

Conference Biographies



Name: Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Liaison, California Department of Water Resources

Biography: Department of Water Resources (DWR) appointed Anecita Agustinez as Tribal Policy Advisor in August 2013. Her primary responsibilities are to provide policy support and recommendations regarding tribal issues to Director Karla Nemeth and Lead Deputy Director Cindy Messer. Anecita has been actively engaged with DWR's various divisions assisting in Tribal Consultation and in the development of DWR's Tribal Consultation Policy. Before joining the Department, she served as the Native American Liaison, and Manager of the Office of Legislative and External Affairs, and the Office of Health Access at the Department of Health Care Services. She previously was the Assistant Director of the Office of Native American Affairs at the Department of Justice in the Office of the Attorney General. Her experience includes developing and conducting training in the areas of tribal consultation, cultural competency, environmental justice, social justice issues, and legislative advocacy on behalf of California's Tribal Governments. The Office of the Tribal Policy Advisor coordinates communication and outreach with other state agencies and facilitates government-to-government consultation between Department of Water Resources and California's Native American Tribes and Tribal governments. Anecita is an enrolled citizen of the Navajo Nation. She is born to the Todich'íiníi (Bitter Water Clan) and born for the Ilocano Clan.

Name: Jeff Ang-Olson, Vice President, Transportation, ICF

Biography: A planner and engineer with more than 20 years of experience, Jeffrey is an expert in climate change, economics, freight transportation, travel demand management, performance measures, technology assessment, and land use. He frequently leads multidisciplinary teams to support government agencies with strategy and planning to address emerging issues. Previously, Jeffrey served as principal investigator in six studies for the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board. He also led over 100 consulting projects covering all transportation modes. Much of Jeff's work involves developing innovative techniques for reducing vehicle travel and emissions through land-use planning, demand management, advanced technologies, and public-private partnerships. He oversees the creation of plans, guidance manuals, and calculator tools for federal and state agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and the private sector.

Name: Pat Angell, Principal, Ascent Environmental

Biography: Pat Angell is a principal at Ascent. He has more than 30 years of experience serving as a project director and manager and technical analyst for a variety of projects. His experience includes establishing environmental review divisions for cities, coordinating and facilitating large-scale private and public projects. He has also been

involved in the preparation of several joint CEQA and NEPA documents and technical studies. Pat has served on the local board of Superior California Chapter of AEP nearly 15 years and is currently serving as the Chapter Director. He also the Chair of the AEP CEQA Portal Committee and is the Chair of the 2023 State AEP Conference.

Name: Suk-Ann Yee, Senior Biologist, Coast Ridge Ecology

Biography: Suk-Ann Yee is an experienced biologist with a range of field experience in a variety of ecosystems in California. She first joined Coast Ridge Ecology in 2011 as a Specialty Environmental Monitor on large scale construction projects for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. She is well versed with the CEQA/NEPA regulatory process and has prepared biological assessments, wetland delineations, and facilitated permit applications for various private and public sector clients. Ms. Yee is a practiced avian biologist who has extensive experience surveying for bird nests and has monitored the nests of over 70 different terrestrial bird species through California. She has worked extensively with special status plant and animal species throughout the bay area and holds a 10(a)(1)(A) recovery permit for California red-legged frog.

Name: Rebeca Appel, Group Program Manager, County of San Diego, Sustainability & Environmental Justice

Biography: Rebeca Appel (she/her) is a Group Program Manager in the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice at the County of San Diego. Rebeca works on regional sustainability initiatives, such as the Regional Decarbonization Framework (RDF), which is a visionary framework to get the San Diego region to zero carbon emissions by mid-century in the major emitting sectors through collaborative actions. The RDF includes a Technical Report, a Workforce Development Study, and an Implementation Playbook, which is a resource for jurisdictions, agencies, communities, and businesses looking to decarbonize. She also works on projects that support a resilient regional food system, as well as ensuring data-driven performance measures. She holds a B.A. in City and Regional Planning from Sonoma State University and a Masters in Public Policy from UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy.

