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Panelist Biographies



Earth, Wind, Fire & Rain

Aaron Bétit, Acentech

■ **Biography**

Aaron Bétit is the Director of Acentech's Los Angeles office; Mr. Bétit has managed noise impact analyses for the planning and design of projects throughout Southern California including water treatment facilities, nuclear warning sirens, electrical substations, theme parks, event noise and power plants. He has also provided evaluations and measurements of vibration impact to critical facilities due to construction and transportation.

Aaron Pfannenstiel, AICP, PlaceWorks

■ **Biography**

Aaron Pfannenstiel is an urban planner and geologist with PlaceWorks, where he primarily focuses on community planning, hazard mitigation, and resiliency and works to incorporate hazard mitigation into comprehensive planning to increase community resiliency. With a background in geology, environmental studies, and urban planning, Mr. Pfannenstiel helps public sector clients better understand their hazards, assess their vulnerabilities, and obtain funding for development and implementation of policies, programs, and strategies intended to make their communities safer. Mr. Pfannenstiel has prepared local and multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans, emergency operations plans, climate adaptation plans, general plans, and safety elements for communities throughout California. Recently, Mr. Pfannenstiel assisted in an innovative pilot program that enhanced community adaptation to wildfires in Washington state. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Pfannenstiel has volunteered with numerous planning and hazards focused non-profit organizations (American Planning Association, California Planning Foundation, Care for Nepal) and trained hundreds of students, planners, and other professionals in these topics over the past decade.

Akima Cornell, PhD, Meridian Consultants

■ **Biography**

Dr. Cornell leads Meridian Consultants' Sustainability Planning practice group and oversees the firm's presence in downtown Los Angeles. She specializes in developing integrated solutions in the fields of energy, water, waste management, transportation, and infrastructure.

Dr. Cornell's background combines more than 11 years of experience in developing and evaluating policies related to climate and sustainability, focusing on the United States, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and local governments. Her experience includes diverse clients throughout the United States, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; New Orleans, Louisiana; Quantico, Virginia; and Washington DC.

She has extensive project experience in crafting and implementing sustainable planning for government and commercial clients; data analysis; public outreach; stakeholder

engagement; and policy analysis and negotiation. In addition, Dr. Cornell has planned and coordinated multiple trainings and workshops to educate businesses and the public on new policies, environmental practices, and technologies.

Dr. Cornell has published several papers on sustainability, and she has participated as a speaker and panelist at numerous conferences nationwide.

Dr. Cornell is a founding board member of the Sustainability Council of Orange County and was a member of the City of Los Angeles Los Feliz Neighborhood County, Green Committee & Environmental Affairs.

Alan Murphy, J.D., Perkins Coie LLP

■ Biography

Alan Murphy is a Partner at Perkins Coie LLP in San Francisco, with a legal practice focused on land use and development matters, and environmental review under CEQA. He secures and defends land use entitlements and counsels clients in preparing development applications, during the approval process, and in the due diligence period. In his practice, Alan strives to identify innovative solutions to complex and politically sensitive development challenges. He routinely interacts with public agency staff and regularly appears on behalf of clients before city councils and boards of supervisors, planning commissions, and local appellate boards. Alan graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School and received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Stanford University.

Alexander “Sandy” Crockett, J.D., Bay Area Air Quality Management District

■ Biography

Alexander “Sandy” Crockett is Assistant Counsel at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District in San Francisco. He is a generalist who is involved in all areas of the Air District’s work, including permitting, enforcement, rulemaking, and other activities. Mr. Crockett has been centrally involved in the Air District’s efforts to respond to the challenges of global climate change, including the District’s recent adoption of permitting requirements for sources of greenhouse gas emissions; the issuance of the first permit in the United States to include enforceable greenhouse gas emissions limitations; and the evaluation of greenhouse gas impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). Mr. Crockett’s law review article on evaluating greenhouse gas and climate change impacts under CEQA, “Addressing the Significance of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Under CEQA: California’s Search for Regulatory Certainty in an Uncertain World,” 4 Golden Gate U. Env’tl L.J. 203 (July 2011), was extensively quoted by the California Supreme Court in its seminal Newhall Ranch case, *Center for Biological Diversity v. Department of Fish & Wildlife* (2015) 62 Cal.4th 204. Mr. Crockett is currently working with Air District staff on updates to the agency’s CEQA Thresholds of Significance to address (among other things) how to evaluate the significance of a project’s greenhouse gas emissions out through 2030 and 2050.

Alexis Whitaker, LEED AP, PlaceWorks

■ Biography

Alexis is a Project Scientist at PlaceWorks specializing in air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. She completes technical analysis for the CEQA practice at PlaceWorks, and has a strong interest in Climate Action Planning. She studied environmental science at UCLA, and she uses her quantitative skills to inform environmental planning and policy making.

Alisha M. Winterswyk, Best Best & Krieger LLP

■ Biography

Alisha Winterswyk'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 and the National Environmental Policy Act. A partner in the Best Best & Krieger LLP's Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group, Alisha regularly counsels clients on the substantive and procedural mandates of CEQA/NEPA. When her clients face legal challenges to their decisions or projects, Alisha successfully and zealously defends those clients in court. Throughout her career, Alisha has reviewed and/or drafted hundreds of CEQA-related documents. A trusted land use advisor, Alisha is regularly called upon to assist public and private clients with navigating the land entitlement process. In her land use practice, Alisha advises public and private clients on complex land use matters involving the Planning and Zoning Law, the Subdivision Map Act, the State Mining and Reclamation Act and other related laws. With an eye toward environmentally responsible development, Alisha advised public agency clients on myriad annexations, development agreements, general plan updates and amendments, specific plan adoption and amendments, and various subdivisions.

Alyssa Helper, LSA

■ Biography

Alyssa Helper is a Southern California native who ventured out of Orange County to attend California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in City and Regional Planning with an emphasis in Law and Society. After completing her coursework, Ms. Helper moved back to Orange County and began her professional journey in the fast-paced world of environmental consulting as an Environmental Planner with LSA. While at LSA, Ms. Helper studied at California State University Fullerton, earning a Master's degree in Public Administration. She currently manages and assists in the preparation of environmental documents for a variety of development, long-range planning, and energy projects in Southern California. With the encouragement of her colleagues, Ms. Helper began specializing in coastal development projects, with an emphasis on impacts related to sea level rise, habitat restoration, water quality, and environmental clearance through local agencies, the California Coastal Commission, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Passionate about the environment and a frequent visitor to the beach, the transition into environmental planning for coastal projects was a natural fit for Ms. Helper.

Alyssa Muto, City of San Diego

Biography

Alyssa Muto received a master's degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University and has 16 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 address changes in CEQA compliance and thresholds for the City.

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 response to comment process through her work as both a preparer and reviewer of environmental documentation. 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.

Andy Collison, PhD, ESA

Biography

Andy Collison is a Director- Environmental Hydrology at ESA. He holds a PhD in Geomorphology and Hydrology, and spent 9 years teaching and researching in this field prior to joining ESA. At ESA, Mr. Collison has spent the past 15 years as a geomorphologist and hydrologist who specializes in river and floodplain restoration, hydromodification management, river erosion, and flood management. Mr. Collison is an expert on unstable river channels, and has worked on numerous restoration and river management plans. In addition to his work with ESA, Mr. Collison sits on several independent scientific advisory panels and co-authored the State Board's 401 Training Manual. His knowledge of channel erosion and sedimentation, along with his experience in river channel restoration and regulatory systems provides a unique perspective on the challenges associated with balancing project, regulatory, and environmental needs.

Aubrey Mescher, MESM, Rincon Consultants, Inc.

Biography

Aubrey Mescher, Senior Environmental Planner for Rincon Consultants' Environmental Sciences and Planning group, is responsible for managing and preparing CEQA and NEPA documentation and technical impact analyses for a variety of projects, specializing in water supply and infrastructure projects. She has prepared and managed environmental analyses for a wide variety of projects throughout southern California, including flood control developments, water pipelines, wind farms, solar developments, transmission lines, and transportation projects.

Bill Fold, Vice President of Goldenvoice, LLC., Director of the Coachella Music & Arts Festival

■ **Biography**

Bill Fold, Vice President of Goldenvoice, LLC., is the Director of the Coachella Music & Arts Festival and the Stagecoach Country Music Festival held each spring in the City of Indio. As the festival director, Bill applies his experience from decades of producing major live music events to managing all aspects of the day to day operations of the Coachella and Stagecoach Festivals.

Brandon Jones, MA, Wildnote

■ **Biography**

Over 20 years experience with, and writing about, leading technologies.

Brett Daniels, MS, Coachella Valley Water District

■ **Biography**

Brett Daniels currently serves as the Associate Biologist within Coachella Valley Water District's environmental services group. His duties include but are not limited to development and management of studies involving federal and state endangered species, biological assessments and habitat surveys, and research. Brett manages aquatic invasive species programs, species-specific surveys and project budgets associated with strategic goals. He provides daily biological resource support of the numerous operational maintenance projects and biological commitments performed on district owned lands within conservation areas. Brett also serves as a professional member on several regional biological work groups and steering committees responsible for the implementation and management of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary Salton Sea Policy, California Department of Natural Resources

■ **Biography**

Bruce Wilcox is the Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy and manages the development and implementation of the State's Salton Sea Management program. In that role he works closely with the Salton Sea Authority, the water districts, counties and other Salton Sea stakeholders to develop a management strategy for the Salton Sea. Bruce has a Bachelor's of Science degree in reclamation ecology and has worked on numerous large scale mitigation or restoration programs over the last 25 years. He managed the development of IID and Imperial County's Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative framework program and is a member of the Salton Sea Authority's Ad Hoc Project development Committee. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary by Governor Brown he was the Manager of Environmental and Salton Sea programs for the Imperial Irrigation District. There he managed the development and implementation of the QSA water transfer mitigation program and the development of Salton Sea programs. Mr. Wilcox also has experience in the private sector, he was a regional manager at

Michael Brandman Associates, a section manager at HDR Inc., regional resource manager at Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., and an environmental scientist at BIO-West Inc.

Buffy McQuillen, Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

■ **Biography**

Buffy McQuillen, serves as the Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer for the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Ms. McQuillen has 16 years of experience working with Northern California Indian Communities. Ms. McQuillen conducts Section 106, CEQA, AB52, and SB 18 compliance, and review for the Tribe. Ms. McQuillen expertise is in tribal historic preservation, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, cultural collections curation, archival research, cultural preservation and consultation. Ms. McQuillen holds a Master of Arts, Social Sciences from Humboldt State University.

Carrie Tai, City of Long Beach

■ **Biography**

Carrie Tai is an urban planner with the City of Long Beach, CA. Carrie has managed increasingly complex development applications and their associated CEQA processes for 13 years. Carrie 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.

Catherine Mukai, Port of Oakland

■ **Biography**

Catherine Mukai works in the Environmental Programs and Planning department at the Port of Oakland, where she focuses on Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas planning and compliance. The Oakland seaport has successfully been using shore power to reduce ocean-going vessel at-berth emissions since 2014, allowing the vessels to switch from burning diesel to using grid electricity. Prior to working at the Port of Oakland, Catherine was a Senior Manager at Ramboll Environ (previously ENVIRON International), where she analyzed air quality and GHG impacts for permitting, compliance, and environmental impact assessments. Her CEQA experience includes plan- and project-level air quality, GHG, and energy resources analyses, and analyses for manufacturing and industrial projects. She supported two applications for CEQA judicial streamlining under the AB 900 program for Environmental Leadership Projects, specifically preparing GHG inventories to satisfy the no net additional GHG criterion. She has successfully applied for permits for stationary sources of air pollution and GHG in many states and California air districts, under New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration programs.

Chad Moffett, Mead & Hunt, Inc.

■ Biography

Chad leads Mead & Hunt's team of cultural resources professionals in developing market strategies to deliver and promote a full-range of historic preservation capabilities.

He received a Master's degree in Cultural Resources Preservation from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in the Department of Landscape Architecture in which he received the Merit of Excellence in the Study of Landscape Architecture by American Society of Landscape Architects for his research into vernacular agricultural architecture. At Mead & Hunt, Chad leads research, inventory, and evaluation of a wide range of properties with a specialization in historic roads, bridges, and landscapes.

He served as a project manager of cultural resource projects and since 2010, has lead a team of architectural historians on a multi-phase project to develop a historic context and establish the historical significance of Route 66 in California. His team has also conducted an inventory of the various alignments of the Route 66 roadbed along with hundreds of road-related properties along the route, which he will talk about today.

Chad has also been busy completing research and National Register evaluations of highways in Arizona, Nevada, Alaska, Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma, and North Dakota, where he has found different approaches to evaluating historic roads. As a result, he has delivered presentations at the national Save the Historic Road conference and other statewide preservation conferences, such as the Saving Historic Places conference in Denver, Colorado, discussing other efforts of California and other states and how they fit into national efforts to address historic roads.

At Mead & Hunt, Chad works extensively on technical compliance studies for Caltrans and other state departments of transportation for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to support other environmental regulations including Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act and state regulations such as the California Environmental Quality Act.

Charity Schiller, J.D., Best Best & Krieger

■ Biography

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.

Chris Carr, J.D., Baker Botts

■ **Biography**

Chris Carr is a partner in the San Francisco office of Baker Botts. Drawing from his experience with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of State, Mr. Carr represents businesses, land developers, private individuals, public agencies, and nonprofits in all areas of environmental and natural resource law, including energy, transportation, water, forestry, mining, coastal and marine resources, and agriculture.

In particular, Mr. Carr’s practice focuses on permitting and litigation under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as their California counterparts: the California ESA, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He is experienced in local, state, federal, and international laws, regulations, initiatives, and programs to promote the development of clean energy.

He frequently litigates challenges to environmental permits, approvals, and review documents in federal and state courts, and defends against “citizen suits” brought under federal environmental statutes.

Christopher is recommended by Chambers USA (2015), Legal 500 US (2012 – 2015), and Best Lawyers (2009 – 2015). In 2013 and 2016, he was recognized by Best Lawyers as “San Francisco Natural Resources Lawyer of the Year,” an honor given to a single lawyer in the metropolitan area.

Chris Ganson, Governors Office of Planning and Research

■ **Biography**

Chris Ganson, Senior Planner, was appointed to OPR as technical lead on California’s transition from level of service to vehicle miles traveled metric in transportation analysis. He previously held positions at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the World Resources Institute, and US EPA Region 9. Chris holds master’s degrees in City Planning and Transportation Engineering from UC Berkeley.

