



2019 AEP Institute: Wildfire Resiliency Planning & CEQA

June 28, 2019 | Marriott Burbank Airport

AGENDA

7:30 am – 8:00 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Opening Keynote – Matt Dias, Executive Officer, Board of Forestry & Wildfire Protection AICP: 1.0 *Sponsored by Michael Baker International*

9:00 am – 10:30 am: Climate Change & Wildfire Resiliency – AICP: 1.5

The first panel will discuss how climate change is affecting wildfires and how our models work to predict and address resiliency. We will also demonstrate how drone technology assists in the impact analysis and planning efforts.

Moderator: Laurel Glass Lees, AEP Director-at-Large, Co-founder of ASTRA, a stellar company

Speakers: Kurt Kathol, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Manager, NV5 Engineering

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

Christopher P. Terzich, Environmental Regulatory & Technical Lead, San Diego Gas & Electric

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm: Legislative Activity – AICP: 1.5 | CM Law: 1.5 | MCLE: 1.0

*This session will examine the state's legislative and regulatory activity in response to several years of devastating wildfires. Our speakers will discuss the policies being debated and politics behind the proposals to provide Institute attendees insight into what rules and regulations may be on the horizon. **Sponsored by ICF International***

Moderator: Matt Klopfenstein, AEP Lobbyist, Legal Advisor, California Advisors LLP

Speakers: William Halligan, Esq., AEP President, Principal, PlaceWorks

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

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm: Keynote Lunch – Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara

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1:15 pm – 2:45 pm: Planning for Resiliency: How Agencies are Addressing Resiliency in Management Plans – AICP: 1.5

This session will take a look at how local, State and federal agencies are preparing management plans with special emphasis on wildfire resiliency. Our panelists will provide real-world examples of policies that work in community plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, and Forest Management Plans. Sponsored by JE Fuller/Hydrology & Geomorphology, Inc.

Moderator: Mindy Fogg, AEP Executive Vice President, Senior Supervisor, Rincon Consultants

Speakers: Alan Olson, Director, Ecosystem Planning, U.S. Forest Service

Ken Worman, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, California Office of
Emergency Services

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

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Break

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Addressing Wildfire Resiliency in CEQA Documents – AICP: 1.5 | MCLE: 1.0

The fourth and final panel of the day will address a pathway for considering wildfire resiliency, in conjunction with the analysis of fire hazards in documents prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Particular emphasis will be placed on how best to meet the standard for an information document, considering recent cases limiting CEQA analysis to the effects of the project on the environment, rather than the effects of the environment on the project. An important aspect of the conversation about wildfire resiliency and CEQA is streamlining opportunities for environmental review approaches to implement fuel reducing vegetation treatments, fuel breaks, evacuation routes, and other features of making communities more wildfire safe. The streamlining discussion will highlight recent efforts undertaken by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's California Vegetation Treatment Program EIR and other regional-scale environmental reviews in Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada.

Moderator: Marie Campbell, AEP Director-at-Large, President, Sapphos Environmental

Speakers: Ian Forrest, Senior Attorney, Southern California Edison

Margaret Sohagi, Principal, The Sohagi Law Group

Curtis Alling, Principal, Ascent Environmental

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm: Wrap-up

4:45 pm – 6:00 pm: Networking Happy Hour *Sponsored by Sapphos Environmental*

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