Name: Daunte Arriaga, CEQA Technician, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

Biography: Daunte Arriaga is a Clearinghouse Technician in the State Clearinghouse. He processes and reviews documents submitted to the CEQA Database, assisting with quality assurance and providing technical assistance to public agencies and the general public.

Name: Christine Asiata Rodriguez, Manager, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

Biography: Christine Asiata Rodriguez, is the Manager of the State Clearinghouse (SCH) at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). With a tenure of over 15 years, her focus is on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and guidance. Christine is the Project Leader and Manager who facilitates training on the new CEQA database pursuant to the SB 122 which requires environmental documents and notices prepared pursuant to the CEQA, to be available online. The CEQA Guidelines governs the operation of the SCH, and defines its roles and responsibilities. Consecutively, the SCH serves government agencies and the public by coordinating state-level review of environmental document distribution, providing assistance with the environmental review process, and managing the environmental information collected.

Name: John Bellas, Los Angeles Area CEQA Technical Director, Michael Baker International

Biography: John Bellas is Michael Baker International's CEQA Technical Director for the Los Angeles area. With more than 20 years of experience, he has managed the preparation of numerous CEQA and NEPA documents for a wide range of projects, including urban infill projects, greenfield and brownfield development projects, schools

and colleges, parks and recreational facilities, solar energy projects, land use plans and programs, and various capital improvement projects. In addition, John regularly provides strategic CEQA guidance to a variety of agencies in Southern California and frequently conducts peer reviews of CEQA documents for lead and responsible agencies. John is also an experienced CEQA instructor, having conducted specialized CEQA training programs for agencies and served as a panelist for CEQA training sessions hosted by professional organizations.

Name: Helen Blackmore, Acting Chief, Environmental Maintenance, Caltrans

Biography: Helen Blackmore has worked at Caltrans, District 4 (Oakland) since 2014 as an Environmental Professional and is currently the Branch Chief of Architectural History in the Office of Cultural Resource Studies (OCRS). Helen has served in various acting assignments, as the Office Chief of OCRS, and as Office Chief of the Office of Maintenance Environmental Services in the Division of Maintenance. Helen leads a team of staff working to complete environmental compliance for transportation projects including public and stakeholder engagement.

Name: Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Biography: Grace is a Transportation Planner at Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. She holds a degree from UC Santa Cruz in Economics/Latin American Studies.

Name: Heather Blair, Principal, Ascent Environmental

Biography: Heather is a principal at Ascent with 18 years of experience managing complex environmental projects throughout California. Her practice includes natural resource management, CEQA and NEPA compliance, and environmental policy and regulation. Having prepared multiple statewide Program EIRs, including the CalVTP Program EIR, Heather is a specialist in landscape-scale environmental review and strategic regulatory streamlining. She is actively assisting public agencies and private entities with CEQA and other regulatory compliance approaches that maintain environmental protection while expediting the implementation of vegetation treatment to meet the state's wildlife resilience goals.

Name: Vanessa Blodgett, Principal Planner & Partner, Planwest Partners, Inc.

Biography: Vanessa Blodgett is a Principal Planner and Partner with Planwest Partners Inc. She has over 15 years of experience working with national, state, private, and local agencies on resource management, community infrastructure, and planning projects. Vanessa has expertise in land use planning and environmental compliance and mitigation monitoring programs subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Her knowledge and leadership in policy development and program implementation have shaped outcomes for projects such as the City of Ferndale Wastewater Treatment Project; the Samoa Town Master Plan; the City of Arcata Land Use Code; and numerous Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Projects. Her planning experience includes the preparation and processing of planning documents, environmental permits, environmental impact reports, mitigated negative declarations, policy analysis, and implementation plans.

Name: Melinda Booth, Executive Director, South Yuba River Citizens League

Biography: Melinda has been South Yuba River Citizens League's Executive Director since 2017, after having served as Director of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival since 2011. Melinda brings more than 18 years of experience in environmental conservation and advocacy to her leadership.