Chris Huntley, Aspen Environmental Group

■ **Biography**

Chris Huntley is a wildlife biologist with 20 years’ experience working on some of the largest energy and infrastructure projects in California. He has worked as an extension of regulatory staff, for public agencies, and private companies. He is currently the Biological Group Manager at Aspen Environmental Group.

Christopher Jordan, AICP, City of Elk Grove

■ Biography

Mr. Jordan has over 13 years of experience in the planning field. Some of his roles and responsibilities have included urban design and land use planning, public agency staffing, and zoning and development code development and administration. He currently serves as the Assistant to the City Manager at the City of Elk Grove, where he oversees various long range planning and strategic initiatives, including the City's General Plan Update.

Christopher P. Terzich, SDG&E

■ Biography

Chris has been with SDG&E for over 17 years providing environmental permit and document project management for major electric and gas infrastructure projects. Currently, in addition to environmental permit management for major SDG&E projects, Chris provides regulatory and environmental strategies for utility projects at their inception, including major infrastructure projects and new technologies such as batteries and microgrids. Prior to joining SDG&E Chris prepared and managed numerous environmental documents, planning documents, wetlands permits and technical air quality studies for specific plans, residential, commercial and industrial developments and infrastructure projects for civil engineering firms and through his own consulting firm. Mr. Terzich holds a B.S. in Natural Resources Management from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and has been a member of AEP since joining as a student in 1983.

Claudia Garcia, PlaceWorks

■ Biography

Claudia is an Associate at PlaceWorks where she specializes in drafting and managing CEQA documents at the project-specific and programmatic level. Ms. Garcia is also well versed in preparing long-range documents and facilitating public workshops. In her free time, Ms. Garcia serves as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Richmond and is an active member of TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. She holds a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from California State University, Fullerton, and both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Courtney Degener, Cadiz, Inc.*

■ Biography

Courtney Degener is presently a Vice President at Cadiz Inc. Ms. Degener joined Cadiz in 2003 and is currently charged with overseeing the Company's external affairs including government, media, and investor relations. During her tenure at Cadiz, Ms. Degener has played a key role in the successful permitting of the Cadiz Water Project and the Company's Fenner Valley Desert Tortoise Conservation Bank. Earlier in her career, Ms. Degener was a senior analyst at the investment bank RSM EquiCo and served as an executive fellow in California Governor Pete Wilson's and Gray Davis' administrations. She

has a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA and a Master of Arts degree from USC.

* Cadiz, Inc. is a California land and water resources development company that maintains an organic agricultural development in the Cadiz Valley of eastern San Bernardino County, California. It is partnering with public water agencies to implement the Cadiz Water Project, which proposes to create a new water supply for approximately 400,000 people and make available up to 1 million acre-feet of new groundwater storage capacity for the region.

Dan Fitzpatrick, Pacific Pathways, LLC.

■ Biography

Dan Fitzpatrick has over 40 years of experience in planning and development, and is currently the California chapter leader of the American Tiny House Association. He has served in the public sector as Fresno's Redevelopment Agency Director and has expertise in master plan and infill development. Mr. Fitzpatrick has also served as Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Fresno, and is currently the owner of Pacific Pathways, LLC. Mr. Fitzpatrick holds a Masters in Government and lectures on government and planning issues at various colleges and universities in California.

Dan Phu, Environmental Programs Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority

■ Biography

In 2007, Dan Phu joined OCTA as the Section Manager for the Project Development section to oversee the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program conceptual engineering/planning studies. In 2009, Dan took over as the lead for the M2 freeway Environmental Mitigation Program through the implementation of a Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan. In 2011, he took on additional responsibilities with the M2 Environmental Cleanup Program, which is a competitive grants program for water quality improvement projects in Orange County.

Prior to OCTA, he was in the private sector at a local engineering firm preparing environmental documents and project reports. His previous accomplishment includes leading the environmental document preparation for the State Route 22 high-occupancy vehicle lanes improvement project, which was completed in 2014.

Dan has nearly two decades of experience in the area of transit, environmental, and transportation planning. He is also well-versed with programming and project development. He holds a Bachelor in Environmental Analysis and Design at UC Irvine, and Master of Science in Environmental Studies at California State University, Fullerton.

Dana Hoffman, AICP, Michael Baker International

■ Biography

Ms. Hoffman is an associate planner with 5 years of experience working on comprehensive planning and sustainability projects, including technical analysis, policy development, and community engagement. She contributes to general plans, housing elements, specific plans, design guidelines, transit-oriented development plans, and climate action plans. She has working knowledge of Adobe design software, GIS, building energy modeling, grant writing, and emissions modeling tools. Ms. Hoffman has past experience in politics and community organizing.

Daniel R. Cayan, PhD, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

■ Biography

Dr. Dan Cayan is a climate researcher at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego. Dr. Cayan's work is aimed at understanding climate variability and changes over the Pacific Ocean and North America and how they affect the water cycle and related sectors over western North America. He has specific interests in regional climate in California and has played a leading role in a series of California climate vulnerability and adaptation assessments. He is also involved with programs to deliver improved climate information to decision makers: the California Nevada Applications Program (CNAP), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) Program and the Southwest Climate Science Center, sponsored by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), Department of Interior.

Daniel S. Cucchi, Esq., J.D., Abbott & Kindermann, Inc.

■ Biography

Daniel S. Cucchi is an attorney at Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., providing legal services for our land development, public agency and wine law practice groups. His practice areas include land use, CEQA, municipal law, natural resources and mining, real estate, administrative, and business law. Mr. Cucchi joined Abbott and Kindermann, Inc. in 2015. Mr. Cucchi assists with the firm's representation of public agency and private clients, including counties, air districts, developers, and industrial and agricultural land owners in matters relating to land use entitlements, compliance, planning and zoning laws, CEQA, mining and SMARA, conservation grants and easements, and litigation support. Prior to working at Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., Mr. Cucchi served as Legislative Director for the California State Senate Majority Leader where he specialized in environmental, energy, natural resources, and local government policy development. Prior to that, he was the Project Planner for the County of Yuba with extensive experience as project manager for the Yuba County 2030 General Plan, as well as specific plans, subdivision maps, and conditional use permits. He has also been a speaker at both national and state conferences for the American Planning Association speaking on climate change and improving the agency/public communication process.

Daniel Ferons, Santa Margarita Water District

■ Biography

Dan Ferons has been the General Manager of the Santa Margarita Water District since 2012. SMWD is the second largest water agency in Orange County, serving approximately 165,000 customers in South Orange County. Mr. Ferons also represents the District on the boards of several joint powers agencies. Prior to being appointed GM, Mr. Ferons served as the District's Chief Engineer since 1994. Prior to joining SMWD, Mr. Ferons was employed by several engineering consulting firms and was involved in the design of public works and preparation of development plans throughout Southern California. Mr. Ferons holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona and is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer in California. He has a Certificate from the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is an active member of the Orange County Water Association, American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Federation.

Danielle Althaus, MCRP, Insignia Environmental

■ Biography

Danielle Althaus is a lead planner with a background in environmental studies and city and regional planning. Danielle has more than 5 years of experience with environmental planning, specifically with plan preparation and planning documents pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act, including Environmental Impact Reports and Proponent's Environmental Assessments (PEAs). She currently serves as Project Manager for the construction phase of the Liberty Utilities 650 Line Rebuild Project in the Tahoe National Forest and adjacent areas in Placer County. In addition, she assisted with the preparation of the comprehensive manual and training sessions for PG&E's Environmental Regulatory Training program. Danielle holds a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Environmental Studies and Speech Communication from the State University of New York College at Potsdam.

David G. Cannon, M.C.E., P.E., Everest International Consultants, Inc.

■ Biography

David Cannon grew up in Delaware and attended college at the University of Delaware, where he earned both a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Civil Engineering with a concentration in coastal engineering. After completing his coursework in 1988, Mr. Cannon moved to Long Beach, California, and accepted a job with Moffatt & Nichol where he specialized in the planning and design of coastal projects. After five years, Mr. Cannon took a job with MEC Analytical Systems where he managed biological monitoring and habitat restoration projects. In 1997, he left MEC to return to the engineering profession where he now focuses on sea level rise planning and engineering, shoreline protection, habitat restoration, sediment management, waterfront

development, and water quality improvement projects. Mr. Cannon currently serves as President and Principal Engineer of Everest International Consultants, Inc., a small, engineering consulting firm located in the City of Long Beach.

David Daitch, PhD, Rincon Consultants, Inc.

■ Biography

Dr. Dave Daitch, Program Manager and Senior Biologist, has prepared and managed a variety of environmental documents and technical reports for a diverse range of projects throughout the western United States, including numerous land development, transportation, oil and gas, and renewable energy projects. Many of the projects Dr. Daitch has managed have been multidisciplinary, including biological studies, jurisdictional waters permitting, paleontological studies, cultural studies, and CEQA/NEPA tasks.

Dave Mitchell, Mitchell Air Quality Consulting

■ Biography

Dave Mitchell is the owner of Mitchell Air Quality Consulting. He provides Air Quality and Climate Change consulting services in California for CEQA and NEPA compliance. His firm prepares environmental documents for development projects of all types and Climate Action Plans and Greenhouse Gas Inventories. He also assists with air quality permits and regulatory compliance for industrial and agricultural projects and provides Air Impact Assessment Applications to comply with SJVAPCD Rule 9510 ISR.

Prior to consulting, Dave worked for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) as Section Manager for Indirect Source Review, CEQA Review/Compliance, Air Quality Analysis, and Air Quality Monitoring. Supervised Plan Development for the 2003 PM10 Plan, Regulation VIII- Fugitive Dust Prohibitions, Rule 9510 Indirect Source Review, Residential Woodburning, and Conservation Management Practices

Dave is also on the AEP Climate Change Committee and has contributed to several AEP publications including the “California Supplement to the United States Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Protocol published in December 2013. In that role he has provided insight on how to include direct and indirect emissions associated with energy use

David DeBerry, Assistant General Counsel, Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart

■ Biography

David DeBerry is an attorney with the law firm of Woodruff, Spradlin, and Smart (WSS), an Orange County based government law firm. He has 23 years of experience as a city attorney and has developed expertise in transportation-related affairs, particularly CEQA, utility conflicts and project procurements. He currently serves as assistant general counsel to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and provides services to two other WSS transportation agency clients. Mr. DeBerry assisted OCTA with the development, procurement and award of the design-build contract for OCTA’s I-405 widening project

and continues to assist OCTA on issues arising out of the project's construction. He currently represents two transportation agencies in CEQA lawsuits challenging approvals of major freeway improvement projects (I-405 and I-10). In addition to his work in the transportation sector, Mr. DeBerry is the City Attorney for Diamond Bar, general counsel for a Fire Training Authority and advises and defends many of the firm's clients on various land use, elections and other public law matters.

Mr. DeBerry is the two-time past president of the Orange County City Attorney's Association and served as as the Orange County representative on the League of California Cities State Legal Advocacy Committee for two years.

David Lamfrom, National Parks Conservation Association

■ Biography

Since 2008, David Lamfrom has worked in National Parks Conservation Association's California desert program holding the jobs of field representative, program manager, and currently Director of California Desert and Wildlife Programs. In this role, David works on policy, legislation, media, and connecting local desert communities to the administration and congress. David has worked to protect tens of thousands of important acres adjacent to California desert parks from inappropriate development. He also worked over nearly a decade to designate 3 new national monuments, including the creation of a new national park service unit. David is a published author and photographer who worked to develop the "Tortoises Through the Lens" program to teach youth about the desert through photography. The result of that program was a published book of the student's work telling the conservation story of the desert tortoise. That book was recently printed in the Spanish language. David formerly worked in the fields of wildlife biology and environmental science. He sits on the boards of several desert based organizations and has worked with local communities, tribes, local businesses, and elected officials to oppose the Cadiz project over its potential environmental and cultural impacts.

David Parker, MS, MBA, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management

■ Biography

David Parker is the Director of Career Development and Alumni Relations at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. He is responsible for job placement, internship and job development, career advisement and training, professional development, and alumni relations. He has more than 25 years of experience in the human resources and career development fields, including experience as an employment manager, corporate trainer, career counselor, college recruiter, and organizational development consultant. David has worked for small, medium, and large organizations, including Fortune 50 companies. His organizational-development work includes consulting projects with AT&T, Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS), and Coast Savings and Loan.

David received his BA magna cum laude in Economics from UC Santa Barbara, his MBA from California State University, Long Beach, and his MS in Counseling and Guidance from California Lutheran University. He has specialized training and expertise in interviewing, resume design, sales and marketing, salary negotiations, job search strategies, management, and networking. He has certifications in behavioral interviewing, human resources development, and total quality management.

David has been an active member of the Board of the Association of Environmental Professionals (Channel Counties Chapter) since 2002. He was also president and vice president of the Personnel and Employee Relations Management Association when he managed the employment unit for the Southern California region of Allstate Insurance.

David B. Robinson, PE, Fehr and Peers

■ Biography

David B. Robinson, PE, is a Principal with over 22 years of transportation planning experience and is a registered traffic engineer. Dave has an extensive background in travel demand model development and application, and has applied his knowledge in travel forecasting to numerous project types including transportation impact analysis for CEQA and NEPA, land use transportation planning, traffic operations analysis for project development studies, and transportation, land use, and policy development planning studies. Dave brings industry-leading expertise in understanding the interaction between land use decisions and the local and regional transportation systems. He is able to provide his clients with expert advice on changing policies and environmental regulations, such as the shifting focus from Level of Service (LOS) to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

David Sargent, AIA, Sargent Town Planning

■ Biography

David Sargent has practiced architecture and urban design for 35 years, for the past 25 focusing exclusively on the planning and design of pedestrian-oriented and transit-oriented neighborhoods, districts, corridors, towns and cities. He has assembled and directed multidisciplinary teams for public and private clients throughout the country – for projects ranging in size from urban infill to multiple-neighborhood and town/city-wide master plans, and ranging in scale and character from rural villages and small towns to major metropolitan districts and corridors. He is a founding member of the Congress for the New Urbanism, was the principal author of the first several form-based codes adopted by California municipalities between 1993 and 2003, and his work has been recognized by numerous local, state, national and international awards.

David Wolff, CPUC WBE, Sage Institute, Inc.

