and GIS specialists. He has over 20 years of experience managing CEQA and NEPA environmental documents for projects located throughout California, with a focus on transportation projects, land development projects, and programmatic analysis. He has managed a wide range of CEQA and NEPA documents, and has successfully combined environmental analysis and planning techniques to guide agencies through complex studies and controversial programs, entitlement and planning projects. His planning skills are supported by a strong background in technical environmental and economic analysis.
- **Robert N. Kwong**, Arnold LaRochelle Matthews VanConas & Zirbel, LLP (A to Z Law)
 - Robert N. Kwong is a partner with the law firm of Arnold LaRochelle Mathews VanConas & Zirbel, LLP (A to Z Law). His practice emphasizes land use and environmental law, including the processing of land use entitlements and related administrative and civil litigation. Areas of environmental law include air quality, climate change, water supply, water quality and solid waste management. His work involves counseling and representing private and public entities and individuals dealing with local, state and federal land use laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Coastal Act, federal Clean Air Act, and federal Clean Water Act.

- Prior to joining A to Z Law, he was the Assistant County Counsel for the County of Ventura with primary responsibility for the Resource Management Agency's Planning, Environmental Health, Code Compliance and Building & Safety Divisions. He also served as general counsel to the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District where he was at the forefront of California's climate change laws and regulations. Previously, he served as General Counsel for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Senior Deputy District Counsel for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles; and Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice. Altogether, Robert has over 28 years of experience in land use and environmental law as a counselor and litigator.
- **James Moose**, Remy Moose Manley, LLP
 - A 1985 graduate of the Boalt Hall School of Law, Jim Moose is the senior partner in *Remy Moose Manley, LLP*, of Sacramento, where he has practiced for over 31 years, with a focus on advising public and private clients with respect to issues arising under the California Environmental Act (CEQA), the Planning and Zoning Law, and various other state and federal environmental laws. He not only advises clients during the administrative process, but also represents them in court. He has been involved in litigation resulting in numerous significant CEQA precedents in the Courts of Appeal and California Supreme Court. He is co-author of *Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act*, a respected legal treatise frequently cited by the appellate courts. He has also participated in drafting amendments to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Amanda Olekszulín**, Ascent Environmental
 - Amanda is a founding principal of Ascent Environmental with 19 years of professional experience in environmental and community planning. She has a diverse background and specializes in the management of complex and controversial projects, including natural resources management, water resources, brownfield redevelopments, master planned communities, wastewater treatment plants, waterfront developments, and other public infrastructure projects. She has broad marketplace recognition for CEQA and NEPA document leadership and management accomplishments. Amanda is a regular instructor in the practice of CEQA and NEPA compliance for professional associations, California Association for Local Agency Formation Commission, and university extension.

San Diego – February 22nd

- **Alyssa Muto**, City of San Diego

- Alyssa Muto received a master's degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University and has 17 years of experience in environmental and land use planning in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Muto is the Deputy Director of Environment and Policy Analysis within the Planning Department at the City of San Diego. She currently manages staff preparing CEQA and NEPA analysis of community plan updates, parks plans and projects, and the planning and analysis of environmental preservation programs. She is also responsible for working interdepartmentally with staff and management to support the City's implementation of the CAP, support City-initiated projects for environmental analysis and documentation, and address changes to City-wide documentation for changes in CEQA compliance and thresholds. Ms. Muto previously worked as a Senior Project Manager at RECON Environmental, Inc., working with public agency clients. Her combination of experience brings a unique perspective to the understanding and implementation of CEQA at a city-wide or programmatic level, as well as at a project level for tiering and streamlining of analysis and mitigation. She is a former AEP Board Member for the San Diego Chapter and served as the San Diego Chapter Director on the State AEP Board. Ms. Muto has been both a moderator and panelist for the CEQA Basics/CEQA Essentials workshops.
- **Bob Stark**, Michael Baker International
 - Bob Stark is an Associate Vice President at Michael Baker International. He has 19 years of experience in the preparation and management of environmental review documents pursuant to CEQA and NEPA. His expertise in guiding high profile and controversial development projects through the rigors of state and federal environmental review and permitting processes has made him a trusted advisor to public agencies throughout California. His broad base of knowledge ranges from air quality, noise, and traffic analysis to renewable energy and habitat restoration. Mr. Stark has served as an expert witness for the City of San Diego on CEQA matters and created the curriculum for the UCSD Extension CEQA course which he has instructed for the past nine years. Mr. Stark has a B.A. in Urban Studies and Planning from UCSD, a Master of City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).
- **Suzanne Varco**, Varco & Rosenbaum Environmental Law Group LLP
 - Suzanne Varco is the managing partner of Varco & Rosenbaum Environmental Law Group LLP (formerly Opper & Varco LLP). She has a private law practice concentrating in areas of Brownfields' redevelopment, real estate transactions involving contaminated sites, hazardous waste clean-up and compliance, CEQA litigation, and environmental review and litigation. Ms. Varco has extensive experience working with local, state and federal regulatory agencies. Her firm