Name: Poonam Boparai, Principal, Ascent Environmental

Biography: Poonam Boparai is an Ascent principal and the firm's San Diego office director. She has over 12 years of experience in the public and private sectors conducting air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) analyses and climate action planning. She possesses a unique skill set that combines technical expertise with a keen understanding of planning and environmental policy. She has successfully applied her expertise in assisting agencies such as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), San Diego Unified Port District, and County of San Diego with air quality and climate change policy development, analysis methodologies, GHG reduction strategies, and development of GHG thresholds of significance. A long-time resident of San Diego, Poonam has in-depth knowledge of the local planning and environmental landscape and has helped multiple clients navigate the dynamic regulatory framework in CEQA and climate action planning.

Name: Jeff Brislawn, Hazard Mitigation Lead/Sr. Associate, WSP Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

Biography: Jeff Brislawn is a hazard mitigation and emergency management consultant with WSP and has 30 years of related experience for state and local governments. Mr. Brislawn has been the project manager on more than 60 local and state hazard mitigation planning projects and been a contributor to numerous others. Jeff's planning experience includes 10 multi-jurisdictional and single jurisdictional plans in California ranging from urban and rural counties covering coastal areas, the San Joaquin Valley and the Sierra Nevada. Jeff's background includes 12 years of public sector experience including work for the Colorado Office of Emergency Management and FEMA. Jeff has an M.S. in Geology from Colorado State University and a B.S. in Geology from Ohio University.

Name: Bob Brown, Principal Planner, SHN

Biography: Bob has been managing environmental teams for over 20 years involving complex planning and biological assignments in Northern California areas. His successes have allowed numerous projects to be constructed owing to attention to detail, documentation, and scheduling, and based on a knowledge of resource agency expectations and requirements. Bob has worked on the north coast of California for over 35 years to develop SHNs approach to combining land use planning, community involvement, and environmental strategies. Using his background in planning, natural sciences, and environmental assessments, he provides high-value planning strategies to both public and private clients. He has provided the full range of jurisdictional planning functions, including policy development and community engagement. With this background he has successfully engaged stakeholders and the public for support of various projects. As planning principal, he is responsible for overseeing all planning, permitting, and biological projects in SHNs seven offices in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Name: Jamie Burke, CEQA Touchpoint Program Manager, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

Biography: Jamie Burke is a veteran State IT professional with almost 30 years' experience. He started his career at the California Department of Justice where he assisted in the Y2K effort for the Criminal History System. Later, he maintained law enforcement communication software connecting law enforcement to California's law enforcement databases, DMV, the federal government, and other states. He transitioned to FI\$Cal where he was part of the team writing the technical requirements. Following FI\$Cal Jamie became a solution architect at the Department of Technology where he analyzed customers hosting needs to find the best solution within the Department of Technology's data center. Recently he was the lead developer maintaining the CEQA application and modernize the Department of Technology's internal applications using best practices. Jamie has a Bachelor of Science, Computer Science degree from the California State University, Sacramento.

Name: Barbra Calantas, Vice President/Southern California Bio Director, Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

Biography: In addition to her role as Vice President and Southern California Biological Resources Director at ESA, Barbra founded the Environmental Professional Diversity Collective (EPDC), a group of industry professionals actively working to address the lack of DEI in the environmental consulting, architecture, and engineering industries. She helped ensure the internship program was consistently focused on DEI strategies and provided training and guidance to the other professionals participating in the program.

Name: Ryan Callahan, Environmental Analyst, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Biography: Ryan Callahan is an Environmental Analyst that has recently joined the Environmental Team at Kimley-Horn and Associates. He earned his bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Davis in 2021, learning about the technical and political challenges of decarbonization through internships and fellowships related to entrepreneurship, engineering design, and stakeholder engagement. In his short tenure, Ryan has worked on a diverse set of project types, including environmental justice elements, climate vulnerability assessments, and technical studies, with emphasis on Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas analyses, and environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA. Ryan also has prepared and managed LEED Existing Building/Operations and Maintenance (EB:OM) accreditation and associated HVAC retrofits for research and development facilities and multi-use buildings. Ryan hopes to continue developing broad expertise in everything related to sustainability to create a more resilient, equitable, and optimized future.