■ **Biography**

David Wolff serves as the Principal Ecologist and wetland/regulatory specialist for Sage Institute, Inc. (SII) with over 30 years of professional experience. Mr. Wolff has special expertise in both flora and fauna, including terrestrial, freshwater aquatic, estuarine, and marine environments. He is knowledgeable in many bioregions of California including Southern California coastal, inland, and desert regions, Central California coastal & inland areas, Great Valley, and Sierra Nevada foothills. Along with his regional and landscape-scale resources planning experience, he is also an accomplished wetland scientist, botanist, and wildlife biologist well versed in endangered species issues. David Wolff has conducted and managed endangered plant and wildlife species surveys, holds vernal pool fairy shrimp survey Recovery Permit TE090849-2, and is a USFWS/NMFS approved California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, steelhead, least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher, and San Joaquin kit fox construction monitor. He has facilitated ESA Section 7 Formal Consultations and has managed the preparation and implementation of project-specific and large-scale regional multi-species Habitat Conservation Plans. He is experienced in CEQA/NEPA and California Coastal Act compliance. David Wolff is a highly trained and experienced wetland scientist whose skills include ESHA determinations, the delineation of wetlands and jurisdictional determinations, Clean Water Act Section 404 permitting, mitigation planning, and the creation, restoration, and monitoring of wetland, riparian, and upland habitats.

Devyani Jain, City and County of San Francisco

■ **Biography**

Devyani Jain is the Acting Deputy Environmental Review Officer / Deputy Director of Environmental Planning at the San Francisco Planning Department and assists San Francisco's Environmental Review Officer in the oversight of CEQA review for all projects and permits under the jurisdiction of the City and County of San Francisco. Devyani is also the coordinator of CEQA Review for all affordable housing projects and residential development under the Home-SF Program in San Francisco. Devyani has over 17 years of experience as a CEQA practitioner, having worked in the private and public sector on a range of development, transportation network, infrastructure, and hospital projects in California.

Donna Beddow, County of San Diego

■ **Biography**

Donna Beddow is a CEQA and cultural resource expert with over 15 years of public sector experience with the County of San Diego. She received her Bachelor's in History and Master's in Anthropology from San Diego State University, and is certified as an archaeologist by the Register of Professional Archaeologists. She implements tribal consultation pursuant to SB-18 and AB-52 and is responsible for developing protocols for the County's tribal consultation program. Ms. Beddow has fostered strong relationships

with local Native American tribes and organizations. She serves as the staff archaeologist and Historic Site Board staff liaison for the County of San Diego.

Elizabeth Baca, MD, Governors Office of Planning and Research

■ **Biography**

Dr. Elizabeth Baca serves as the Senior Health Advisor in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). She is engaged in innovation in the public sector to foster health through multiple projects including healthy planning, big data, and public-private partnerships. For healthy planning she works across sectors to foster collaboration, elevate the connection between health and the built environment, and leads the effort to incorporate health considerations into the planning process to build healthy, resilient communities. A significant part of her work is aligning win-wins for projects that offer co-benefits, particularly with respect to climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. For big data, she is working on projects to link data sets to the planning process. Additionally, she serves as OPR's lead for the Governor's Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine. Through her role in OPR, she is an advisor for the USGBC Building Health Initiative and FS6, an emerging Food System Accelerator. Dr. Baca studied health policy at Universidad Simon Bolivar in Venezuela. She completed her Masters in Public Administration at Harvard Kennedy School of Government and her Doctorate of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Baca completed her pediatric residency in the Pediatric Leadership for the Underserved (PLUS) program at University of California, San Francisco.

Elizabeth Geller, Trinity Consultants

■ **Biography**

Elizabeth Geller is an air quality consultant in Trinity Consultant's Oakland, California office. She has broad experience in creating detailed emission estimates for CEQA projects as well as district permitting efforts, including the identification and quantification of toxic air contaminants, criteria pollutants, and greenhouse gases. Elizabeth's experience also includes air dispersion modeling services using AERMOD and HARP2 software for National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) compliance determinations, health risk assessments, and CEQA air quality impact analyses. Elizabeth has worked with numerous industries including power generation, natural gas distribution, chemical manufacturing, semiconductor fabrication, telecommunications, and soil remediation. Her experience includes working with over half of California's 35 air districts, including the Bay Area AQMD, San Joaquin Valley APCD, and South Coast AQMD. Elizabeth holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University.

Elizabeth Meyerhoff, Coachella Valley Water District

■ **Biography**

Elizabeth Meyerhoff is an environmental specialist with the Coachella Valley Water District. She has 12+ years of professional experience in land use planning, regulatory permitting and compliance, and environmental assessment pursuant to the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Elizabeth has managed infrastructure projects, water supply and delivery projects, power stations and transmission facilities, solid waste facilities, shoreline protection projects, as well as, industrial, commercial, and residential development projects. Elizabeth is involved on all levels of project management from proposal development, schedule and budget tracking, community outreach, team leadership, resource agency coordination, as well as, impact analysis and resolution.

Emilie Wolfson, Urban Planning Partners

■ Biography

Emilie has a diverse background in policy and community engagement projects covering open space and park planning, public participation, and environmental education. She has a strong background in public outreach, having worked as a program coordinator and environmental educator throughout California with a range of non-profit entities. She has prepared programmatic and project-specific environmental documents, and developed existing condition reports and technical memorandum. In addition, Emilie has also contributed to citywide urban agriculture plans, as well as parks and trail assessments for municipalities and counties across the state. While in Graduate School at UC Berkeley, Emilie led a class for students on important career advice, bringing in panelists throughout the planning profession.

Emma Rawnsley, AECOM

■ Biography

Emma Rawnsley has more than thirteen years of experience in the environmental consulting industry, in both California and New Zealand. She has undertaken CEQA and/or NEPA environmental review and environmental permitting for a variety of public- and private-sector projects, several of which have been controversial. Emma is the Co-VP of Programs for AEP's Monterey Bay Chapter, and formerly served the same role for the San Francisco Bay Chapter.

Eric Charlton, Sapphos Environmental

■ Biography

Mr. Eric Charlton, Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist for Sapphos Environmental, Inc., has more than 30 years of experience in project management, environmental compliance, urban planning, and GIS, in addition to 15 years of experience permitting wind energy projects. He brings an expansive and detailed knowledge of many areas related to environmental compliance, planning, renewable energy, and GIS. Currently, Mr. Charlton provides project management and coordination for a wide array of Planning and Environmental Compliance projects at the company, including wind energy projects. Mr. Charlton has a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of California, Riverside, received an AICP certification in 1994, received a certificate in GIS from UCR in 1998, and became a certified GIS professional in 2005. Utility-scale wind energy projects that

Mr. Charlton has managed or worked on include the Manzana, Pacific Wind, Tylerhorse, Hoffman Summit (North Sky River), and Jawbone projects in Kern County, and Lompoc Wind Energy project in in Santa Barbara County.

Erika Leachman, Amec Foster Wheeler

■ Biography

Erika Leachman is an environmental planner and CEQA project manager with Amec Foster Wheeler in Santa Barbara. Ms. Leachman specializes in urban design, land use planning, CEQA in urban and coastal areas, and public policy development and analysis. Her professional experience has included preparation of EIRs for mixed-use development and urban specific plans, as well as the development of general plan amendments, community plans, and zoning ordinances, land use and traffic demand modeling for impacts analysis and urban design strategies, and facilitation of public outreach processes for both area-focused advisory groups and the general public. Erika also serves as a programs representative for AEP in Santa Barbara, where she facilitates mixers, professional development, and networking events for environmental professionals.

Erin Efner, ICF

■ Biography

Erin Efner is a principal at ICF and has been preparing CEQA and NEPA environmental documents for 14 years. Ms. Efner's project experience includes stormwater infrastructure projects, transportation, large residential projects, infill development, affordable housing, commercial/industrial projects, elementary and high schools, mixed-use developments, specific plans, and General Plan Updates. Ms. Efner also has experience on large-scale land use plans, including General Plans (individual elements as well as comprehensive updates) as well as specific plans covering large geographic areas. She has many years of experience providing both CEQA and NEPA environmental clearance for in-fill projects, including HUD-funded housing, in dense urban areas such as San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles.

Erinn Wilson

■ Biography

Ms. Wilson is the Senior Environmental Scientist, Supervisor for Los Angeles County, for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. She received a BS from Cal Poly Pomona in zoology with a minor in botany. Before moving to the Department Ms. Wilson worked for approximately 6 years in various consulting firms with a focus on public utilities projects. She joined the Department in 2006 as an environmental scientist in habitat conservation planning. During her tenure she has worked in CEQA, CESA, LSA, NCCP, and renewable energy programs. She has been the supervisor for Los Angeles County Lake and Streambed group for 5 years.

Ethan Brush, Acentech

■ **Biography**

Ethan Brush is a Senior Noise and Vibration Consultant at Acentech Incorporated, located in Cambridge, MA. His 12-year career has focused on noise and vibration control in a number of industries and has a wide range of experience in measuring these phenomena in our environment. He holds a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine and a Master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University.

Fern Nueno, AICP, City of Long Beach

■ **Biography**

Fern Nueno works as a planner for the City of Long Beach Department of Development Services. She is in the Advance Planning Division and focuses on long-range planning projects, including the Land Use Element, Urban Design Element, Housing Element, and Bicycle Master Plan. Ms. Nueno is the project manager for the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. She was previously employed with the City of Newport Beach, where she worked on a variety of land use planning and development review projects. Ms. Nueno is interested in sustainability, placemaking, GIS, and livability. She is an AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) Certified Planner and LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Accredited Professional. Ms. Nueno has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Frances Yau, AICP, PlaceWorks

■ **Biography**

Frances has a strong aptitude for understanding of complex CEQA projects and experience preparing various environmental documents for a wide range of projects, including general plans, specific plans, and smaller development projects. Frances also plays a large role in team coordination between PlaceWorks' in-house staff and outside subconsultants. She is a responsive and resourceful team player who understands client needs. Frances draws from a diverse background that includes environmental planning, biological sciences, and urban planning. Currently, she holds the VP Newsletter board position for the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals and is an active member of the American Planning Association.

Gevork Mkrtchyan, P.E., City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Wastewater Construction Conveyance Division

■ **Biography**

Mr. Mkrtchyan is the Project Manager for the Venice Dual Force Main Project and head of the Construction Management Team. He is tasked with integrating the Environmental Management Program into the construction schedule and enforcing compliance from the contractor.

Greta Brownlow, PhD, ICF

■ Biography

Greta Brownlow, PhD is a Senior Manager at ICF, where she specializes in CEQA and NEPA compliance. Over the course of her 19-year career as an environmental consultant, Dr. Brownlow has collaborated with numerous agencies, developers, and local communities in implementing development projects throughout California. Dr. Brownlow also serves as Adjunct Faculty at both San José State University and California State University East Bay, where she teaches Environmental Planning (a graduate course in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning), and Environmental Impact Assessment (a core, undergraduate course in the Environmental Studies Department), respectively. Dr. Brownlow earned an MA in Urban Planning from U.C.L.A. and a PhD in Social and Cultural Studies in Education from UC Berkeley. Her doctoral research at UC Berkeley focused on public outreach and activism around new school planning in Los Angeles. A synopsis of this work was published in *Building Schools and Community Connections: Outreach and Activism for New Schools in Southeast L.A.*, in *Schools and Urban Revitalization: Rethinking Institutions and Community Development*, Patterson, K. and Silverman, R., eds, New York: Routledge, 2013.

Gretchen Taylor, MS, NCE

■ Biography

Gretchen Taylor has 25 years of experience preparing CEQA and NEPA documents and reviewing technical environmental analysis. Ms. Taylor is a Principal Planner with NCE. She oversees CEQA compliance for the documents produced in NCE's Northern California offices. Ms. Taylor's project management experience ranges from EIRs on infrastructure projects, to industrial projects, to urban mixed-use developments. Her project experience includes multiple planning projects in San Francisco, including the EIRs for the major development program at Hunters Point Shipyard/Candlestick Point, Trinity Place, the Exploratorium Relocation, 10th and Market Streets (now NEMA), the Bike Plan, UC Hastings Long-Range Campus Plan, and Glen Park Community Plan; EIRs and Mitigated Negative Declarations for multiple individual development projects throughout the Bay Area; and utility and water-related infrastructure projects throughout the state. NCE staff routinely prepare the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs for the CEQA documents they produce and complete regulatory compliance, civil design, and construction support services for a variety of projects, including emergency response to storms.

Heather Dyer, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

■ Biography

Heather Dyer is a Water Resources Project Manager with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) and fish biologist. As the project manager on their Sterling Natural Resource Center project, Ms. Dyer has extensive experience with complex CEQA documents, and navigating the regulatory challenges associated with

competing interests for natural resources. Ms. Dyer spent 5 years with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where she worked to improve the status of the Santa Ana sucker, and prior to that worked with U.S. Geological Survey. At Valley District, Ms. Dyer, who joined in 2014, also works on the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan, which implements the draft Recovery Plan for Santa Ana sucker. She has helped successfully incorporate habitat needs into Valley District's Sterling Natural Resource Center project, and closely coordinated with regulatory agencies to address concerns about potential impacts to habitat and species, and allow the permitting process to move forward.

Heather Pert, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

■ Biography

Heather Pert is the lead on the Coachella Valley and Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plans in Riverside County, for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. She double majored in Fisheries and Oceanography at Humboldt State University, received her M.S. from UC Berkeley in Wildlife Resource Sciences, and her Ph.D. from Virginia Tech studying public involvement and riparian management on national forests in the Appalachians. Her CDFW work experience includes LSA, CEQA, CESA. mitigation banking, Section 6 and Local Assistance grants, and environmental compliance review for road projects and large linear transmission projects. She has 15 years' experience working for the research unit of the US Forest Service in forest best management practices and coldwater streams in northern California and the southern Appalachians.

Hilary Haskell, SDG&E

■ Biography

Hilary Haskell started with SDG&E as an Environmental Specialist in September 2016. At SDG&E, she manages environmental review of gas and electric infrastructure, including transmission and distribution lines, substations, other related infrastructure, and emerging technologies pursuant to the requirements of the California Public Utility Commission's General Order 131-D. Hilary is active with the Green Team and its Clean Transportation Committee efforts. Prior to joining SDG&E, Hilary worked as an Assistant Environmental Planner at LSA Associates where she worked primarily on the California High Speed Rail Project Bakersfield to Palmdale Section. Hilary graduated from Claremont McKenna College with her degree in Environment, Economics, and Politics.

