AEP STATE CONFERENCE
CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The 2017 AEP Conference will provide an interactive atmosphere where ideas, policy, and science collide to generate innovative strategies and solutions for successful environmental planning, environmental review, project approvals, and permitting. This year's conference seeks to "bridge the gap" between CEQA practitioners and the technical experts they rely on, between CEQA and planning, and among other related local, regional, statewide, and national environmental issues.

SESSION TRACKS: To advance this theme, the Conference Committee is seeking submittals for panel presentations related to one of the following six session tracks:

- *CEQA Evolution –* panels focusing on recent or upcoming changes to CEQA, including amendments to the CEQA Guidelines, VMT vs. LOS, AB 52, "reverse CEQA," and implications of recent case law
- *Practitioner's Guide to Environmental Planning –* interactive knowledge-sharing panels on, among other possibilities, CEQA and NEPA "nuts & bolts," best practices/lessons learned, and professional development
- *Intersection of Planning & CEQA –* sessions about the relationship between the CEQA process and broader planning matters, such as housing, in-fill development, gentrification, and regional transit
- *It's All Geek to Me –* panels bridging the gap between CEQA practitioners and technical experts on topics such as air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geotechnical, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, transportation, and visual resources
- *Water Under the Bridge –* panels focusing on any and all water-related issues, including groundwater resources, sea-level rise and adaptation, shoreline issues, and drought management
- *Student/Emerging Professionals Track –* sessions designed to advance the development of students and emerging environmental professionals

SESSION DETAILS: Conference panel sessions will be 90 minutes in length. Session rooms will be equipped with a speaker's podium, laptop, projector, extension cords, and screen. Additional A/V, or other equipment, requirements should be noted in abstract submissions. Discounted registration rates are available for those speakers interested in attending meal functions, networking events, or presentation sessions other than their own.

DEADLINE: *Abstracts are due on October 28, 2016.*

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS: To submit an abstract, please go to the following webpage: eiseverywhere.com/eselectv2/frontend/index/192047. You will be prompted to create a username and password, and a session ID will be assigned to each panel submitted. Submittals should include a brief description of the presentation and are limited to 300 words. Please also be prepared to provide the name, affiliation, biography, and contact information for each session moderator and/or panelist.

ABSTRACT EVALUATION: Abstracts will be evaluated by the Committee for relevance to the conference theme and session tracks, quality of the proposed presentation topic or panel, level of audience participation, transferability of the strategies and solutions presented, relevance to current trends and issues, and consistency with AEP's Mission Statement.

QUESTIONS: For questions, please contact conference organizers at 2017aepconference@gmail.com. Please include your session ID, if available, in the subject line of your email.

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