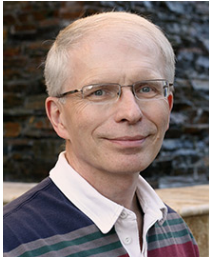




2019 AEP Institute Speakers



Curtis E. Alling, AICP, *Principal, Ascent Environmental*

Curtis E. Alling, AICP, is an environmental planning expert with 40 years of experience, specializing in natural resources management, climate change, and CEQA/NEPA compliance. He is a founding principal of Ascent Environmental, an environmental, natural resources, and planning consultancy in Sacramento, Oakland, San Diego, and Lake Tahoe. Curtis is a leader in planning and CEQA approaches for forest management and fire fuel reduction. He also has extensive experience in planning and environmental analysis related to GHG impacts and reduction strategies and climate adaptation. Curtis' experience in forest management and fire fuel reduction relates to land and resources management planning and CEQA/NEPA streamlining to increase the pace and scale of treatment. Representative project examples include: California Vegetation Treatment Program EIR (Board of Forestry and Fire Protection), Tasmam Kojom Land Management Plan (Maidu Summit Consortium), Lake Tahoe Programmatic Timberland EIR (Lake Valley Fire Protection District), and Los Padres National Forest NEPA Assistance.



Marie Campbell, *AEP Director-at-Large, President, Sapphos Environmental*

Marie is principal and owner of Sapphos Environmental, Inc. She is an environmental compliance specialist with more than 35 years of experience in managing public- and private-sector projects that require strategic planning, environmental compliance documentation, and resource management. She is recognized by the Los Angeles Bar Association as an expert on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). She has extensive experience with environmental compliance documentation for capital improvement projects for transportation, energy, recreation, health care, and water. She has served as a strategic environmental advisor on complex joint environmental impact statements and environmental impact reports for projects such as multiple conventional and renewable energy projects, the Los Angeles International Airport Master Plan and subsequent improvements, China Shipping Yard, and the Los Angeles County Drainage Area. She served as the project manager for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus and Long Beach Memorial Master Plan. She has overseen the entitlement and environmental analysis and permitting for over 3,000 megawatts of renewable and conventional energy projects and transmission facilities in the western United States. Marie is a 30-year member of NAEP and the California AEP. She currently serves as President of NAEP and Director-at-Large for California AEP Board of Directors.



Matt Dias, *Executive Officer, Board of Forestry & Fire Protection*

Matt graduated from Humboldt State University in 1999, after which time he worked with the former Pacific Lumber Company through 2005. He then moved to Swanton,

California where he was employed with Big Creek Lumber Company for over 7 years. In 2012 Matt was appointed as the Licensing Officer with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. In 2015, he was appointed the Executive Officer for the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Matt is Registered Professional Forester #2773.



Mindy Fogg, *AEP Executive Vice President, Senior Supervisor/Project Manager, Rincon Consultants, Inc.*

Mindy Fogg is a Senior Supervisor/Project Manager for Rincon Consultants, Inc. She has over 17 years of experience as a Land Use/Environmental Planner and CEQA Practitioner in both the private and public sectors. Her work has involved the preparation of CEQA and planning documents for numerous private and public projects, including mining projects, renewable energy projects, housing projects, ordinances, specific plans, and general plans. Ms. Fogg has been actively involved with AEP since 2008 and is currently serving as Executive Vice President on the State Board of Officers and Directors.



Ian Michael Forrest, *Senior Attorney, Southern California Edison*

Ian Michael Forrest is a Senior Attorney in the Real Property, Local Government Affairs & Licensing division of Southern California Edison Company's law department. A former environmental consultant, Ian has worked in various capacities to facilitate the permitting and implementation of development projects and aid complex industrial interests with environmental compliance. He has facilitated the permitting and implementation of a wide variety of public and private development projects, including energy utility infrastructure, energy generation, rapid urban transit, mixed-use residential and water quality enhancement. He has also served as a technical point of contact and public spokesperson, representing client interests before the media and in environmental negotiations with community groups and local municipalities.