Holly Harris, Rincon Consultants, Inc.

■ Biography

Holly Harris, Senior Biologist/Planner and Project Manager, has professional experience in resource management policy, mitigation and monitoring, biological permitting, biological resource assessment, cost analysis and budgeting, coastal sustainability, public policy development, contract management, grant applications, and ecological restoration. She regularly prepares and manages biological technical studies (including restoration plans) and conducts special status species surveys, including protocol surveys for federally and state listed species.

J. Todd Majcher, Lowe

■ Biography

Todd Majcher leads entitlement, design and construction initiatives for Lowe in Southern California. He has played a principal role in some of Lowe's most successful projects including Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes and the San Diego County Operations Center. Previously, Todd was with Design Workshop in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, specializing in the design and entitlement of complex mixed-use and hospitality developments. Todd sits on the NAIOP San Diego Board of Directors and Kearny Mesa Planning Group. He was a recipient of the CCASLA Award of Merit and the SBEC Southern California Environmental Developmental Leadership Award. Todd enjoys surfing and spending time with his family enjoying nature.

James Barnes, Acentech

■ Biography

James Barnes is a Principal Consultant at Acentech Incorporated, located in Cambridge, MA. He concentrates on noise and vibration control, with an emphasis on resolving community and workplace noise problems in the power industry. Over the past thirty-five years, he has managed and technically supervised hundreds of projects covering the energy, transportation, manufacturing, and processing markets. His projects have encompassed interior and community noise and vibration control studies for existing sources, prediction of construction and operation noise levels, and ambient sound studies for proposed industrial sites and transportation corridors. To fulfill the requirements of these projects, Jim has worked closely with design team engineers, architects and planners, attorneys, equipment suppliers, owners, community representatives, and state and local government personnel.

Jan Green Rebstock, PhD, City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group

■ Biography

Dr. Jan Green Rebstock has almost fifteen years of experience with community planning, environmental policy, and permitting issues related to large complex public infrastructure projects. She serves as an Assistant Director in BOE's Environmental Management Group. For the VDFM Project, Jan managed the local, county and state coastal development permit processes.

Jason Neuman, Cal FIRE

■ Biography

Jason Neuman has been with CAL FIRE for 30 years. He started his career in the fire service as a fire explorer for the City of Buena Park in 1984. In 1986, he was hired as a Firefighter and has held various positions in the field as a Fire Apparatus Engineer, Fire Captain, Deputy Fire Marshal, Assistant Fire Marshal and the Hazardous Materials

Response Team. He also worked as a Situation Analyst for the Intel group at the South Operations Headquarters, Battalion Chief Duty Officer for the Southern Region Operations Coordination Center, Battalion Chief for the Regions Land Use Planning Program and Division Chief for the Strategic Planning Bureau for the Riverside County Fire Department.

Chief Neuman has 4 Associates Degrees in Public Fire Service and Fire Administration, a BS Degree in Fire Protection Administration and Technology with a Minor in Public Administration from the California State University Los Angeles, a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Land Use and Environmental Planning from the University of California Riverside. He is certified by the State Fire Marshal's Office as a Fire Officer, Chief Officer, Fire Marshal, Fire Instructor, Public Education Officer, Fire Investigator and Hazardous Materials Technician. Mr. Neuman is currently working toward AICP certification.

Jeannie Lee, J.D., Governors Office of Planning and Research

■ Biography

Jeannie Lee was appointed to OPR as Senior Counsel with areas of expertise in CEQA and land use law. Prior to joining OPR, she was an attorney at the California Attorney General's Office and at the law firm of Remy Moose Manley, LLP. Prior to joining the legal field, Ms. Lee was an environmental planner. She holds a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley, a law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School, and is a member of the AICP.

Jeff Henderson, AICP, Michael Baker International

■ Biography

Mr. Henderson has over 22 years of extensive experience preparing and managing general plan updates, sustainability and climate action plans, community master plans, CEQA documents, and strategic plans. He has many years of experience providing land use and environmental planning services. His technical and management experience includes substantial roles in several general plan update programs, CAPs, and large-scale community master plans in both Northern and Southern California. Many of these projects have been recognized as award winners by professional organizations and regional governments.

Jeffrey Coward, BS, Insignia Environmental

■ Biography

Jeffrey (Jeff) Coward is a Senior Biologist who possesses strong working knowledge of herpetology, restoration ecology, field botany, and ornithology. He has over 10 years of experience conducting biological resource surveys, performing jurisdictional determinations for the USACE and CDFW, and preparing permit applications for large- and small-scale utility infrastructure projects. Jeff has extensive training and experience surveying and monitoring for various sensitive species during permitting and compliance inspection efforts on numerous utility construction projects. Jeff's field capabilities include managing teams of biological monitors, inspecting and recommending erosion

and sediment control measures for project sites, and working closely with resource specialists and agency representatives during project construction. He has also prepared permit applications, CEQA document sections, Biological Assessments, numerous Biological Resources Technical Reports, and various PEA sections. Jeff is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and holds a B.S. in Ecology and Systematic Biology from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Joe Monaco, AICP, Dudek

■ Biography

As executive vice president of Dudek, Joe focuses on firm-wide strategy and client development. He also is responsible for the operation of the environmental and natural resources management group. Joe leads a diversified team of environmental planners, biologists, native habitat specialists, urban foresters, cultural resource experts, and other professionals working from Dudek's 13 offices in California, Oregon, and Hawaii.

Joe has more than 30 years' experience providing environmental planning services to clients in the public and private sector. He joined Dudek in 1999 and has helped lead the growth of the environmental practice and the firm since that time. In 2016, Dudek ranked #117 on Engineering News Record annual list of top 200 U.S. environmental firms.

Joe holds a Master of City Planning degree from San Diego State University and a bachelor's degree in geography from UCLA. He is registered with American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and is active in the American Planning Association (APA).

John Hamilton, AICP, City of Vista

■ Biography

John Hamilton has over 34 years of urban and environmental planning experience within the public and private sectors in California and Massachusetts. As part of his public section experience, he has prepared over 100 "Requests for Proposals" for professional services ranging from landscape architecture, to hazardous waste emergency response, to CEQA. For the past ten years, he has been an Environmental Planner with the Community Development Department for the City of Vista, California.

John Karamitsos, MA, Santa Barbara County

■ Biography

John Karamitsos is Senior Program Specialist for Santa Barbara County Water Agency. He has been employed by the County for 26 years and has held a number of positions, including positions as Project Clean Water Manager and Supervising Planner. Mr. Karamitsos has BA in English and an MA in Business Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Jordan Villwock, City of Laguna Beach

Biography

Jordan Villwock's passion has always been in a public safety. Jordan started working for the Laguna Beach Police Department as a Public Safety Dispatcher 13 years ago and is currently the Emergency Operations Coordinator. Jordan's oversight includes disaster preparedness, grant writing, employee training, volunteer management, event coordination, plan development, and EOC readiness. He holds a Master's Degree from Cal State Long Beach in Emergency Service Administration.

Joseph Caldwell, PE, Albert A. Webb Associates

Biography

As an expert in hydrology and hydraulics, Joseph Caldwell leads the firm's Stormwater Engineering Department at Albert A. Webb Associates (WEBB), focusing on the development of master drainage plans, the design of backbone drainage infrastructure, and the design of water quality systems for flood control projects throughout the region. As a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and Storm Water Quality, Joseph is a specialist in water quality and environmental compliance. Joseph's experience includes the design of regional flood control basins, a flood control levee, master drainage plans, and the design and construction of several miles of backbone drainage infrastructure. He has also hydrologically and hydraulically modeled the San Jacinto River from Railroad Canyon to the existing Army Corps levee in the City of San Jacinto. Having managed previous projects within this region, Joseph has extensive knowledge of the local agency's design standards and procedures.

Karen Douglas, California Energy Commissioner

Biography

Karen Douglas was originally appointed to the California Energy Commission by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in February 2008 and re-appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in December 2012. She served as Chair of the Commission from February 2009 to February 2011. She 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 including engineering or physical science, environmental protection, economics, and law. Commissioner Douglas is the lead commissioner on power plant siting, compliance and enforcement, the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan which is currently under consideration for modification by the Trump Administration. From 2005 to 2008, Ms. Douglas served as Director of the California Climate Initiative at the Environmental Defense Fund. Prior to going to the Environmental Defense Fund, Ms. Douglas spent four years at the Planning and Conservation League. Commissioner Douglas is a 2001 graduate of the Stanford Law School and holds a Master's Degree in public policy from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Karin Cleary-Rose, US Fish and Wildlife Service

■ **Biography**

Karin Cleary-Rose is the Division Chief overseeing Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Palm Springs Office.

Kate Giberson, Harris & Associates

■ **Biography**

Kate is a Director of Environmental Planning & Compliance with Harris & Associates. She has more than 25 years of experience in project management of CEQA and NEPA environmental compliance documents for development and infrastructure projects, including complex and controversial projects. Kate was the Project Manager for the environmental compliance of the Palo Colorado Road Repair Project.

Katie Barrows, Coachella Valley Association of Governments

■ **Biography**

Katie Barrows is the Director of Environmental Resources for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG); she has been in this position since 2007. Katie oversees CVAG's Energy and Environmental Resources Department which coordinates regional efforts on energy, climate action, recycling, and water conservation. At CVAG, she was involved with the launch of the Desert Cities Energy Partnership with SCE, Southern California Gas Company and CVAG's 10 member agencies. CVAG is currently working to establish a Community Choice Aggregation program in our region. Katie is also responsible for coordination of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan with CVAG's sister agency, the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission; SCE has participated in the CVMSHCP for numerous projects. Katie is a resident of La Quinta where she formerly served on the city planning commission for two terms. She has lived in the Coachella Valley since 1986.

Katie DeBiase, IS Architecture

■ **Biography**

Katie DeBiase is a Secretary of the Interior qualified Architectural Historian and Historic Preservation Specialist for IS Architecture. She holds a Masters of Historic Preservation from the University of Kentucky, Lexington where she studied preservation of early 20th century architecture, and an undergraduate degree in History from CSU Northridge. Her project experience emphasizes large scale surveys for built environment resources and documentation for transportation projects such as Caltrain and California High Speed Rail. She has prepared professional preservation reports and assessments for various projects including Historic Resource Technical Reports, CEQA Alternatives Analyses, Condition Assessment Reports, HABS documentation, and over 150 DPR 523 forms. She has been invited by the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) to speak on topics including Methodology for Large-Scale Rural Landscapes and Built Environment Surveys.

Ms. DeBiase is intimately familiar with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, CEQA, NEPA, National Park Service Preservation Briefs, Section 106 of the NHPA, Section 4(f), and National, State, and Local Register of Historic Places (NRHP, CRHP).

Katie Evans, Coachella Valley Water District

■ **Biography**

Katie Evans joined the Coachella Valley Water District in August 2015 as the Conservation Manager, where she leads a 14-member staff to oversee the district's conservation programs and water management planning. Prior to her employment with CVWD Katie was the Public Information Officer for Desert Water Agency. Katie was a Community News Reporter for the Desert Sun newspaper covering local news for the City of Palm Springs on matters concerning city affairs, city council activity and local elections before she began working in the water industry.

Katie obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from Arizona State University with minors in Business and Political Science. She completed her Master's Degree in Public Policy Administration at Northwestern University. She has achieved Water Certifications in both Distribution and Treatment from the California Department of Public Health and is a Certified Water Use Practitioner. Katie is a member of the American Water Works Association and Association of California Water Agencies. She serves as a committee member on the Association of California Water Agencies Water Management Committee.

Kathy Pease, AICP, City of Roseville

■ **Biography**

Ms. Pease is a certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners/ American Planning Association and a Planning Manager with the City of Roseville Development Services Department. Ms. Pease has over 25 years of city planning and environmental review experience, with a broad background in local government, the federal government, and the private sector. She has been with the City of Roseville for the past 16 years. Prior to that Ms. Pease worked for a private environmental consulting firm preparing environmental impact reports (EIRs) for large projects such as the Rivermark development in Santa Clara. Ms. Pease also worked for the City of San Jose, and for the federal government at NASA Ames Research Center/Moffett Field. While at NASA Ames, Ms. Pease oversaw environmental review, natural resources, and historic preservation activities associated with the transfer of Moffett Naval Station to NASA. On behalf of the City of Roseville, Ms. Pease is currently overseeing the long-range planning division, and administrative staff of the Development Services Department. She is staff to the Committee Priorities Advisory Committee (CPAC) and is currently overseeing preparation of a General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan.

Ken Schwarz, PhD, Horizon Water and Environment

■ **Biography**

Ken Schwarz, Ph.D., is a geomorphologist and founding Principal at Horizon Water and Environment. For 25 years, he has directed complex projects throughout California involving erosion and sediment management, stream and flood management, land use planning, water rights, habitat conservation, and ecosystem restoration. Ken conducts hydrologic and geomorphic analyses and produces watershed and stream management plans, hydrologic reports, stream assessments, sediment and erosion control evaluations, water rights petitions, restoration designs, conservation plans, and CEQA and permitting documents. Ken has conducted research on post-fire erosion and sediment transport in California watersheds.

Kent Norton, Past AEP State President

■ **Biography**

Kent Norton has 40 years of experience in CEQA and NEPA compliance and is a Past State AEP President and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) as well as the American Planning Association (APA). Mr. Norton chaired the AEP Emerging Issues Committee and organized the first AEP Institute on Water Resources in 2014. He has managed numerous award-winning CEQA projects including the Los Alamos Hills Master Plan and EIR for park and school facilities in Murrieta, the Coldwater Reservoir EIR in Beverly Hills, and the MacArthur Park Master Plan EIR in the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Norton obtained both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biological Science in 1978 and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Studies in 1983 with an emphasis in urban and regional planning from the California State University at Fullerton.

Kim Sanders, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

■ **Biography**

Kim is an Environmental Scientist with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. She was involved in the permitting on the Palo Colorado Road Repair Project.

Kristen Hazard, J.D., Wildnote

■ **Biography**

Founder of Wildnote and lead developer for creating the digital platform.

