

# 2021 Conference Call for Presentations



## Association of Environmental Professionals 2021 Conference Call for Presentations: Diving into an Ocean of Knowledge



The Los Angeles Chapter will host the 2021 AEP Conference at the Queen Mary in lovely Long Beach. The theme of this conference is Diving into an Ocean of Knowledge. As in the past, the 2021 conference will provide an opportunity for CEQA practitioners and technical experts to meet and discuss important topics of the day, with an emphasis on expanding our knowledge and delving deeper into how our profession can improve the environments we live in.

### Session Tracks:

**Learning from the Past** – panels focused on learning from history including architectural history, cultural resources, and solutions to promote the protection of important resources while planning for the future.

**Waves of Understanding** – panels focused on water resources, ports, marine resources, and water conservation. Panels in this track may discuss hydrology and water quality, but also the nuances of industries that exist at or near water sources including ports, water transit, etc.

**Deep Dive into Evolving Regulations** – panels focused on CEQA updates, new approaches to NEPA, and changing regulations. From VMT to the Endangered Species Act, we'd like insight into best practices for analysis and mitigation in an ever-shifting regulatory environment.

**Sailing with the Ocean Breeze** – panels in this session will focus on climate change and adaptation, air quality, health risk assessment, and greenhouse gas emissions analysis.

**Tides of Change** – panels focused on planning, environmental justice, and transportation especially in terms of the changing regulatory environment in these important areas. Panels can discuss best practices for VMT analysis, or how environmental justice can be incorporated and analyzed in environmental documents as we expect in the near future.

**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 to those speakers interested in attending meal functions, networking events, or presentation sessions other than their own.

**Submittal Instructions:** To submit an abstract, please visit the following website: (insert site). You will be prompted to create a username and password, and a session ID will be assigned to each panel submitted. Submittals 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 Submission deadline is December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. <https://mms.califaep.org/members/proposals/proselect.php?orgcode=CAEP&prid=859967>

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

**Questions:** For questions, please contact conference organizers at [marissa.mathias@icf.com](mailto:marissa.mathias@icf.com). Please include your session ID, if available, in the subject line of your email.