Ian has substantive expertise on federal and state environmental statutes, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the federal and California Endangered Species Acts (ESA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the Federal Aviation Act (FAA). Ian's work with SCE focuses on environmental counseling related to energy and infrastructure projects. He has worked on numerous transmission lines and utility-scale renewable energy projects in the Western United States and has extensive experience before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Based out of Los Angeles, Ian is a frequent lecturer regarding renewable energy development, CEQA, and climate change legislation and policy in California and the United States. Internationally, Ian has worked with numerous organizations, including the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), World Business Council For Sustainable Development (WBCSD), United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), and Centre d'Informació i Documentació Internacional a Barcelona (CIDOB). Ian currently serves the Legislative Liaison of the Los Angeles Association of Environmental Professionals.



Laurel Glass Lees, *AEP Director-at-Large, Western Regional Director, Great Ecology*

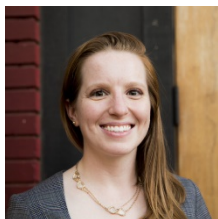
Laurel Glass Lees is a Director-at-Large on the AEP State Board of Directors with responsibilities as the Membership Committee Chair, CEQA Workshops State

Coordinator, and Executive Committee Member. She is a Director for Great Ecology, which is a nationwide ecological design firm with headquarters in San Diego. Laurel leads teams of designers, scientists, and planners responsible for Great Ecology's habitat restoration projects in the western United States. Their most recent wildfire resiliency efforts are focused in the Los Padres National Forest following the Thomas Fire and mudslides.



William Halligan, Esq., *AEP President, Principal of Environmental Services, PlaceWorks*

In over 20 years of both public and private sector planning experience, Bill has prepared environmental documents for a diverse range of projects, including small-scale residential and large planned communities, high-rise commercial office, industrial, and mixed use. Specific key projects include the The Ontario Plan EIR, Anaheim General Plan and Zoning Code Update, General Plan Amendment and Zone Change EIR for the Northern Sphere Area in Irvine, and the LA County General Plan Update EIR. In addition, Bill had been involved in extensive discussions and negotiations with the State Attorney General's office regarding the analysis of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) in project EIRs. Bill earned a Juris Doctorate degree specializing in environmental and land use law from the Chapman University School of Law. He is an active member of the American Bar Association and the Orange County Bar Association, and served as Chapter President of the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). He is a frequent guest lecturer on CEQA and associated case law for AEP's CEQA Workshop Series, UC Irvine's Graduate School of Management Program, UC Riverside, and Cal Poly, Pomona. In addition to CEQA documentation, Bill also provides third-party review for legal adequacy of EIRs prepared by other consultants. His diverse background provides him with a unique understanding of planning and zoning law, CEQA, and NEPA. As Chair of AEP's Legislative Review Committee, Bill works directly with AEP's lobbyist and the State Legislature on proposed legislation related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of the Committee is to provide analysis, prepare comment letters, and conduct direct lobbying on legislative bills relating to CEQA. This includes meetings with Sacramento legislators and staff, major regulatory officials, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Recently, he taught a "CEQA Basics" class at the Capitol for legislators and staffers. With Bill's input, environmental documents prepared by PlaceWorks can continually withstand legal challenge.



Edith Hannigan, *Land Use Planning Program Manager, Board of Forestry & Fire Protection*

Edith is the statewide manager for the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's land use planning policies. The Board is the regulatory arm of CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) and is authorized to regulate land use and development in the California WUI.

Edith works with cities and counties across the state to integrate wildfire hazard planning into their general plans. She also researches, writes, and revises the Board's laws for regulating land use development in the WUI. These laws provide minimum fire safety standards for roadways, street and building signs, water supply, and defensible space. She provides technical assistance to other state agencies on wildfire hazard planning, including CalOES, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, California Department of Housing and Community Development, and other CAL FIRE divisions. Edith

serves as primary point of contact for questions from agencies and the public regarding the WUI, land use planning, and range management issues.