Laurel Glass Lees, AEP San Diego Chapter

■ **Biography**

Laurel Glass Lees received a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Economics from the University of San Diego and has 10 years of experience in environmental and land use planning in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Lees also received Professional Certificates in Urban Planning & Development from UCSD Extension and Grant Writing from SDSU College of Extended Studies. She is the current Vice President

of Membership for the AEP San Diego Chapter and previously served for a few years as Newsletter Editor.

Most recently, Ms. Lees worked as a Land Use/Environmental Planning Manager overseeing the Sustainability Team within the Advance Planning Division of County of San Diego Planning Services. In this role, she managed staff preparing and implementing long-range sustainability plans and programs such as the Comprehensive Renewable Energy Plan, Climate Action Plan, Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program, and Local Government Partnership program with San Diego Gas & Electric, among others. She was also responsible for working interdepartmentally with staff and management to align strategic initiatives and address policy changes that reflect regulatory requirements and best practices in planning and CEQA.

Prior to the County, Ms. Lees was a Senior Environmental Planner and Project Manager with consulting firms working on both privately- and publicly-initiated discretionary projects. She specialized in providing in-office project support services for various public agency clients including the Port of Los Angeles and different departments within the County of San Diego. Her combination of experience brings a unique perspective to balancing economic, community, and environmental interests through her work in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Lees has been a presenter at the previous two AEP State Conferences.

Laurie Dobson Correa, Regional Conservation Authority

■ Biography

Laurie Dobson Correa is the Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring for the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA). She is responsible for overseeing reserve management, biological monitoring and project review for the Western Riverside County MSHCP. Originally from Washington State, Laurie attended Humboldt State University's in the Wildlife Management Program but after moving to warm southern California, stayed and obtained her degree in Environmental Studies from CSUSB. Laurie joined the County of Riverside in 1987 as a land planner but spent the majority of her career managing environmental compliance for Riverside County's 2600 mile road system before moving to her RCA position in 2010.

Lee Clauss, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

■ Biography

Lee Clauss is an applied anthropologist/archaeologist and advocate for Native American communities' sovereignty and stewardship of cultural resources. She has over 15 years of experience in historic preservation law and regulatory compliance, with a broad background that includes Tribal heritage stewardship, archives/curation, and community-based participatory research. Clauss has also provided tribal communities and agencies with training on such subjects as oral history techniques, government-to-government consultation, and confidentiality/intellectual property protocols.

Les Johnson, City of Indio Director of Development Services,

■ **Biography**

Les Johnson, City of Indio Director of Development Services, has more than 25 years of experience in urban planning. Les served as Community Development Director for the City of Enumclaw in Washington for more than a decade before moving to California in 2005 to work for the City of La Quinta. During his ten years with the City of La Quinta, Les served as Planning Manager, Planning Director and Community Development Director. Les joined the City of Indio in September 2015.

Leslie Allen, ICF International

■ **Biography**

Leslie is a Senior Manager and Environmental Regulatory Specialist at ICF International. She is a project and team manager specializing in environmental permitting and mitigation for projects affecting streams, wetlands, and endangered species. Leslie and her staff assisted on the Palo Colorado Road Repair Project.

Linda C. Klein, J.D., Cox, Castle & Nicholson, LLP

■ **Biography**

Linda C. Klein is an attorney at Cox, Castle & Nicholson, where she is a member of the Land Use team. She provides guidance to her clients on all aspects of land entitlement in California, particularly compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Her projects are predominantly in urban areas in the San Francisco Bay Area, where greenhouse gas emission and air quality impacts are paramount concerns. As a litigator, Ms. Klein has defended agencies' greenhouse gas analyses multiple times, including working with a number of talented attorneys to successfully defend San Diego Association of Government's greenhouse gas analysis in the California Supreme Court. She also co-authored an amicus brief to support Newhall Ranch and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in another California Supreme Court case addressing how to analyze the significance of greenhouse gas emissions under CEQA.

Lloyd Zola, Metis Environmental Group

■ **Biography**

Lloyd Zola is a Principal of Metis Environmental Group, which specializes in planning and environmental strategy for public policy and private development projects throughout the state. Through his more than 40-year career, Lloyd has served as a public agency planner, development company project manager, and planning-environmental consultant. He has served as an expert witness in more than 30 cases. Much of his work has dealt with the intersection of good planning and CEQA documentation, addressing interactions between public agency planning policy, private sector development decisions, and CEQA requirements.

Lloyd has been involved in the preparation and environmental documentation of “self-mitigating” plans for both General Plans and Specific Plans. In these efforts, he has a good sense developed an expertise in crafting planning policies and environmental performance standards tailored for use in planning policies for “self-mitigating” plans that also streamline subsequent environmental reviews for site-specific development projects. He has also developed a good sense for when to use or not use “self-mitigating” plans.

Along with preparation of large-scale planning and environmental documents, Lloyd is currently working with several clients to “retrofit” existing specific plans for the changes that will occur as level of service gives way to vehicle miles travelled as a CEQA threshold.

Lynette Dias, Urban Planning Partners

■ Biography

Lynette has over 20 years of planning experience working for both public agencies and private landowners and developers. The majority of Lynette’s work focuses on planning policy, environmental review, community engagement and project strategy and management for complex and challenging urban projects. She has also led several significant outreach and education efforts, including for the City of Richmond on the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project. Lynette is recognized by colleagues and clients for her strengths in working on complex projects.

Marcos Guerrero, Cultural Resources Manager, United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria.

■ Biography

Marcos Guerrero, RPA, serves as the Cultural Resources Manager for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria. Mr. Guerrero is a Registered Professional Archaeologist with 20 years of experience, many of those in Placer County, California, in cultural resource management (CRM), museum Curation, repatriation, archival research, and tribal preservation and consultation, primarily in California, Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico. He has also worked extensively throughout Latin America. Mr. Guerrero’s work experience includes Section 106, CEQA, AB52, and SB 18 compliance, oversight, review, and comment. He has CRM experience in the fields of oil and gas, military work, tribal preservation, development, hydropower, and water conveyance involving all aspects of the inventory, assessment, and mitigation.

Marcy Kamerath, CPSWQ, QSP, QSP, NCE

■ Biography

Ms. Kamerath is a Senior Scientist at NCE with an interdisciplinary background in watershed science, GIS, and regulatory compliance. Marcy joined NCE after four years of administering Clean Water Act and Grant programs at the US EPA. Marcy is currently working on the San Francisco Bay Trail project at Point Molate, coordinating the planning and environmental permitting aspects of the project. Additionally, she is working on

key trail projects to address unique challenges, such addressing erosion and sea-level rise in Half Moon Bay, providing an interpretive trail along with habitat enhancement in Contra Costa County, and conducting environmental compliance monitoring for a trail gap closure project in Richmond and El Cerrito, CA.

Margaret Sohagi, J.D., Sohagi Law Group

■ Biography

Margaret Moore Sohagi is a recognized authority on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (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.

Mark Teague, AICP, PlaceWorks

■ Biography

With over 30 years of public and private sector experience, Mark has analyzed and evaluated projects including planned communities, shopping center EIR's, General Plan and zoning code updates, impact fees and public outreach for projects highly scrutinized by the public. Mark has experience working throughout California in agencies large and small, and is considered an innovative problem solver who can often bring a unique approach to meeting a critical goal of a project. Mark is an excellent public speaker and regularly presents at the California League of California Cities Planning Commissioner's

Academy on topics such as design guidelines, CEQA compliance and how to read an EIR. Mark also teaches CEQA to staff with a focus on how new legal decisions affect compliance.

Matthew Gerken, AICP, AECOM

■ Biography

Matthew Gerken is a senior planner and environmental analyst who has served a variety of public sector clients on a wide range of municipal planning and environmental assignments. His experience includes comprehensive updates of city and county general plans with EIRs, as well as climate action plans and specific plans and associated EIRs. He has led project-level environmental analysis for specific plans, mixed-use development projects, corridor plans, government offices, infrastructure improvements, parks, schools, and other project types in both urban infill and greenfield settings. Mr. Gerken uses his combined expertise in CEQA and strategic planning to create synergy between the policy planning and environmental review processes. He has developed many streamlining strategies, as well as CEQA guidelines and significance thresholds that clarify and simplify the review process for projects consistent with the community's policy priorities.

Matthew Wolpe, Laney College

■ Biography

Matthew Wolpe is currently a faculty member at Laney College in the Carpentry department as well as a Design Specialist at the Jacobs Institute of Design Innovation at UC Berkeley. Matthew's interests are in community based design/build- ranging from furniture to small structures and tiny houses that combine thoughtful design and craft with social and environmental responsibility. In 2016, Matthew started PRACTICE community design/build studio.

Meenaxi Panakkal, AICP, City of San Jose

■ Biography

Meenaxi R. Panakkal, AICP is a Supervising Environmental Planner with the Environmental Review team in the City of San Jose's Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department. She manages environmental reviews under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for all private and public projects as well as mitigation compliance. She has over twenty five years' experience in the land development industry; ranging from design (architecture), construction management, long range planning, and environmental planning, both in the private and the public sector. Her goal is to provide proactive environmental management for a balanced growth within urban areas.

Megan Jones, MPP, Rincon Consultants

■ **Biography**

Ms. Jones is a Senior Program Manager within Rincon's Environmental Science and Planning group and manages the firm's Monterey office. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of Oregon and a Master of Public Policy from California State University Monterey Bay. Ms. Jones has twelve years of experience in CEQA and NEPA documentation, short- and long-range planning, and project management, including extensive experience preparing winning proposals.

Michael Baron, AICP, NCE

■ **Biography**

Mr. Baron has over 10 years in land use planning, permitting, and environmental analysis administration and was previously a planner for the El Dorado County. He has an in-depth understanding of laws, policies, and standards for permitting and construction. His knowledge covers zoning ordinances, general plan guidelines, the Subdivision Map Act, and the CEQA process. He prepared a Categorical Exemption for an emergency project to address erosion and sea-level rise in Half Moon Bay, as well as the MND for the permanent repair, and is involved in storm damage repair projects for multiple municipalities throughout California and Nevada.

Michael Hendrix

■ **Biography**

Michael Hendrix is the chair of the AEP Climate Change Committee. In that capacity, he provides leadership within AEP on the issue of climate change and analysis of greenhouse gas emissions. Michael regularly meets with various state regulatory agencies including the California Air Resources Board (ARB), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the Attorney General's Office providing guidance in how to affectively plan for greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions.

Michael Huff, Certified Wildland Fire Ecologist; Registered Consulting Arborist (pending), Dudek

■ **Biography**

Michael Huff is a Principal and Manager of Dudek's Urban Forestry + Fire Protection Planning team with 25 years' professional experience. His education includes a BS in Forest Management/Fire Ecology and he maintains certifications as a wildland fire ecologist, arborist, and forester. He specializes in preparation of CEQA technical studies, Fire Protection Plans, hazard reduction plans, fire management plans, cumulative impact studies, and emergency response plans and has developed a fire protection planning practice throughout California. His fire planning projects range from 30,000+ acre sites to single family home properties.

Michael Krause, Horizon Water and Environment

■ Biography

Michael Krause earned his Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering with a minor in Environmental Science from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado. After working in the oil industry and the environmental consulting field, Mr. Krause began his 19-year career with the SCAQMD, as an Air Quality Engineer in the Engineering Department permitting a variety of air polluting and toxic sources. The position also provided the opportunity to work on a series of successful rule writing and program development projects.

Afterwards, as an Air Quality Specialist in the Planning Department, Mr. Krause has, in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, prepared over 120 environmental assessments for new and modified rules and regulations, and supervised the development of CEQA documents for 45 permit projects, including large refinery and utility projects. Mr. Krause has co-designed and developed the SCAQMD's CEQA website, was co-creator of SCAQMD 400-CEQA form, and has been an active member on a number of working groups developing significance thresholds for PM2.5, localized impacts, and greenhouse gases (GHGs) for industrial sources. Currently a Program Supervisor, Mr. Krause leads the SCAQMD's CEQA Environmental Policy Development Unit overseeing the development of the new Land Use Emissions Model, GHG Significance Thresholds for residential and commercial sources, SCAQMD's Air Quality Analysis Handbook and Policy Guidance Document, and is looking forward to adopting annual CEQA significance thresholds and participating in the implementation of the SCAQMD's Clean Communities Plan in the near future.

Michael McCormick, AICP, Governors Office of Planning and Research

■ Biography

Michael McCormick is a Senior Planner at the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). OPR serves the Governor and his Cabinet as staff for long-range planning and research, and constitutes the comprehensive state planning agency. Michael's work at OPR, along with recent work with NOAA and the White House Council on Environmental Quality, is focused at the nexus of high level climate change goals and local implementation. His focus is on institutional transformation by leading the development of partnerships, tools, resources, guidance and programs that support strong action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing community resilience to the impacts of a changing climate. Michael was one of the leads on the new 2017 General Plan Guidelines, co-founded the California Adaptation Forum, founded the CivicSpark AmeriCorps Governors Initiative and was on the founding Board of Directors of the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation. Michael has a Bachelors in Sociology and Masters in Urban Regional Planning from Florida State University.

Michael Stevenson, M.S., Horizon Water and Environment

■ Biography

Michael Stevenson is a founding Principal of Horizon Water and Environment with over 20 years of experience in CEQA/NEPA, permitting, and technical analysis for a broad range of project types. He is a recognized expert in CEQA and in particular, leading California statewide legally contentious CEQA cases. Projects which Michael has led include the CDFW's Suction Dredge Permit Program EIR, the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA's) award-winning Statewide Pest Prevention and Management Program EIR, the Bureau of Land Management's award-winning California Coastal National Monument Resource Management Plan and EIS, along with many others. He is currently assisting CDFA and the Bureau of Cannabis Control with development of regulations and CEQA documentation for their commercial cannabis licensing programs. Prior to founding Horizon with partner Ken Schwarz, Michael was a Project Director at Jones & Stokes and a Senior Associate at Environmental Science Associates where he managed large water resource and environmental compliance projects. He obtained his Master's of Environmental Science from Yale University, in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Michael Tauchen, Environmental Science Associates

■ Biography

Mr. Tauchen's specialty is environmental compliance in its full form, with 10 years of experience assisting government agencies with compliance implementation, I truly believe in working together to build a better civilization and environment. At the core of this responsibility, good communication and planning are paramount to success on every project.

Michelle Ouellette, J.D., Best Best & Krieger

■ Biography

Michelle Ouellette is Partner in Best Best & Krieger Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group. She brings an in-depth 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.