Name: La Mikia Castillo, Principal, Castillo Consulting Partners

Biography: La Mikia (she, her), whose work in the public, private and nonprofit sectors has spanned from education and economic justice, to public health, environmental justice, child welfare and juvenile justice, has over two decades of experience in leadership development, strategic planning, design thinking, grassroots community organizing, youth engagement, policy advocacy and systems change. A commitment to social justice, racial equity and social change permeates each aspect of her personal and professional life. La Mikia supports organizations and enterprises with developing, implementing and assessing data-driven strategies, designs and facilitates leadership development trainings, conducts equity assessments, and moderates critical conversations around race, bias and equity. Her expertise lies in helping companies effectively embed equity, inclusion, diversity, access and anti-racism into their leadership, policies, practices, and procedures so they can best support and retain their people. An Afro-Latina who was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, La Mikia is a first generation alumna who has committed her life and career to developing leaders, investing in communities and promoting equity. She holds Bachelor's degrees in Ethnic Studies and Urban Studies & Planning from UCSD, dual Master's degrees in Public Policy and Urban Planning, and Certificates in Public Management, Political Management, and the Ross Minority Program in Real Estate from USC, where she serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Sol Price School of Public Policy. La Mikia also teaches Black, Latino and Latin American Relations courses in the Pan African Studies Department at Cal State Los Angeles.

Name: Marie Campbell, President, Sapphos Environmental

Biography: Marie is principal and owner of Sapphos Environmental, Inc. She is an environmental compliance specialist with more than 35 years of experience in managing public- and private-sector projects that require strategic planning, environmental compliance documentation, and resource management. She is recognized by the Los Angeles Bar Association as an expert on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). She has extensive experience with environmental compliance documentation for capital improvement projects for transportation, energy, recreation, health care, and water. She has served as

a strategic environmental advisor on complex joint environmental impact statements and environmental impact reports for projects such as multiple conventional and renewable energy projects, the Los Angeles International Airport Master Plan and subsequent improvements, China Shipping Yard, and the Los Angeles County Drainage Area. She served as the project manager for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus and Long Beach Memorial Master Plan. She has overseen the entitlement and environmental analysis and permitting for over 3,000 megawatts of renewable and conventional energy projects and transmission facilities in the western United States.

Name: Leigh Chavez, Environmental Coordinator, Placer County Community Development Resource Agency

Biography: Leigh is the Environmental Coordinator for the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency. Her role as Environmental Coordinator includes acting as a liaison with other agencies in preparation of joint documents. Throughout her career, Leigh has worked for public agencies in both the public infrastructure and private development realms. Her area of expertise is regulatory compliance and environmental review under CEQA.

Name: Kim Chevallier, Environmental Improvement Program Manager, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Biography: Kimberly is the Environmental Improvement Division Manager at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), a bi-state Compact agency whose mission is to cooperatively lead the work to preserve, restore, and enhance the natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region. Prior to coming to TRPA in 2015, Kimberly worked in the Public Lands program at the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution in Tucson, Arizona. For 10 years she served at the Institute as a mediator and facilitator for the federal government on tough environmental challenges. Kimberly has a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Policy with a focus in natural resource management and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Arizona.

Name: Kim Clyma, Project Manager 2/Senior Environmental Planner, Woodard & Curran

Biography: As the leader of the western environmental services and the wildfire resiliency planning initiatives at Woodard & Curran, Kim thrives on finding solutions that benefit her clients, the environment, and their communities. Kim puts her multi-disciplinary background to work daily, drawing on her legal, planning, science, and GIS experience to contribute a unique perspective to any team she is on. Kim has managed and contributed to a variety of assessment, planning, design, and permitting projects across disciplines and sectors but focused on water and hydropower. Emphasizing her work on complicated multifaceted projects Kim's unique perspective obtained from her involvement in the realms of water and environmental law results in the production of strategic solutions, defensible documents, and unique compliance strategies.

Name: Florentina Craciun, Senior Environmental Planner, San Francisco Planning

Biography: Florentina Craciun is a Senior Environmental Planner with the San Francisco Planning Department. Florentina has 12 years of environmental planning experience, working in both the public and private sectors. Her project experience includes land development, long range plans/programs, and capital improvement and infrastructure projects. She specializes in CEQA streamlining for urban development projects and is passionate about making CEQA more user friendly, while supporting sustainable development. Florentina has a BA in History from UC Santa Barbara, and a MA in Urban and Regional Planning from UCLA.