Growing up in New Jersey, Edith's hometown often experienced flooding and she became interested in how we could build communities that were more resilient to natural disasters. She earned a Master of Planning from the University of Southern California and a BA in Geography from Rutgers University. She believes in an all-hazards approach to resiliency and planning and incorporating climate change and disaster adaptation into all aspects of the planning, building, and community development processes.



Julie Kalansky, PhD, *CA-Nevada Applications Program, Center for Western Weather Extremes, Scripps Institution of Oceanography*

Dr. Kalansky is a climate researcher at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and her interests stem from trying to understand weather and climate in order to better prepare for extreme events and future conditions. These efforts include using historical observations to understand historical weather variability in the Western US and the impacts associated with this variability as well as future projections of climate variability. She was actively involved with the California 4th Climate Assessment with a focus on sea level projections and the regional application of the information that is coming out of the effort. Julie engages with regional stakeholders to better understand how this climate and weather information can be applied in decision making.



Kurt Kathol, *Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Manager, NV5 Engineering*

Kurt Kathol currently manages the UAV and Mapping Group within NV5 Engineering. He has been working with UAV data acquisition methods for 8 years throughout the United States. His work includes extensive experience implementing usable High Precision Airborne GPS data for traditional stereo image collection and point cloud creation. On a day-to-day basis, Kurt also manages video, RGB, thermal, Multispectral imagery, and Airborne Lidar data acquisition for a variety of applications. As a constant, Kurt is involved in innovative research and development, integration, and implements these findings to create high value UAV services. Kurt is the co-founder of Skyscene LLC and has managed and provided UAV services for Skyscene clients for approximately four years. Skyscene LLC was then acquired by NV5 Engineering in 2017.



Matt Klopfenstein, *Legal Advocate & Legal Advisor, CalAdvisors*

Matt Klopfenstein is a Legislative Advocate and Legal Advisor at CalAdvisors, representing clients in legislative and regulatory arenas. Matt specializes in technology, energy, environmental, water, transportation, and local government policymaking, covering a wide breadth of high-profile issues. He has been involved in numerous noteworthy policy fights, both sponsoring priority legislation for clients, as well as working to prevent problematic proposals. Additionally, Matt works with a variety of the firm's clients on further the deployment of distributed generation, clean vehicle rebate programs and increasing funding for electric vehicles (EV) and EV infrastructure.

Most recently, Matt secured regulatory changes at the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to dramatically alter the status quo and allow services to be performed outside of brick and mortar

establishments. This effort on behalf of a client involved actively lobbying the Board and the Legislature and challenging an existing, entrenched industry.

Before joining CalAdvisors, Matt worked as a law clerk representing local government agencies. He also managed the successful campaign of a candidate running in El Dorado County. He formerly interned for a Superior Court Judge in Solano County and is active in Sacramento's legal community. Matt is also on the Board of the Sacramento Chapter of Young Professionals in Energy, helping bring together those interested in the energy sector for professional development, networking, and community engagement.

Matt obtained his J.D. degree and the Capitol Certificate in Public Law & Policy from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, where he graduated Order of the Coif with Great Distinction. He received his B.A. degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara where he majored in English.



Victoria LaMar-Haas, *Senior Emergency Services Coordinator & Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Lead, California Office of Emergency Services*

Victoria LaMar-Haas is a Senior Emergency Services Coordinator in the Hazard Mitigation Planning Division for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Over the past 22 years, Victoria has worked in all aspects of emergency management, including in the executive office, response, recovery, preparedness and mitigation. She also served as the conference coordinator for the Disaster Resistant California (DRC) conference and the California Alliance for Response efforts. Victoria joined the Hazard Mitigation Branch in 2008 as the Earthquake Mitigation Specialist and is now the lead over the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Program. Victoria is a long-time member of the California Emergency Services Association and is a recipient of the CESA Gold Award for her contributions to the field of emergency management. Before coming to Cal OES, Victoria was an Assignment Editor at FOX 40 Television in Sacramento and has an extensive background in broadcasting and journalism. She is a native of Sonoma County and is a graduate of CSU Sacramento.