Customized CEQA Counsel

With hundreds of CEQA-related projects across California under her belt, Michelle's experience reflects both depth and breadth: From a 3,000-unit residential development

to major highway improvements to renewable energy projects. She provides customized CEQA counsel, depending on a client's specific needs for projects that require compliance with the law. Her insight into the nuances of both CEQA and NEPA allows her to take a strategic approach when drafting or reviewing initial studies, negative declarations or environmental impact reports/statements so they not only comply with the law but also avoid problems that can lead to lawsuits. Michelle understands the steps required to take a project through the complicated regulatory process and works frequently with the agencies and regulators who issue the needed permits. In addition, she offers project management and advocates on her clients' behalf before governmental bodies. Her years of experience coupled with her expertise give clients added confidence that their projects will gain approval and withstand potential legal attacks while minimizing delays and expenses.

Trusted Advisor for Habitat Conservation Plans

Michelle has successfully guided clients through the regulatory hurdles of state and federal endangered species laws, including Section 7 consultation and the creation of habitat conservation plans that protect endangered species while allowing key development to move forward. Her habitat conservation projects have ranged from a 10-acre property that harbors one species to some of the largest plans in the nation. The Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, for example, covers more than 1 million acres and protects nearly 150 species. Her commitment to these projects runs deep as they create open space for species and residents, while clearing the way for important projects and infrastructure to be built. With a proven ability to work with stakeholders and regulating agencies, Michelle is a trusted advisor who helps her clients understand each stage of the process and how the many pieces of such complex plans fit together.

Recognized Legal Practitioner and Scholar

A Daily Journal headline about Michelle once read, "Enough CEQA Wins to Fill a Bucket," reflecting a string of courtroom victories for her clients. In 2017, the Daily Journal recognized her with the prestigious California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award for Environmental Law and named her a Top Woman Lawyer. Her reputation as a successful attorney is so strong that her peers routinely select her for top attorney lists such as Super Lawyers® and Best Lawyers in America®. Locally, she was president of the Riverside County Bar Association. Internationally, she is senior vice chair of the International Bar Association's Committee on Environment, Health & Safety Law. She first joined BB&K in 1989 as a member of the Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group, and later was appointed as leader of that practice group. She quickly rose in the ranks to serve six years on BB&K's Executive Committee, which makes key management decisions for the firm. Michelle has shared her wealth of legal knowledge by teaching classes in environmental law at the University of Southern California and at the University of California campuses in Irvine and Riverside. Additionally, she has authored several articles and frequently lectures on CEQA and endangered species laws.

Mike Blankinship, M.S., PE, PCA, Blankinship & Associates

■ **Biography**

Mike Blankinship has been a licensed California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Pest Control Advisor (P.C.A.) for 25 years, an instructor at the renowned UC Davis Aquatic Weed School for 13 years, and is regularly invited to professional meetings throughout the western U.S. to speak on topics related to regulatory compliance, vegetation management, and pesticide risk. His expertise includes providing solutions to problems associated with the presence of chemicals, including pesticides, in the environment. His familiarity with principals of production agriculture, toxicology, exposure and environmental fate allows him to assess human and ecological health risk, predict environmental fate and transport, design programs to control and mitigate potential impact, and communicate these facts to regulatory agencies and the public.

Mike Scott, Retired Fire Prevention/Fire Fighter; Certified Arborist, Dudek

■ **Biography**

Michael Huff is Manager of Dudek's Urban Forestry + Fire Protection Planning team with 15 years' professional experience as a fire protection planner. His education includes a BS in Forest Management/Fire Ecology and he maintains certifications as a wildland fire ecologist, arborist, and forester. He specializes in preparation of Fire Protection Plans, hazard reduction plans, fire management plans, cumulative impact studies, and emergency response plans and has developed a fire protection planning practice throughout California working on marquee development projects on 30,000+ acre sites as well as assisting municipalities, counties, special districts, and homeowners with fire protection planning.

Mitchel Morrison, Envicom Corporation

■ **Biography**

Mr. Morrison serves as an Associate Project Manager for Envicom Corporation. He performs research and impact analysis for the preparation of CEQA documents including Initial Studies, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and Environmental Impact Reports. He also prepares resource agency permit applications for development entitlements within the jurisdictional areas of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Mr. Morrison's fieldwork responsibilities include water quality monitoring and sampling, construction site monitoring, habitat restoration, and the preparation of Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs. His habitat restoration experience includes and the second through the sixth year restoration of Ojai navarretia (*Navarretia ojaiensis*) at the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Headquarters in Agoura Hills.

Neal Holdridge, Trammell Crow Company

■ Biography

As a Principal and Environmental Manager for Trammell Crow Company (TCC), Neal Holdridge is an authority on the management of environmental issues pertinent to real estate transactions and property management. He is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager at the Master level. Mr. Holdridge has been an integral participant in the development of more than 2 billion dollars in commercial real estate. His systematic and detailed approach to mitigating contingent liability and construction risks has led to the redevelopment of several dozen environmentally distressed Brownfield properties. Mr. Holdridge also works with other TCC offices and clients to evaluate environmentally distressed real estate in the national marketplace, and serves as the environmental resource to the Company's Investment Committee. Mr. Holdridge manages Environmental Asset Services, Inc., (a Trammell Crow Co. subsidiary), which oversees a nationwide inspection program involving over 130 million square feet of industrial property and more than 1,200 tenants located in 32 major cities across the country. In addition to the above duties, Mr. Holdridge is also in charge of lead entitlement efforts and CEQA evaluations for industrial projects in the Inland Empire and elsewhere in Southern California, and has been involved in the entitlement of several million square feet of E-Commerce and large-scale Logistics projects. Mr. Holdridge received his Bachelor's degree in Geography from California State University, Northridge and his Master's Degree in Environmental Studies from California State University, Fullerton. Additionally, Mr. Holdridge completed the Hazardous Materials Management Certificate Program at the University of California, Irvine.

Nicholas Liguori, AICP, City of Chino

■ Biography

Nicholas Liguori is the Director of Community Development for the City of Chino, where he oversees the City's Planning, Building, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, and Housing functions. Mr. Liguori has been a professional planner for 17 years, and previously served the cities of San Marino and Ontario. The City of Chino offers convenient access to major vehicular transportation routes, including Interstate 15, Interstate 10, State Route 60, and State Route 71, which makes it an attractive location for warehouse distribution facilities. Mr. Liguori oversees the City's planning functions and regularly engages in the CEQA compliance process for these facilities. Mr. Liguori received his Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Northridge, and undergraduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona.

Nicole Gordon

■ Biography

Ms. Gordon, a partner at The Sohagi Law Group, advises public agencies on complex environmental and land use matters at the administrative, trial, and appellate level. She focuses her practice on complex issues and projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the federal and California Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Planning and Zoning Laws. As one of the Firm's lead litigators, Ms. Gordon is currently defending the County of Los Angeles against numerous CEQA challenges. She has also successfully defended Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)'s approval of projects at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), and works with all her clients to craft defensible environmental strategies.

Pam Lindsey

■ Biography

Ms. Lindsey has a Bachelor's degree from UCSB in Environmental Biology, a UCSB Land Use Planning Certification, and is a Certified Arborist. She has more than 25 years of experience in both the private and public sector conducting field surveys, impact analyses, habitat restoration planning, and project management in southern and central California. Ms. Lindsey currently manages the Environmental Services Section of the Watershed Protection District. The section serves as liaison with regulatory agencies, watershed groups, division heads, and other District staff. Her Section obtains and manages regulatory compliance permits and oversee CEQA/NEPA compliance for District maintenance and capital projects. Regulatory tasks include wetlands and endangered species permitting, including planning and implementation of compensatory habitat mitigation and restoration. The Section also prepares grant applications and manage grant-funded projects. They also conduct project and program public outreach, represent the District at various regulatory and community meetings and give presentations. They also track regulatory changes and legislation. As manager, she also conducts budget planning, hire, train, and coach staff and student aides, manage our workload, prepare and monitor budgets and business plans.

Patricia Garcia-Plotkin, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

■ Biography

Patricia Garcia-Plotkin has served as the Tribal Historic reservation Officer (THPO) for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians for over 11 years. As the Tribe's THPO, Ms. Garcia-Plotkin is charged with preserving, protecting, documenting and managing the cultural heritage within the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation and the Agua Caliente Traditional Use Area (TUA). Garcia-Plotkin consults with a variety of local, state and federal agencies for Section 106 review, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, and other historic preservation laws. Garcia-Plotkin reviews local development projects, consults with local municipalities and coordinates Tribal Cultural Monitoring to reduce potential

impacts to Cultural Resources within the TUA. Garcia-Plotkin has compiled a database of Cultural Resources within the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation and the TUA utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Additionally, the THPO is tasked with Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) responsibilities for the Tribe.

Rachel Kwok, MEM, City of Santa Monica

■ Biography

Rachel Kwok has over 15 years as an environmental planner, specializing in CEQA. Ms. Kwok has been in her current role as the environmental planner for the City of Santa Monica for over 7 years, and is responsible for the review of CEQA documents in the City. She has been involved in the completion of numerous EIRs and negative declarations for both City and developer projects, including Area and Specific Plans, mixed-use projects, and infrastructure projects. Many of these projects have been controversial and subject to high litigation risk. Prior to her public sector career, she worked in the private sector preparing EIRs and MNDs across the Los Angeles County region. Ms. Kwok holds a B.S. degree in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning from UC Davis, and a master degree in Environmental Management from Brown University.

Ray Bransfield

■ Biography

Mr. Bransfield is an instructor for the Interagency Consultation class at the Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center. He earned a BA in biology from Temple University and an MS in vertebrate zoology from California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Bransfield started his career with the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1983 in Laguna Niguel, California, and moved to Ventura in 1990. In 2014, the Service transferred Ray to the Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office but his body remains in Ventura. Much of his work has involved consultation on land use plans, particularly with the Bureau of Land Management, and the development of programmatic consultations to facilitate compliance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Rich Quasarano, AICP, SDG&E

■ Biography

Rich Quasarano is a certified environmental planner (AICP CEP) and has been with the environmental project permitting section at San Diego Gas & Electric Company for nine years. In his current role as a Principal Planner, he works on utility infrastructure projects that include electric transmission lines and substations, operations centers, natural gas pipelines, and most recently, micro grid and battery energy storage projects. Prior to joining SDG&E, Rich worked for a land use consulting firm in downtown San Diego designing master-planned residential and commercial communities, and he had the pleasure of working for the local county government. While he never considered a career in the utility industry, Rich really enjoys the challenges associated with working on large-scale projects, and the day to day interaction with some very smart people.

Rich Walter, ICF

■ Biography

Rich Walter is a Principal at ICF International. He has 24 years of experience in climate action planning, environmental compliance strategy, permitting, and mitigation development and implementation. He has worked on numerous controversial and complex environmental planning and compliance projects.

He has directed and participated in environmental impact assessment, alternatives analysis, and permitting processes for a variety of proposed developments, including residential subdivisions; golf courses; resorts; flood control; water pipelines; wetland restoration; marine oil terminals; natural gas power plants and pipelines; roads, highways, and bike paths; vineyards; industrial parks; telecommunications marine landings, backhaul, and urban ring projects; and regional greenhouse gas reduction plans. He has been on the AEP Climate Change Committee since its inception in 2007 and been a principal or contributing author on every AEP White Paper the AEP Climate Change Committee has published. Mr. Walter is the principal author of the current 2016 Draft White Paper, "Beyond Newhall and 2020: A Field Guide to New CEQA Greenhouse Gas Thresholds and Climate Action Plan Targets for California."

Ricia R. Hager, J.D., Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart

■ Biography

Ricia Hager practices environmental law, land use law, and public law. Her clients include regional and local government agencies. She advises clients on the California Environmental Quality Act and state and federal laws regulating air quality, water quality, endangered species, and historic resources. Ms. Hager has successfully defended environmental challenges in federal and state courts, both at the trial and appellate court levels.

Rick Sandzimier, City of Moreno Valley

■ Biography

Rick Sandzimier is the Planning Division Manager/Planning Official with the City of Moreno Valley's Community Development Department. Over the past several years, Moreno Valley has been somewhat of an epicenter and leader in Industrial and Logistics development. Mr. Sandzimier has over 30 years of professional planning experience including leadership positions in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining the City, Mr. Sandzimier served as the Planning Director and Executive Officer to the Planning Commission for the County of Orange. He also held public sector planning positions with the City of Irvine, City of San Juan Capistrano, and the University of California at Irvine. Mr. Sandzimier's public sector service includes six years as an appointed Planning and Transportation Commissioner for the City of Mission Viejo, three years as a Board Member of the Orange County Workforce Investment Board, and various other committee and board appointments. In the private sector, Mr. Sandzimier held positions as the Senior Planning Manager for an international architectural/engineering firm, and

as a sole proprietor planning consultant. Mr. Sandzimier is a long-standing member of the American Planning Association and Urban Land Institute. Mr. Sandzimier received his Bachelor's degree in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine, with emphasis in planning.

Rob Mullane, AICP, Rincon Consultants

■ Biography

Mr. Mullane is a Senior Program Manager with Rincon Consultants with over 21 years of experience in the planning and municipal services field, including extensive work in current and long-range planning, CEQA and NEPA documentation projects, and a broad range of municipal services. In addition to his time at Rincon as a Project Manager and Senior Program Manager, Mr. Mullane has served in several capacities in local government, including as a senior planner for the County of Santa Barbara and City of Goleta, Community Development Director for the City of Ojai, Community Planning and Building Director for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Public Works Director for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. He has experience in the private sector preparing proposals as well as experience in the public sector selecting consultants based on proposal review.

Robert A. Bernheimer, J.D., Robert A. Bernheimer, A Professional Law Corporation

■ Biography

With nearly a decade as a Mayor and City Councilmember, and over 20 years of experience in representing clients in government, political and legal matters, Rob Bernheimer has served as the strategic quarterback for Fortune 500 companies, private individuals, public agencies, corporations and global investment companies in legal, municipal and special district issues across California. His experience includes land use matters, annexations and consolidations, master planning, CEQA compliance, complex government & tribal negotiations, water disputes, renewable energy, real estate transactions, solid waste & recycling matters and the development of cannabis projects. Bernheimer blends unique legal, political, communication and negotiation skills for a pinpoint focus on results.

