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Local Climate Change Planning

Strategies for developing local Climate Action Plans and adapting to major 2017 legislative actions

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- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Introduction & Overview
 - Jennifer L. Hernandez, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
Holland & Knight LLP ~ San Francisco, CA
 - Tina A. Thomas, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
Thomas Law Group ~ Sacramento, CA
- 8:45 Federal Environmental Policy Backdrop
 - Impact of President Trump's Executive Orders; EPA policy announcements, budgets and personnel changes and vacancies; legislative proposals; how the politics are playing out
 - Sean B. Hecht, Esq., Co-Executive Director**
Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment
Los Angeles, CA
- 9:30 California's Legislative Backdrop for Addressing Climate Change
 - AB 398, AB 617, the constitutional amendment relating to distribution of action proceeds, additional 2017 legislation, and how the pieces work together
 - Cara Martinson**
Legislative Representative/ Federal Affairs Manager
California Association of Counties ~ Sacramento, CA
- 10:00 Special Address: Development and Implementation of California's Climate Change Policy from a State and Local Government Perspective
 - Insights from work as a former legislative leader and as current Mayor of Sacramento
 - The Hon. Darrell Steven Steinberg, Mayor**
City of Sacramento ~ Sacramento, CA
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 CARB's 2017 Updates to the Scoping Plan
 - Overview of the changes and how they came about
 - The Hon. Phil Serna, Supervising Board Member**
Sacramento County ~ Sacramento, CA
- 11:15 Cap & Trade as an Existing Foundational Element for California's Approach to Carbon Emission Reduction
 - Update on the results of previous auctions, appellate litigation, and administrative changes; how AB 398 and related legislation will change the status quo, including distribution of auction proceeds
 - Robert C. Lapsley, President**
California Business Roundtable ~ Sacramento, CA

- 12:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 Implementation of New Affordable Housing and Environmental Justice Provisions
 - A detailed look at the provisions, new requirements and funding for affordable housing, and impacts how to factor environmental justice considerations in to planning and permitting
 - Amy Vanderwarker, Co-Director**
California Environmental Justice Alliance ~ Oakland, CA
- 2:00 Reducing GHG Emissions: Pathways and Modeling Approaches
 - Pathways: The debate over carbon taxes vs. cap & trade vs. command & control in development of the revised scoping plan and the implications of selection of a pathway on how to proceed
 - Shari B. Libicki, Ph.D., Global Air Quality Practice Leader**
Ramboll Environ Inc. ~ San Francisco, CA
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Development of Regional Targets for Reducing GHG Emissions from Transportation and Land Use
 - Practical implementation steps for achieving new targets
 - Tina A. Thomas, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
 - Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer**
Southern California Association of Governments
Los Angeles, CA
 - Kenneth D. Kirkey, Planning Director**
Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission
San Francisco, CA
- 5:00 Continue the Exchange of Ideas: Reception for Faculty and Attendees
 - Sponsored by Holland & Knight LLP and Thomas Law Group

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As the Trump Administration turns its back on climate change policy, Governor Brown and the California Legislature are tackling the issue head-on. The most recent legislative action is AB 398, which extends the Cap and Trade program for an additional 10 years and AB 617, which enacts some of the strongest air quality protections in California history. In the administrative arena, there is CARB's 2017 Scoping Plan, which furthers implementation of SB 743, and the CARB Vibrant Communities and Landscapes 2050 vision. Judicial developments include the Supreme Court's decision in Center for Biological Diversity v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (2015) and the Court's recent decision in Cleveland National Forest Foundation v. San Diego Association of Governments (2017).

We are fortunate to have the author of SB 743 and SB 375, former Senate President Pro Tem and Mayor Darrell Steinberg, in attendance to address how those two pieces of legislation affect local land use planning. CARB Board member and Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna will address the recently adopted CARB Scoping Plan, and the impact of the extension of the Cap and Trade program through 2030.

On the second day of the conference, speakers will discuss how these emerging laws and policies affect local land use planning, including development of local Climate Action Plans. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a very interesting and informative program.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Jennifer L. Hernandez, Esq. of Holland & Knight LLP and Tina A. Thomas, Esq. of Thomas Law Group



- 8:30 Local Options for Getting to the Net Zero Goal for New Housing Units
Options including distributed solar and building code revisions, and their viability
Mindy Craig, Owner/Principal
Blue Point Planning ~ Oakland, CA
- 9:15 SB 743 and Implementation of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for Analysis of Transportation Impacts
VMT mitigation strategies and update on research on the best approaches to VMT analysis
Lynn Peterson
Lynn Peterson Consulting ~ Lake Oswego, OR
A local planning consultant's perspective on the implementation progress and challenges
Donald Hubbard, Senior Transportation Planning Manager
Parsons Brinckerhoff ~ Sacramento, CA
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Carbon Emissions and Local Land Use Planning and Permitting
CEQA analysis after the Newhall Ranch decision including thresholds of significance analysis
Kenneth B. Bley, Esq.
Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP ~ Los Angeles, CA
Environmental perspective on the key planning and permitting issues
Kevin P. Bundy, Esq., Climate Legal Director
Center for Biological Diversity ~ Oakland, CA