Carlie Murphy, *Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator, Tahoe Resource Conservation District*

Carlie Murphy is the Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator for the Tahoe Resource Conservation District. Her role is to collaborate with partners and neighborhood leaders to help neighborhoods become fire adapted communities in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Carlie received Bachelor's degrees in Environmental & Sustainability Studies, Geography, and Urban Ecology from the University of Utah.



Alan Olson, *Director of Ecosystem Planning, US Forest Service*

Mr. Olson is Director of Ecosystem Planning for the US Forest Service – California (Region 5) which includes NEPA planning, Forest Plan Revision, Administrative Review, Litigation and FOIA. He has served as director since 2014 and was previously Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Shasta-trinity NF. Mr. Olson has considerable ecological restoration experience on five Forests and multiple Ranger Districts over roughly 30 years in Region 5 starting as a volunteer on the Los Padres National Forest. Prior to that time, he worked as a high-seas observer for the National Marine Fisheries Service and fishery biologist for US Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management. A graduate of the Humboldt State

University, Mr. Olson received both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Natural Resources Management.



Margaret Sohagi, *Principal, The Sohagi Law Group*

Ms. Sohagi's practice for the last 30 years has focused on assisting public agencies to navigate the legal complexities of land use, CEQA and NEPA. Ms. Sohagi provides constructive, practical legal advice, working directly with lead agency counsel, staff, appointed elected officials. When necessary, she zealously defends lead agencies' land use approvals and environmental determinations in judicial proceedings, and frequently heads mediation teams in settlement discussions.

As a longstanding CEQA instructor for California's Continuing Judicial Studies Program, Ms. Sohagi has the unique opportunity to instruct Superior Court judges, appellate justices and court attorneys. Her land use and environmental law expertise, and ability to keep public agencies informed about the latest legal developments and trends, is also demonstrated through her frequent planning and legal conference presentations, extensive UCLA and USC teaching experience, and publications such as the Solano Press book Exactions and Impact Fees in California. Ms. Sohagi's prior career as a city planner gives her invaluable insight into the intricacies of complex project development and review.



Das Williams, *1st District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara*

Supervisor Das Williams was elected to represent the First District of Santa Barbara County in June 2016. Williams previously represented the area, along with over half of Santa Barbara County and a quarter of Ventura County in the California State Assembly from 2010-2016. Prior to his service in the Assembly,

Williams served 7 years on the Santa Barbara City Council from 2003-2010 and also served as a trustee for Peabody Charter School in Santa Barbara.

During his extensive public service, Williams has earned a reputation as a champion for renewable energy and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. In the Assembly, Williams helped successfully advocate for a requirements that 33% of the state's energy come from renewable sources by 2020. With the state on track to hit that goal, Williams has authored legislation to increase the renewable energy goal to 50% by 2030.

A lifelong advocate for our coast, Williams championed required testing of groundwater before, during, and after hydraulic fracturing, which was included in California's regulations on fracking and authored legislation to expand groundwater monitoring to other types of injection wells to protect underground sources of drinking water from oil and gas wastewater disposal.

Williams also took leadership to ensure statewide resources would be spent locally to provide relief from the drought, including securing funds for the Lake Cachuma pump project and supporting funding for water recycling and conservation efforts. He's also been a leader on emergency preparedness, hosting an emergency preparedness fair every year since he took office and working to ensure 911 calls are correct routed to cut down on response time.

Williams grew up in Santa Barbara County and attended local schools. In addition to his service in elected office, he taught at Antioch University in Santa Barbara, worked as a junior high school teacher,

as well as a legislative aid to California State Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson. Williams holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science & Management, with a focus on water pollution, planning processes, and land-use law at UC Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science.