Bernheimer is the founder and president of Robert A. Bernheimer, APLC; a founder and CEO of CV Strategies, the largest strategic communications and public engagement firm in the Inland Empire (www.CVStrat.com); and a member of the Board of Directors of Cultivation Technologies, Inc., a leader in providing infrastructure, genetics, technology, and branding to the legal medical cannabis industry (www.CultivationTech.com).

Roger Overstreet, Southern California Edison

■ Biography

Roger is the endangered species compliance and permitting lead for Southern California Edison with over 12 years of electric utility industry experience supporting operations and maintenance activities and new project development. He has extensive formal

and informal consultation experience, including Section 7 consultation and state 2081 Incidental Take Permits. Roger has also led or facilitated the Participating Special Entity process for numerous SCE projects going through both the Coachella Valley and Western Riverside MSHCPs, and the Stephens' kangaroo rat HCP. He participated in the development of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan as SCE's representative on the stakeholder committee and was instrumental in identifying the need to appropriately address electric transmission facilities in the plan. In collaboration with SCE's BLM liaison, Roger has been working with BLM on the implementation of the BLM's DRECP Land Use Plan Amendment. In addition, he is an experienced NEPA and CEQA practitioner who has contributed to the state and federal environmental review processes and document development for SCE projects. Recently, Roger attended the USFWS' Habitat Conservation Planning training to enhance his knowledge of the Section 10 processes and documentation. Roger has a B.S. in Biological Sciences and attended the Master's Program at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where he focused on field biology, plant ecology, and biological instrumentation. He also has 20 years of GIS analysis experience and has applied it to the assessment of project impacts to sensitive species and habitats.

Ron Goldman, RG Planning Consultants

■ Biography

Ron Goldman is a Planning Consultant with RG Planning Consultants currently working on a variety of cannabis cultivation projects for the City of Coachella. Ron has served as the Interim Development Services Director for the City of Indio and, from 2006 through 2010 was the Planning Director of Riverside County. Prior to joining Riverside County in 1978, he worked for the City of Costa Mesa and the City of Long Beach.

Rosalyn Prickett, AICP, Woodard & Curran

■ Biography

Rosalyn Prickett is a Senior Water Resources Planner with Woodard & Curran, and has 18 years experience with environmental compliance and permitting for water, wastewater, and recycled water projects, as well as regional water resource planning. She has developed and managed a wide variety of CEQA documents, including complex Environmental Impact Reports (Program- and project-level), Addendums, Supplemental EIRs, and Mitigated Negative Declarations. Ms. Prickett has also helped her clients navigate the regulatory landscape, including federal approval of environmental documents, permitting, and responding to concerns about project impacts on aquatic habitats and species. She has also helped her clients respond to legal challenges to their projects, and successfully defended against challenges to CEQA documents. Her experience with CEQA as it evolved over the last few decades have allowed Ms. Prickett to help her clients adapt their environmental analyses to match the requirements, interpretations, and intent of CEQA guidelines, including in the current landscape of increasing water reuse and ongoing stressors on natural resources.

Ryan Bensley, AICP, LSA

■ Biography

Mr. Bensley is a Senior Environmental Planner in the Irvine office of LSA. Mr. Bensley is responsible for managing the preparation of environmental documents for a variety of transportation and land development projects. His primary responsibilities include coordinating and conducting research and analysis for environmental documents prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Mr. Bensley has managed the preparation of environmental documents for projects in the Cities of Dana Point and Long Beach and has a strong interest in coastal development issues. He is particularly interested in the long-lasting socioeconomic implications that sea-level rise is likely to have on affected communities.

Prior to joining LSA, Mr. Bensley was involved in the preparation of CEQA compliance documents and fiscal, land use, and blight analyses for more than 26 local government agencies throughout California as a redevelopment planner.

Ryan Potter, AICP, PlaceWorks

■ Biography

Ryan has a talent for understanding the complexity of a project or community and responding to that complexity with a multidisciplinary approach and an eye for detail. He performs a variety of tasks that revolve around ensuring that the environmental team's work is internally consistent and sensitive to external factors. Ryan draws from a diverse background that includes performing code compliance activities for municipal governments, designing urban infill and mixed use developments, and writing design guidelines for master-planned communities. This background has informed Ryan's work at PlaceWorks, where he has assisted with CEQA documents for major sporting facilities and specific plans in Southern California.

Sabrina Teller, J.D., Remy Moose Manley, LLP

■ Biography

Sabrina Teller has practiced CEQA, NEPA and land use law with Remy Moose Manley in Sacramento for 17 years. She represents state and local agencies, developers and citizen groups in all phases of administrative entitlements, environmental review and litigation. Sabrina received her JD from the University of Texas at Austin in 2001.

Sahar Shirazi, Governors Office of Planning and Research

■ Biography

Sahar Shirazi is a senior planning advisor at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research in Sacramento. With a systems thinking approach and a goal of policy implementation, she focuses on the intersections of sustainability, land use, transportation, and equity. She is currently managing the general plan guidelines update, coordinating international sustainability collaborations, and working on autonomous

vehicle policy considerations. Prior to joining OPR, Sahar was a policy analyst for the Office of the Secretary at US DOT, under both Secretary LaHood and Secretary Foxx. She served as a lead for the HUD-EPA-DOT partnership for sustainable communities; team lead and performance management director for the TIGER grant program; and key staff for bicycle and pedestrian policy, resiliency policy, place based programs, and ladders of opportunity initiatives. While in DC, Sahar also served a 7 month detail at the White House, working as a policy lead for a presidential initiative to streamline permitting reviews while enhancing environmental outcomes. Sahar received her bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley and her Master's in Public Policy from Mills College in Oakland, CA. She moved to DC as a Presidential Management Fellow in 2011 and moved back to CA in 2015. Despite the excitement of her experiences in DC, Sahar was ecstatic to return to California, where she had lived since immigrating to the US at age 5. She currently lives in Oakland.

Sally Johnson, Woodard & Curran

■ Biography

Sally Johnson is a Water Resources Planner with Woodard & Curran, where she's spent the past 5 years supporting clients with their environmental, planning, and funding needs. She has helped develop CEQA documents for a variety of water, wastewater, and recycled water projects, including Environmental Impact Reports, Addendums, and Mitigated Negative Declarations. Many of her projects are located near sensitive resources in Southern California, where potential conflicts between community needs and the environment are of increasing concern.

Sally Zeff, AICP, ICF

■ Biography

Sally Zeff has more than 30 years of experience in environmental consulting, management, permitting, mining consulting, and planning consulting; she also has extensive experience serving as a public agency planner. She has strong qualifications in general plans, land use, energy, traffic, housing, agriculture and farmland conservation, mining, and related environmental analyses. Sally is also experienced in preparing documentation for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance and permitting, related to mixed-use land development, transportation, renewable, fossil, and nuclear energy, agricultural processing and mining. Her urban, regional, and rural planning experience includes general plan work, site analysis, feasibility studies, and mine inspection programs.

Samantha Cypret, J.D., Native American Heritage Commission

■ Biography

Samantha Cypret is an analyst in the legal department at the California Native American Heritage Commission. Ms. Cypret is a verified member of Tsi Akim Maidu of the Taylorsville Rancheria and served as Secretary on their Tribal Council. Prior to joining the NAHC, Ms. Cypret served as the Program Coordinator at the California Indian Law Association. She graduated from Lincoln Law School in Sacramento in 2014, where she was recipient of the Victor Bertolani Award for the Most Outstanding Graduate. While in law school, she worked as a law clerk for Hefner, Stark & Marois, LLP. She was also the senior editor of the *Voir Dire*, Lincoln Law School's legal publication, and the Dean of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. She served as a Certified Legal Intern for the Sacramento County District Attorney's office. Prior to law school, she graduated from University of California, Davis with Bachelor degrees in Communication and Political Science.

Sara Allinder, AICP, Michael Baker International

■ Biography

Ms. Allinder brings over 16 years of experience in both current and long-range planning including CEQA compliance. She specializes in urban land use planning including preparation of general plans and development codes, annexations and sphere of influence amendments, entitlement review and processing, and contract staffing. While her experience extends throughout California, Ms. Allinder has spent much of her career working with communities providing planning services in the Central California region.

Sarah Owsowitz, J.D., Best Best & Krieger

■ Biography

Sarah Owsowitz is Of Counsel in the Walnut Creek office of Best Best & Krieger LLC and has spent nearly 20 years learning and practicing the "ins and outs" of CEQA. Her practice focuses on both CEQA advice and litigation, with a particular concentration on urban decay, climate change, water supply, and cultural resource issues. She regularly prepares and defends EIRs for a wide variety of types of projects. Ms. Owsowitz sits on AEP's Legislative Committee and was selected a 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Northern California Rising Star for Land Use Law, and, in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 as a Super Lawyer for Land Use Law, by the Northern California Super Lawyer Magazine.

Scott Eckardt, RPF, Dudek

■ Biography

Scott Eckardt is a Registered Professional Forester and Certified Wildland Fire Manager with Dudek's Fire Protection Planning team. He specializes in fire protection planning, woodland/forest management, fire hazard analysis, fuels mapping, GIS and spatial analysis, fire behavior modeling, and fire department response modeling. He routinely prepares fire protection plans, wildland fire and vegetation management plans, forest

and resource management plans, oak woodland and forest mitigation plans, and CEQA technical documents. He holds a BS in Forestry and Natural Resources Management from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an MA in Geography from California State University, Long Beach.

Scott Morgan, Governors Office of Planning and Research

■ Biography

Scott Morgan is the Director of State Clearinghouse and Deputy Director of Administration for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Scott is responsible for daily operations of OPR, including oversight of the CEQA clearinghouse and interfacing on a variety of OPR projects. He has nearly 20 years of experience working with CEQA, California planning law, land-use and environmental regulations. He is a member of the Association of Environmental Professionals, the American Planning Association, and sits on a variety of state agency working groups and technical advisory committees. Scott works with Federal, State, Tribal, and Local agencies on land use, environmental, renewable energy, and cultural site protection issues.

Shannon Davis, ASM Affiliates

■ Biography

Shannon Davis, Director of Architectural History, ASM Affiliates

Shannon Davis has 19 years of experience in the field of historic preservation. She has an MA in Historic Preservation/American Studies from George Washington University, where she wrote her master's thesis on the architectural history of drive-in theaters, and a B.A. in American History from the University of Southern California. As an Architectural Historian at ASM, Ms. Davis has documented and evaluated numerous cultural resources for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, Historic Structures Reports (HSRs), Historic American Building Survey (HABS), National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and Section 106 review. Recent projects include a comprehensive city-wide survey of Chula Vista; historic context statement for Ontario Aviation, HABS documentation for a light station for the National Park Service (NPS), successfully listing a property in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR); preparing NRHP nominations for a historic highway and a historic residential district; developing the historic context of Los Angeles military history for Survey LA; and preparing planning documents for several California Naval bases.

Before joining ASM, Ms. Davis worked for the National Trust for Historic Preservation as their west-coast representative for heritage tourism. Much of Ms. Davis's professional experience is with the cultural resources programs of the NPS. For eight years she worked for the NRHP as an Historian. She also worked as a Historic Preservation Specialist and Project Manager for three other NPS programs: American Battlefield Protection Program, NPS History Program and HABS/HAER/HALS/CRGIS. Ms. Davis has experience with the operational requirements of a historic site, through her position as Assistant Site Manager of the 1812 Federal home of Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall. Additionally, Ms. Davis

served for several years as Chair of a local preservation advocacy group, the Arlington Heritage Alliance, and was one of the founders of the national non-profit Recent Past Preservation Network.

Shasta Gaughen, PhD, Pala Band of Mission Indians

■ Biography

Shasta Gaughen is the Environmental Director and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Pala Band of Mission Indians in Pala, California. She has worked for the Pala Band since January 2005, and established Pala's Tribal Historic Preservation Office in 2008. She is also an adjunct professor in the Anthropology Department at California State University San Marcos. Dr. Gaughen received her B.A. in Anthropology and B.S. in Natural Resources at Humboldt State University in 1996, her M.A. in Anthropology from San Diego State University in 2001, and her PhD in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 2011. She is Secretary of the Board for the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition, a member of the advisory board for the Climate Science Alliance- South Coast, a board member of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and a director for the Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District. Dr. Gaughen has made presentations on cultural and environmental topics for the Navy, the Border Patrol, the California Indian Legal Association, the San Diego County Archaeological Society, the California Mission Indian Association, and many other private and public organizations.

Sonya Hooker, Ruth Villalobos Associates

■ Biography

Sonya Hooker is the Director of Environmental Services at Ruth Villalobos & Associates, Inc. Sonya has worked as a consultant since 2000. Sonya earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from California State University, San Bernardino. Sonya is a long-time member of the Association of Environmental Professionals and American Planning Association. Sonya has extensive experience navigating complex and controversial projects through the federal and California environmental compliance processes with her in-depth understanding of the evolving regulatory environment on a local, state, and federal level. Sonya has served as a consultant to the US Bureau of Land Management, US Bureau of Marine Corps, and numerous municipalities throughout southern California including cities, counties, and utility and flood control districts.

Stephanie Standerfer, Albert A. Webb Associates

■ Biography

Stephanie Standerfer is a Vice President overseeing the Planning & Environmental Services Department at Albert A. Webb Associates. Stephanie specializes in environmental planning and natural resource management. Stephanie has 19 years professional experience as an environmental planner. Stephanie manages large California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects for both public and private projects mostly within the Inland Empire of Southern California. Stephanie currently manages several

on-call contracts where she and her staff act as an extension of staff to agencies helping to provide CEQA and other environmental regulatory compliance for projects. She is considered an expert in CEQA implementation in the Inland Empire, and enjoys providing training in CEQA processing to local agencies.

Her natural resources management experience results from over eight years serving as an extension of staff to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA), the entity responsible for implementation of the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSHCP). As contract staff to the RCA, Stephanie provided processing, review, and consultation on implementation procedures and policies. In recent years she led SANBAG through their Conservation Framework Study for the County of San Bernardino working on developing best practices and offering guidance on how to address conservation planning along with development.

Stephanie received her Bachelor of Science from UC Riverside in Environmental Science and earned a Master of Science from Washington State University also in Environmental Science. She is an active member of the Association of Environmental Professionals and provides instruction at various venues on MSHCP and CEQA implementation classes.

