# Association of Environmental Professionals MENBERSHP

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**ENCOURAGE** and

carry out research and education including regular meetings for the benefit of AEP members, the public and concerned professionals in all fields related to environmental planning and analysis.

**PROMOTE** public awareness and involvement in the environmental planning, analysis and review process.

**ENHANCE** maintain and protect the quality of the natural and human environment.

## IMPROVE

communication and advance the state of the art among people who deal with the environmental planning, analysis and evaluation process.

**AFFILIATED** with

the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP).

## Agency & Corporate Membership \$250 Annual Dues

Corporate Members are provided one floating full membership and Agency Members are provided two floating full memberships. Corporate Members also receive special recognition at the annual State Conference, a 10% discount on advertising, and a highlighted listing in AEP's statewide newsletter. Each Chapter may provide additional recognition for Sponsor Members. The floating membership entitles individuals to attend local chapter activities, regional workshops and the State Conference at the discounted member rate.

**Note:** The agency or company takes responsibility to notify the appropriate AEP officer regarding which employee will attend a given AEP activity on behalf of the company.

## FULL MEMBERSHIP \$150 ANNUAL DUES

Includes all of the many services, benefits and discounts of membership. Depending on your location, you will become a member of the local chapter nearest you and you will get updates on Chapter activities, which will list the AEP activities in your area. The AEP State Board also provides outlying area support, through the Directors at Large, to keep members in touch with items of interest and to facilitate establishment of new programs and committees.

## PROFESSIONAL DISCOUNTS

AEP is continuously negotiating professional discounts for AEP members to attend U.C. Extension courses and to obtain professional guidebooks of interest to members. The discounts vary depending on the event and/or the publisher.

## The Association of Environmental Professionals

## **IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERTISE - JOIN TODAY!**

The Association of Environmental Professionals is proud to offer a full range of services and benefits. These benefits are geared toward environmental professionals who seek to improve their skills as environmental and resource managers. AEP is dedicated to the continued improvement of the environmental profession and its members.

## ...a wide range of member benefits...

## **LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

Local chapters are governed by the local members with guidance and assistance, as needed, from the State Board. The local chapters offer a wide range of services and activities, typically consisting of a regular newsletter, membership meetings featuring top environmental professionals discussing current environmental topics, and a chance to network with local environmental professionals from diverse backgrounds and environmental fields. Some chapters engage in educational activities based upon topical environmental issues and trends.

## **ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE**

California AEP holds an annual Conference at various locations throughout the state, providing members with an opportunity to hear leading speakers in the environmental field, improve their skills, network with people from around the state, and discuss major environmental issues with experts in the field.

## **ANNUAL CEQA WORKSHOPS**

Yearly updates of existing and recently adopted California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) laws and current court actions. AEP members receive a discount when attending the annual CEQA workshops at locations throughout the state. The format of the workshops has proven successful, providing both basic and advanced information.

## **ANNUAL NEPA WORKSHOPS**

The NEPA Basics workshop is designed to inform consultants, regulators, applicants, and industry professionals on NEPA practice.

## **ANNUAL AEP INSTITUTE**

The AEP Institute is an outgrowth of our Emerging Issues Committee to find and examine environmental issues that are "over the horizon" and proactively deal with them. The Institute was formed to host unique annual events to stimulate discussion among professionals from many disciplines on a variety of environmental topics.

## **CEQA PORTAL**

The CEQA Portal is a link to a set of tools for members interested in learning about the CEQA. It was developed by AEP to assist CEQA practitioners, attorneys, elected and appointed officials, students, and members of the public in understanding the goals of CEQA, its process and content requirements, and how to prepare CEQA documents. The CEQA Topic Papers within the Portal were prepared by professionals and reviewed by attorneys to provide authoritative and detailed guidance on various CEQA Topics. The Portal also includes a CEQA Case Law Database, which is searchable by CEQA topic, court of jurisdiction, or date range.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR**

The quarterly statewide magazine with information on top leaders in the profession, articles of interest, job opportunities and summaries of state and local chapter activities. The magazine is recognized throughout the environmental planning profession as an important source of information.

## SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1974, AEP HAS GROWN TO OVER 1800 MEMBERS INCLUDING:

Planners • Environmental Scientists • Biologists • Lawyers • Noise Specialists Transportation Planners • Paralegals • Archaeologists • Geologists • Engineers Visual Analysts and Other Professionals in Numerous Disciplines

#### **REFER A COLLEAGUE**

Who referred you to AEP? When you join, don't forget to put down the name of the current member who referred you and we'll send that person a token of appreciation. In the application at the back of this brochure, just put his/her first and last name in the "Referred By" space. Once you are a member, refer your colleagues to AEP and rack up the rewards!

