

Welcome from the Conference Chair



Steve Noack

Welcome To San Francisco

On behalf of myself and the Conference Committee we welcome you to the 2017 Association of Environmental Professionals State Conference. Over the last 16 months, we have worked hard to plan what we hope is an educational and entertaining conference that provides you with new ideas and approaches to enhance your professional skills while providing the opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet new colleagues.

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. We have worked to create 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.

All of us on the Conference Committee look forward to meeting you at the opening reception on Thursday night with the infamous AEP Jam Band, and at our breakfast and lunch events. Be sure to attend the Awards Ceremony on Friday night, which will start at 6:00 PM to allow time for beverages and bites outside the ballroom. And don't forget that the San Francisco Chapter is hosting a party on Saturday night from 8-11 at the Press Club, 20 Yerba Buena Lane, about ½ mile from the hotel.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our sponsors, for their generosity in supporting AEP.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Noack". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "N".

Steve Noack

Conference Chair