caters to the need of large and small business entities, individuals, and governmental agencies. Ms. Varco is a member of the State Bar of California, Environmental Law Section; the San Diego County Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Law section; is past president of the San Diego Environmental Professionals; and is the past chair of the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health Site Assessment and Mitigation Steering Committee. Ms. Varco received a B.A. degree with majors in English and economics from Whitman College and a J.D. degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

- **Hanspeter Walter**, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard
 - Hanspeter Walter is a shareholder at Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard and an adjunct professor at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Mr. Walter practices in water, environmental, administrative, and land-use law. He represents both public and private sector clients with an emphasis on regulatory compliance, water rights, water quality, and other land-use matters. Mr. Walter performs a variety of legal services for clients including litigation, transactional document preparation and review, in-depth legal research, and regulatory permitting and compliance involving the Endangered Species Acts (Federal and State); California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Water Supply Assessments and Verifications; and Urban Water Management Plans; among others. Prior to and while attending law school, Mr. Walter worked as an Environmental Scientist for the California Department of Water Resources for more than five years ensuring that water projects complied with State and Federal environmental laws. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry with an entomology minor from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Science degree in wildlife resources from the University of Idaho.

Orange County (Irvine) – February 23rd

- **Konnie Dobрева, JD**, Environment | Planning | Development Solutions, Inc.
 - Konnie's more than 19 years of public and private sector planning and legal experience have made her a keen strategist and an effective writer of CEQA documents. She has prepared environmental documents for a diverse range of projects: small-scale residential and large planned communities, commercial office, industrial, mixed-use and general plans. Konnie holds a juris doctorate degree from Pepperdine University School of Law, where she specialized in alternative dispute resolution. Konnie has been an assistant planner with the City of Lake Forest and a planning consultant for the cities of Irvine, Anaheim, and Rancho Santa Margarita. This is Konnie's 13th term on the Orange County AEP board, currently serving as Director.

- **Susan Hori, Esq.**, Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP
 - Susan Hori's practice focuses on land use planning issues, including development entitlements and regulatory permits for real estate development projects and the resolution of environmental issues affecting real property. Her clients include landowners, financial institutions, developers and builders in the residential, retail, hotel/resort, and commercial and industrial development industries. Susan represents clients on issues involving state and federal regulations, including the CEQA, NEPA, the California Coastal Act, Section 404 permitting under the Clean Water Act, National Historic Preservation Act compliance and Endangered Species Act permitting, including work on habitat conservation plans.
- **Nicole Morse, Esq.**, PlaceWorks
 - With 20 years of experience and a background as both an attorney and a planner, Nicole Morse thoroughly understands planning and zoning law, CEQA, and current legislation related to and affecting CEQA compliance, including AB 32, SB 743, and SB 375. She manages public- and private-sector environmental documents to withstand legal scrutiny. In addition to managing documents and overseeing the work of project team members, she conducts third-party review and litigation support for controversial projects. For 10 years, Nicole provided CEQA and ESA policy guidance as a representative on AEP's Legislative Review Committee for topics that included CEQA streamlining, CEQA reform, and SB 743. She is a sought-after speaker on CEQA and related case law for academic and professional organizations that have included UC Irvine, UC Riverside, and AEP.
- **Carrie Tai**, City of Long Beach
 - Carrie Tai, AICP, is the Current Planning Officer / Zoning Administrator for the City of Long Beach. Carrie heads the Current Planning division, which handles all development review for the City. Carrie has been a local agency planner for 16 years and provides a perspective on CEQA issues from a lead agency point of view, balancing the needs of applicants, environmental and technical consultants, and attorneys to ensure that CEQA documents are thoroughly, yet efficiently prepared and reflect the lead agency's independent judgment. Carrie is also well versed with the integration of the CEQA process into the entitlement processes, including details such as public noticing and review periods, mitigation measures, conditions of approval, and public hearings. Carrie holds a Masters of Urban Planning degree from Hunter College in New York City.
- **Alisha Winterswyk**, Best Best & Krieger LLP
 - Alisha M. Winterswyk is Partner in Best Best & Krieger's Environmental and Natural Resources practice group. Alisha's practice centers on advising public and private clients on an array of state and federal environmental laws, with a