#### **CEQA HANDBOOK**

Each year AEP members receive a complimentary copy of the CEQA Handbook which contains the latest versions of the CEQA statute, guidelines, and appendices from OPR. Additional hard or CD copies are available at a low price.

#### **REGIONAL AREA SUPPORT**

Ensuring representation no matter where you live. Directors-at-Large and State sponsored events provide service to all areas within California.

#### **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

AEP has an active Legislative Committee and lobbyist which closely track and respond to proposed CEQA legislation in order to influence the pending legislation in a positive and meaningful manner. In addition to attending an annual "Day at the Capitol," the members provide current summaries and analyses of the bills via the Environmental Assessor and other Legislative Updates.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM**

An excellent opportunity to be professionally recognized for outstanding achievements and document preparation. AEP offers an award program, the results of which are presented at the State Conference.

#### **AEP CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT**

Special credit for members attending AEP workshops and other events. CEQA Workshop participants are able to count attendance toward continuing education credit requirements under AICP and MCLE.

#### **MEMBER SERVICES**

Check out the AEP website at www.califaep.org or send an email to membership@califaep.org

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Committees include Legislative, Permanent Conference, Financial Policies, Emerging Issues, Workshops, Publications, Climate Change, Awards/Professional Recognition, Membership, Student Outreach, and Website.

#### **NAEP AFFILIATION**

California AEP is affiliated with the National Association of Environmental Professionals and serves as the California Chapter for NAEP. California AEP members are not obligated to join NAEP, but may do so to receive the additional benefits of NAEP. California AEP's affiliation with NAEP provides benefits to members of both organizations by fostering networking and educational opportunities. For additional information about NAEP, and to get a membership application, please visit www.naep.org.

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE INSURANCE DISCOUNT

AEP members can receive a discount on general liability and professional liability insurance through AEP's partnership.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE**

A certificate, suitable for framing, sent to each new AEP member.

#### WEBSITE

AEP's Website, at **www.califaep.org** is a great resource for members providing information about upcoming events, pending legislation, membership information, CEQA, and employment opportunities.



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS \$70 ANNUAL DUES

A bridge rate for student members who graduated within the last two years of the current date and are starting their careers in the environmental profession. Former student members can enjoy two consecutive years at the reduced Young Professionals rate.

## EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP \$70 ANNUAL DUES

An Emeritus annual membership recognizes that even after retirement, environmental professionals would like to stay in the loop. If you have been a full member in the past five years, but no longer practice, you may be eligible for this discount.

## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP \$35 ANNAL DUES

Includes all of the individual membership services and eligibility for the annual AEP Student Awards Program. Student members must be currently enrolled in 12 units or more at an accredited school. The State Conference Committee typically offers students reduced registration rates to the State Conference.

In addition, AEP is an excellent resource for internship opportunities and networking with environmental professionals while seeking employment opportunities.

Contact the local chapter for more information on student benefits and activities.

## **AEP CHAPTER AREAS**

 Channel Counties
 Inland Empire
 Los Angeles
 Monterey Bay/ Silicon Valley
 Superior California
 Orange County
 San Diego
 San Francisco Bay Area
 Central

AEP is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization.



## Association of Environmental Professionals

## New/Renewal Membership Application

Please mail this portion along with your check made payable to AEP: c/o Lynne C. Bynder, CMP, Meetings Xceptional, 40747 Baranda Court, Palm Desert, CA 92260. AEP can not invoice for new memberships. Questions: 760.340.4499, fax: 760.674.2479.

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EP Code of Ethics		Status	Please Check
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<ul> <li>values, integrity, and respect of the profession.</li> <li>I will uphold the stated intent as well as the letter of environmental policies, laws, and regulations which are adopted by governmental bodies or agencies.</li> <li>I will not engage in, encourage, or condone dishonesty, fraud, deceit, discrimination, or misrepresentation in the solicitation, preparation, or use of work prepared by me or under my direction.</li> <li>I will fully disclose to my employers and my prospective clients any economic or ethical interests which could reasonable be interpreted as a conflict of interest by them or by the other affected parties with regard to my professional work.</li> <li>I will ensure a good faith effort at full disclosure, technical accuracy, sound methodology, clarity, and objectivity in the collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of the environmental information by me or under my direction.</li> </ul>		Renewal Membership Change of Address, Etc Membership Category	
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Contributions or gifts to AEP are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. AEP estimates that the nondeductible portion of your dues allocable to lobbying