- 12:15 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 Development of Vibrant Communities and Landscapes for Urban Areas and Natural and Working Lands Policies for Rural Areas
Overview of statutory provisions; state guidance; local/regional implementation strategies and challenges
Larry Greene, Executive Director
SMAQMD ~ Sacramento, CA
- 2:15 Putting the Pieces Together: Development of Local Climate Action Plans
Tips for scoping out what needs to be done to cover the necessary elements for a plan, identifying the legal standards to meet, working through the practical problems, and obtaining buy-in for stakeholders
Andrea Ruiz-Esquide, Esq.
San Francisco City Attorney's Office ~ San Francisco, CA
Honey Walters, Principal
Ascent Environmental Inc ~ Sacramento, CA
- 3:30 Evaluations and Adjourn



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Faculty: Local Climate Change Planning Conference

Jennifer L. Hernandez, *Program Co-Chair*, leads the West coast Land Use and Environment Practice Group at Holland & Knight LLP. Her climate change practice includes integrating climate change requirements into the environmental analyses required by CEQA. She also advises clients on climate action planning.

Tina A. Thomas, *Program Co-Chair*, is the founder of the Thomas Law Group. She played an extensive role in the passage of California Senate Bill 375, which encourages smart growth and infill development.

The Hon. Darrell Steven Steinberg, *Special Address*, is Mayor of the City of Sacramento, California. He was elected to be mayor on June 7, 2016. Before that, he was California Senate President pro Tempore and the leader of the majority party in the California State Senate from 2008 to 2014.

Kenneth B. Bley is a Partner at Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP, where he counsels on the land use entitlement process. He advises clients on all aspects of planning, zoning, and environmental review and represents them before planning commissions, city councils, boards of supervisors, and in trial and appellate courts.

Kevin P. Bundy, Senior Attorney, serves as the Climate Legal Director for the Center for Biological Diversity and works with the Climate Law Institute. Previously, he represented public-interest and citizen groups in environmental and land-use cases with Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP.

Darin Chidsey serves as Chief Operating Officer for the Southern California Association of Governments. He is responsible for driving the vision and strategies of the agency, as well as leading the implementation of new Regional Council initiatives.

Mindy Craig is the Owner & Principal of Blue Point Planning. She provides policy and strategic planning, marketing, outreach and communications, and financial feasibility services to organizations throughout California and the United States.



Larry Greene is the Executive Director of SMAQMD. He has been the driving force in the many air-improving programs supported and implemented by the air district staff. He is a Past President of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) and Co-Chair of the Global Warming Committee.

Sean B. Hecht is the Co-Executive Director of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, and Evan Frankel Professor of Policy and Practice, at UCLA School of Law. His teaching includes Public Natural Resources Law and Policy, Environmental Law, and a California State Environmental Law seminar, in addition to the Environmental Law Clinic.

Donald Hubbard is a Senior Transportation Planning Manager with Parsons Brinckerhoff, with extensive experience in travel demand forecasting and land use planning. He also served as an advisor with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Kenneth D. Kirkey serves as Planning Director for the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Rob C. Lapsley is President of the California Business Roundtable. Previously, he was Vice President and State Political Director for CalChamber and he served as President of RCL Consultants and Vice President of Arnel Development.

Shari B. Libicki, Ph.D. is the Global Air Quality Practice Area Leader at Ramboll Environ Inc. She is an expert on GHG evaluations for CEQA documents, and is at the forefront of developing regulations in California, having served on the Regional Targets Advisory Council.

Neil Peacock is a Senior Environmental Planner for Caltrans, Division of Environmental Analysis. He works on legislative analysis as well as the Standard Environmental Reference and Environmental Document Annotated Outlines, and serves as the divisions representative on the Transportation Analysis Guide/Transportation Impact Study Guide (TAG/TISG) project.

Lynn Peterson is the founder of Lynn Peterson Consulting. Most recently, she previously served as the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. She also supported WSDOT's partnerships with cities and counties, businesses and transportation interests to cost-effectively build safe and healthy communities everywhere in Washington state.

Andrea Ruiz-Esquide is an attorney at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office. She focuses on environmental law and public policy.

The Honorable Phil Serna is a Supervising Board Member to Sacramento County. He serves on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors representing residents of District 1.

Amy Vanderwarker is the Co-Director for the California Environmental Justice Alliance. She manages the Climate Justice program and works to create healthy environments for live, work and play.

Honey Walters is the Principal of Ascent Environmental Inc., where she leads the firm's air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG)/climate change, and noise practices. She is an expert in air quality impact analysis and compliance, GHG assessments and climate change reduction planning, and noise impact analysis and mitigation.

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Attorneys; land use planners; regional and local government officials; Tribal officials; real estate developers; environmental consultants; and others involved with Climate issues at the local and regional levels

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