specific focus on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). She regularly counsels clients on the substantive mandates of CEQA/NEPA and procedures that must be satisfied during the administrative process; she also defends those clients in the event the agency's action is challenged in court. Additionally, Alisha advises public agencies and private clients on complex land use matters involving the Planning and Zoning Law, Subdivision Map Act, and the State Mining and Reclamation Act.

Monterey Bay (San Jose) – February 26th

- **Kristi Black, Ascent Environmental**

- **Richard Daulton, Rincon Consultants**

- Richard is a Principal with Rincon and is Operations Manager of the firm's San Luis Obispo office. With a diverse technical background in planning, economics, environmental site assessment, and regulatory permitting, he is especially adept at identifying and presenting interdisciplinary solutions to planning and environmental issues. Richard has managed planning and environmental studies for a range of complex and highly controversial projects, including environmental impact reports, general plans and elements, specific plans, permit applications, and land market analyses. He has considerable expertise managing environmental evaluations of public works and infrastructure projects, including roadways, landfills, water and wastewater projects, as well as major land development projects. Richard also manages Rincon's climate action service line, which includes preparation of Climate Action Plans, greenhouse gas emissions inventories, and implementation programs for emissions reduction measures.

- **Sabrina Teller, Remy Moose and Manley LLP**

- Sabrina Teller is a partner in the Sacramento law firm of Remy, Moose and Manley. The firm emphasizes environmental, land use and planning, wildlife and water law. Ms. Teller provides a wide variety of expert environmental and land use consulting services for both public and private clients. She also has several years experience in litigating environmental cases in state and federal courts. A key service she provides is the review of Environmental Impact Reports, Environmental Impact Statements, and other planning studies to ensure compliance with CEQA and other applicable laws.

San Francisco Bay (Santa Rosa) – February 27th

- **Curtis Alling, Ascent Environmental**

- Curtis E. Alling, AICP, a CEQA and NEPA expert with over 35 years of experience, specializes in natural resources management, climate change issues, water supply, transportation, and park and recreation projects. He is a founding

principal of Ascent Environmental, Inc., an environmental and natural resources consultancy established in 2010 and located in Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, San Diego, and Berkeley. Curtis is a leader in CEQA practice approaches for public agencies' most complex or "first-time" situations. His projects include: City of Sacramento General Plan Master EIR, 2015 California State Wildlife Action Plan, Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy EIR/EIS, Carmel Area State Parks General Plan and EIR, City of Sacramento Climate Action Plan, and the Air Resources Board's CEQA-equivalent documents for regulations implementing AB 32 GHG emissions reduction programs. Curtis is also Co-Chair of the Enhanced CEQA Action Team (ECAT), a collaboration of the Association of Environmental Professionals and American Planning Association – California Chapter that helps promote beneficial CEQA amendments with state legislators.

- **Al Herson**, Sohagi Law Group
 - Al Herson, FAICP, is an environmental attorney and planner with over 35 years' experience. He is a recognized authority on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), land use law, and natural resources law. Al serves as Sohagi Law Group's Sacramento presence, where he helps public agency clients prepare legally-defensible environmental and planning documents. His clients include cities, counties, regional planning agencies, and water districts. Al 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 has led numerous courses and presentations on NEPA, CEQA, environmental permitting, and climate change, and is co-chair of CLE International's Annual CEQA Update conferences.
- **Kelley Taber**, Somach Simmons and Dunn
 - Clients turn to Kelley Taber to get practical, cost-effective solutions to environmental compliance issues. She helps public entities, developers, manufacturers, processors, and other types of companies move projects forward, doing so in a manner that is at once compliant with law, environmentally responsible and meets an organization's strategic goals.
 - Kelley has devoted much of her law practice to expertly navigating the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The projects she advances are as diverse as wastewater treatment plants, active adult retirement communities and the responsible administration of vector control programs. She is brought in to work with clients and their experts to solve environmental problems in ways that are efficient in both time and cost.