Stephaney Cox, MA, Insignia Environmental

■ Biography

Stephaney Cox has more than 15 years of experience in wildlife biology, environmental compliance, group facilitation, and field/classroom instruction. She has served as a wildlife biologist in academic, public, and private sectors. Stephaney has led construction contractors in implementing the compliance measures associated with Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans, Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plans, biological resource protection, and cultural resource protection, among others. Her specialty is in group facilitation and field/classroom instruction, namely in environmental compliance training. Stephaney holds a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Ecology from Humboldt State University and a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from San Diego State University, where her thesis research entailed investigating the conflicts between mountain lions and ranchers and between ranchers and natural resource management agencies in Baja California Sur, Mexico.

Steve Bush, P.E., PlaceWorks

■ Biography

A member of both PlaceWorks' Environmental Sciences and the CEQA teams, Steve's eclectic skill set covers a wide range of technical services. He applies his knowledge and skills to field sampling for remediation projects and data analysis for health risk assessments, rail studies, and pipeline safety assessments. He also has extensive stormwater analysis and management experience, which is used to focus and clarify hydrology and water quality sections for CEQA documentation. As a member of the CEQA team's air quality and greenhouse gas assessment group, Steve has completed air quality

and GHG analyses for a variety of projects, including residential development, stormwater outlets, and marsh areas. Additionally, Steve is proficient in different air quality modeling software such as CalEEMod2013 and AERMOD.

Steve Kowalewski, BS, Contra Costa County Public Works Department

■ Biography

Mr. Kowalewski is an engineer who has served in Contra Costa Public Works Department for 27 years. He specializes in strategic planning, performance metrics, transportation planning, and Public Works infrastructure design and construction. He has managed several emergency repairs associated with culvert collapses from recent severe winter storms and understands the need to balance expediency and environmental protection with such restoration projects.

Steve Schooff, Clean Transportation Policy & Initiatives

■ Biography

Steve Schooff is a senior manager, Clean Transportation Policy & Initiatives, for San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), responsible for the project management, strategy, planning and execution in securing funding for transportation electrification growth in SDG&E's service territory.

Prior to joining SDG&E, Schooff was the senior communications and marketing manager for SDG&E's affiliate company, Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, responsible for leading all external and internal communications initiatives, as well as the company's marketing strategy.

Schooff has held communication and leadership positions with multiple Fortune 500 companies. He served as director of corporate communications for Capital One, the fifth largest U.S. bank, and led the company's public relations and external affairs for the Commercial, Retail and Small Business divisions.

Additionally, he has served as the global communications manager for General Electric (GE), where he was responsible for developing and executing the communications strategy for GE's \$6 billion Healthymagination business initiative. He also served as a communications consultant for WellPoint where he supported the mergers between Cobalt Corporation, WellPoint and Anthem. Schooff also held a variety of communications and marketing roles with Anheuser-Busch and INCORE – a think-tank of the United Nations.

Schooff holds a bachelor's degree in political-science and history from the University of Wisconsin.

Stuart McKibben, PE, Riverside County Flood Control District

■ **Biography**

Stuart McKibben has been with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for 31 years and manages its Watershed Protection Division.

Talmage Jordan, City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group

■ **Biography**

Mr. Jordan has five years experience in environmental consulting. As a member of BOE's Environmental Management Group he works with the Bureau on municipal infrastructure projects and in collaboration with multiple City agencies on CEQA/NEPA compliance for their respective projects. He brings his background in real estate due diligence and hazardous materials handling/waste management to the City and consults on land acquisitions.

Tammy Seale, PlaceWorks

■ **Biography**

Ms. Seale manages PlaceWorks' San Luis Obispo office and the Sustainability and Climate Services Group. Her recent work has focused on assisting cities and counties with the development and implementation of GHG emissions reduction programs. Her current projects include the City of Palmdale GHG Inventory and Climate Action Plan, City of Tulare Climate Action Plan and County of San Luis Obispo Climate Action Plan. She has collaborated with urban planning faculty at California Polytechnic State University on climate planning. She is a co-author of the article "An Assessment of the Link Between Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories and Climate Action Plans" in the August 2010 JAPA publication.

Taylor Helgestad, California Air Resources Board

■ **Biography**

Taylor Helgestad is the Lead Local Government Staff at the California Air Resources Board (CARB)'s Research Division and focuses on providing a suite of tools that support local government greenhouse gas reductions. Taylor currently manages an interactive web map that displays how jurisdictions across the state are planning for climate action and the Funding Wizard, which is an online searchable database of local, state, and federal financial incentives to support projects that reduce the impacts of climate change and support sustainable communities. Taylor holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from UC Davis

■ **Biography**

Mr. Jex focuses his practice in the areas of municipal law, local zoning and land use issues, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Subdivision Map Act. Thomas Jex is a partner with the firm and serves as the City Attorney for the City of Wildomar and the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Hemet. He also provides special counsel services to the Jurupa Unified School District. Mr. Jex frequently represents city councils, planning commissions, and redevelopment agencies at their meetings and regularly advises public agencies and staff on a wide variety of municipal law areas, including the Brown Act, conflicts of interest under the Political Reform Act, the Public Records Act, contracts, land use, the Mitigation Fee Act, constitutional issues, and general plan updates. Working with many public agencies, Mr. Jex deals with CEQA compliance issues almost on a daily basis. Mr. Jex drafts opinions, ordinances, and resolutions as well as other development and redevelopment related agreements. Mr. Jex also has experience providing advice to both public and private clients regarding compliance with CEQA and other environmental regulations.

Tim Paone, J.D., Cox, Castle & Nicholson

■ **Biography**

Tim Paone is a partner in Cox, Castle & Nicholson's Irvine office. His practice emphasizes CEQA, the Coastal Act, development agreements, and the local planning process. He has worked on the entitlement of projects throughout California, as well as handling land use matters in courtrooms throughout the State. He has served as a Planning Commission Chairman and a Governor's appointee to the California Law Revision Commission, and taught Environmental Law Practice as an Adjunct Professor at Chapman University School of Law.

Tom Barnes, ESA

■ **Biography**

Tom Barnes has over 24 years of experience providing environmental compliance solutions to water and wastewater public agencies. ESA (formerly Environmental Science Associates) is a national full service environmental and planning consulting firm. He is a Vice President at ESA and Director of ESA's Southern California Water Group. Tom leads clients through the CEQA/NEPA documentation and permitting process and has focused his career on complex water supply projects in Southern California. His clients include the California Department of Water Resources, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Orange County Sanitation District, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Santa Margarita Water District. Mr. Barnes was the Project Manager for the 2012 EIR assessing potential impacts of the Cadiz Project for the Santa Margarita Water District.

Tom Kirk, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

■ Biography

Tom Kirk is the Executive Director of CVAG which is a joint powers authority made up of ten cities, Riverside County, and two Native American tribes. Mr. Kirk has been the driving force behind a number of major regional transportation, ecological conservation, energy conservation, and air quality improvement programs in recent years. Started in 1996, the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan was approved in 2008 and will conserve over 200,000 acres of undisturbed desert land. Mr. Kirk also helped bring the valley cities together to address homelessness, including strategic plans and the establishment of Roy's Desert Resource Center and the Coachella Valley Housing First program. In addition, he has championed the "CV Link" a 40-plus mile pathway across the Coachella Valley for pedestrians, cyclists, and those who use neighborhood electric vehicles. Before joining CVAG in 2009, Mr. Kirk served in both the private and public sectors, as Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority and a city councilman in La Quinta. Mr. Kirk earned a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from UCLA and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Kirk was also a fellow of the University of California Transportation Center, a graduate of the Coro Foundation Public Affairs program, and the Harvard Kennedy School.

Tom Trexler, M.S., Enercon

■ Biography

Tom Trexler has over twenty-five years of experience with environmental planning & compliance services in the private sector. The recent decade includes all aspects of business operations, business development, and growth planning.

He brings a strong focus on client and teaming partner relationships, regional operations, staff development, and leadership, and has substantial prior experience in management and technical positions with leading consulting firms.

In his current position, Mr. Trexler is actively engaged with executive management in current position, which includes building functional bridges between regional offices and integrating full-service disciplines including engineering design/operations, environmental compliance (CEQA/NEPA), permitting, geosciences, remediation, due diligence, and industrial hygiene.

Tom serves as Principal-in-Charge and technical lead on a variety of projects including energy resources, water resources, transportation, development, and construction.

Tony Locacciato, AICP, Meridian Consultants

■ **Biography**

Mr. Locacciato is an urban and regional planner with 30 years of diverse experience in planning and environmental analysis. His background in consulting, public sector planning, and private development results in an understanding of the relationships between land use regulations, environmental impacts, and the implementation of projects. Mr. Locacciato has experience in land use planning; land use studies; the preparation of Specific Plans, Master Plans, Environmental Assessments, Program and Project Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), Supplemental EIRs and Addendums to EIRs, Initial Studies, and Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs); and site feasibility and constraints analysis. He also has provided a wide range of environmental consulting services to cities, including the preparation of EIRs, the review of EIRs, and the direction of mitigation monitoring programs.

Mr. Locacciato has been involved in the planning and environmental review of commercial, industrial, residential, and mixed-use projects in urban and rural settings for communities throughout California as well as for a wide variety of public infrastructure and public facility projects. His specialty is the management of complex multidisciplinary projects. Mr. Locacciato provides oversight and direction of projects and directly manages complex projects.

Tonya Durrell, City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Community Services Group

■ **Biography**

Tonya Durrell, Public Information Director, LA Sanitation has more than 20 years of experience coordinating community and media relations for large public works infrastructure projects. As part of the original Venice Dual Force Main Project team, dating back more than ten years, Durrell leads outreach efforts for the much-needed sewer project. She also managed community relations for the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project, the City of LA's largest-ever street improvement project. That project was completed in 2006.

Tracy Zinn, AICP, T&B Planning, Inc.

■ **Biography**

Tracy Zinn, AICP, is President/CEO of T&B Planning, Inc., a private CEQA consulting firm with offices in Tustin, CA, San Diego, CA, and Murrysville (Pittsburgh Region), PA. She has 24 years of CEQA document preparation experience and is responsible for providing quality control for a majority of the company's CEQA documents. Between 2010-2017, Ms. Zinn prepared and led CEQA compliance documents for the entitlement of 24 million square feet of industrial, warehouse, and business park building space to serve the goods movement industry, with an additional 8.2 million square feet of proposed building space under evaluation for CEQA compliance. Her current projects include several large

industrial master plans, logistics warehouse buildings, business parks, and package delivery facilities. Ms. Zinn also conducts public outreach efforts including but not limited to workshops, presentations, focus group meetings, and public opinion surveys. She is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), serves on her community's zoning hearing board, and is a member of the California AEP and the Commercial Real Estate Development Association (NAIOP).

Valerie Rosenkrantz, Trinity Consultants

■ Biography

Valerie Rosenkrantz serves as a CEQA Project Manager in Trinity's California offices. She has 30+ years of experience in environmental consulting working in partnership with lead agencies, project applicants, engineers and attorneys. She has worked for two public agencies as the CEQA & NEPA compliance manager and has completed over 300 environmental determinations. She has served a wide range of projects and industries: agriculture, commercial, city and regional planning (general plans, master plans & zoning), food processing, industrial & manufacturing, mixed-use & transit oriented development, oil & gas, public utilities (water supply, wastewater and utility corridors), rail & bus systems, residential subdivisions, solid waste and small power generation. She has worked with cities, counties, air districts, transit districts, regional boards, special districts, the State of California, the Federal Transit Administration and the US Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Rosenkrantz has completed hundreds of traffic, air quality and noise impact analyses. In addition to environmental planning, Ms. Rosenkrantz has managed public transit project development from approval, final design, & construction, to opening day ceremonies. She is currently managing four renewable fuels CEQA reviews. Ms. Rosenkrantz holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning and a Master's degree in Business Administration.

Victoria Cook, Trinity Consultants

■ Biography

Ms. Victoria (Vicky) Cook serves as the Inland Empire Regional Leader for Overland, Pacific, & Cutler (OPC). In her 12 years with OPC, Vicky has proudly managed several of OPC's largest and most complex projects. Those projects include the RCTC's SR-91 CIP, City of Bakersfield's Centennial Corridor Project, and SBCTA's I-10 Express Lanes (Contract 1) Project. As Program Manager she leads multi-discipline ROW Programs that include the oversight and management of the ROW delivery schedule, cost and document control, policy development and implementation, capital expenditure reporting, risk assessment and management. Her experience in program management, acquisition, relocation, and property management provide incredible value in developing project specific programs and policies for both Design Build and Design Bid Build projects. Through her years of experience she has developed a streamlined approach to ensure on-time delivery of projects in compliance with FHWA/Caltrans, HUD and other state and local policies and procedures. She has also prepared and developed programmatic plans

to implement incentive payments for acquisitions and relocations to expedite the parcel delivery on several projects. Ms. Cook's dedication has translated into successful project delivery while developing long-lasting relationships with her clients.

Wendy Young, Harris & Associates

■ **Biography**

Wendy Young is a Permitting Specialist with Harris & Associates. She has more than 15 years of environmental consulting experience and has prepared permitting packages and led consultation efforts with a number of government agencies, including the USACE, RWQCB and CDFW. Wendy was heavily involved in the permitting process for the Palo Colorado Road Repair Project.

William Yoder, Acentech

■ **Biography**

Bill Yoder consults with government and commercial clients on projects dealing with acoustics, sound quality, and vibration. His areas of expertise include noise and vibration control, product noise shaping, signal processing and analysis, and applied acoustics research. Some of his project experience includes commercial and consumer product noise testing, research for various branches of the United States Department of Defense, and measurement of noise and vibration for environmental and research needs. Additionally, he develops hardware and software solutions for the purposes of long term, unmanned remote monitoring of acoustic and vibration signals, including implementation of real-time alarms and streaming data.

Yara Lea Fisher, AICP, AECOM

■ **Biography**

Yara Fisher is a Principal Planner with AECOM and has led teams developing comprehensive plans and environmental documents for a variety of local, regional, and private clients. Many of these projects have focused on strategic and sustainable infill development within areas served by transit. She is also well versed in Coastal Act issues. Her planning experience ranges from general plans, zoning ordinances, specific plans, housing elements, and climate action plans/strategies to environmental documentation and climate change mitigation strategies for a variety of private, local, and regional planning projects. Her environmental experience includes the preparation and management of program- and project-level environmental impact reports, mitigated negative declarations, and other documents required under CEQA. She has been with AECOM since 1998.