- Some of her most interesting work occurs on matters where legal and scientific issues are uncertain. She can quickly identify areas in question and demonstrate ways the environment and client interests will be protected while solutions are implemented. Throughout her career in environmental permitting, she has followed advances in science, changes in policy and the ways the courts react to those factors. Her practice continues to grow to address evolving scientific and policy areas, such as groundwater management and multi-species habitat conservation planning.

San Francisco Bay (Oakland) – February 28th

- **Curtis Alling**, Ascent Environmental
 - Curtis E. Alling, AICP, a CEQA and NEPA expert with over 35 years of experience, specializes in natural resources management, climate change issues, water supply, transportation, and park and recreation projects. He is a founding principal of Ascent Environmental, Inc., an environmental and natural resources consultancy established in 2010 and located in Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, San Diego, and Berkeley. Curtis is a leader in CEQA practice approaches for public agencies' most complex or "first-time" situations. His projects include: City of Sacramento General Plan Master EIR, 2015 California State Wildlife Action Plan, Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy EIR/EIS, Carmel Area State Parks General Plan and EIR, City of Sacramento Climate Action Plan, and the Air Resources Board's CEQA-equivalent documents for regulations implementing AB 32 GHG emissions reduction programs. Curtis is also Co-Chair of the Enhanced CEQA Action Team (ECAT), a collaboration of the Association of Environmental Professionals and American Planning Association – California Chapter that helps promote beneficial CEQA amendments with state legislators.
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- **Tiffany Wright**, Remy Moose Manley LLP
 - Tiffany Wright is a partner at Remy Moose Manley, LLP. Her practice emphasizes CEQA, land use and planning law, wildlife and wetlands law, and administrative law generally. Her firm publishes the Guide to CEQA. Ms. Wright provides litigation and consulting services to public and private clients, including cities, counties, transportation planning agencies, environmental consultants, and project applicants.

Channel Counties (Santa Barbara) – Thursday, March 1st

- **Rita Bright**

- **Laura Harris**, Remy Moose Manley, LLP
 - Ms. Harris joined the firm in 2006 and is a senior associate in the firm. Her practice focuses on land use and environmental law. Ms. Harris handles all phases of the land use entitlement and permitting processes, including administrative approvals and litigation. Ms. Harris's practice covers the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the State Planning and Zoning Law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertberg Local Government Reorganization Act, air and water quality, natural resources, endangered species, wetlands and related matters.

- **Julia Pujo**

Superior (West Sacramento) – March 1st

- **Gary Jakobs**, Ascent Environmental
 - Gary Jakobs is a principal/project director with 35 years of preparing environmental planning studies throughout California and the western United States. He leads Ascent's NEPA and CEQA practice, ensuring all practitioners are current on practice methods, regulations, emerging trends, and applicable case law. Mr. Jakobs specializes in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance projects, and also focuses on environmental policy and numerous other environmental regulations. For the past 10 years, he has directed the curriculum development for AEP's Advanced CEQA Workshop. Gary's professional experience includes the analyses and management of projects ranging from large-scale planned communities and general plans, urban high-rise and redevelopment to water resources development, wastewater treatment, industrial and energy developments, telecommunications, prisons, open space and ski resorts.
- **Jeannie Lee**, OPR
 - Jeannie Lee is Senior Counsel at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and is the lead counsel at OPR for the proposed CEQA Guidelines update. Prior to joining OPR, Ms. Lee worked as an attorney at the California Attorney General's Office and Remy Moose Manley, LLP, primarily litigating CEQA and land

use cases. Before entering the legal profession, Ms. Lee was an environmental planner, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

- **Jim Moose**, Remy Moose Manley, LLP
 - Mr. Moose joined the firm in 1986 as an associate, became a partner in 1990, and is now the senior partner in the firm. His practice focuses on land use, water, and environmental matters, with an emphasis on issues arising under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State Planning and Zoning Law, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act, the California Endangered Species Act, and other relevant land use and environmental statutes. He represents public agencies, project proponents, consulting firms, non-profit organizations, and individuals. He handles all phases of the land use entitlement process and permitting processes, including administrative approvals and litigation. Over the course of his career, he has also participated in drafting amendments to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.
 - Along with his former partner Tina Thomas and Whit Manley (Of Counsel to RMM), Mr. Moose is co-author of Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act (11th ed. 2007, Solano Press Books).

San Francisco Bay (Eureka) – Friday, March 2nd

- **Pat Angell**, Ascent Environmental
- **Bob Brown**
- **Chris Styles**