Name: Cheryl Croshere, Executive Director, 50 Corridor TMA and Sacramento TMA

Biography: Dr. Croshere currently serves as the executive director of both the 50 Corridor TMA and the Sacramento TMA. She and her team find strategies and coordinate resources to help Sacramento residents drive less. Cheryl's academic and technical background includes time spent in policy analysis, global ethnographic research,

urban transportation consulting, grant writing, and a PhD in cultural anthropology. This broad experience, combined with her time spent crowdsourcing with community members, provides a unique and comprehensive perspective related to VMT mitigation solutions.

Name: Darrel Cruz, Director, THPO/CRO, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Biography: Darrel Cruz is Director of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Cultural Resources Office of the Washoe Tribe.

Name: Liza Debies, Project Manager, FirstCarbon Solutions

Biography: Liza Debies has more than 10 years of professional experience and more than 7 years of experience in managing the preparation of CEQA and NEPA documents, including EIRs, IS/MNDs, Addenda, Environmental Assessments, and Categorical Exemptions and Categorical Exclusions. She has completed CEQA and/or NEPA documentation for materials recovery facilities (MRFs), mixed-use developments, residential, commercial, retail, transportation, industrial, recreational, and institutional projects. She has expertise in hazardous materials, aesthetics, land use and planning and land use compatibility, transportation and circulation, utilities and services systems, and alternatives analysis, as well as in evaluating large public infrastructure projects.

Name: Cheryl DeGano, Environmental Services Practice Area Leader, Albert A. Webb Associates

Biography: Cheryl DeGano is the Practice Area Leader for Webb's Planning and Environmental Services Department. Cheryl oversees the development and implementation of the QA/QC process, provides technical leadership, and trains and develops associates. Cheryl also manages the preparation and approval of high-level environmental and planning documents for public and private sector clients. During her consulting career, Cheryl has been responsible for the preparation and processing of environmental impact reports, environmental assessments, initial studies and mitigated negative declarations, mitigation monitoring and reporting programs (MMRPs), specific plans, development impact fee ("Nexus") studies per California Government Code 66000 et seq., and development and entitlement applications. Cheryl has been responsible for all aspects of these projects including research, data collection and analysis, report writing, quality assurance/quality control review, preparation of distribution lists, direction of public noticing, project management, representation at public meetings and hearings, and agency and client coordination. Cheryl is also experienced in the analysis of construction noise using the Federal Highway Administration's Roadway Construction Noise Model (RCNM). In addition to her environmental and planning background, Cheryl has assisted public agencies and private sector clients finance public facilities/services through the formation and administration of special finance districts.

Name: Jenny Delumo, Senior Planner and Transportation Review Team Lead, San Francisco Planning Department

Biography: Jenny Delumo is a Senior Planner and Transportation Review Team lead at the San Francisco Planning Department where she reviews complex transportation projects for environmental impacts and works on transportation policy. In addition to transportation and environmental planning, she has experience in sustainable development, redevelopment, inter-agency collaboration.

Name: Autumn DeWoody, Sr. Env. Analyst- Water Resources Planning, Albert A. Webb Associates

Biography: Autumn DeWoody is a Senior Environmental Analyst- Water Resources Planning. Autumn is a bridge between our technical municipal and stormwater engineering services and environmental documentation. She regularly partners with WEBB's project managers to prepare various planning documents on behalf of our water, wastewater, and flood control district clients. In addition, Autumn offers private and public clients jurisdictional

delineations and regulatory permitting services as well as environmental monitoring at construction sites to ensure compliance with Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plans (MMRPs). Autumn is a certified Level 1 Water Audit Validator and has also prepared Water Supply Assessments and Urban Water Management Plans for a variety of public and private clients. She is familiar with the intricacies of complex water supply portfolios and the technical components of planning for future water demands. Autumn brings a decade of water-related experiences in the Inland Empire including local university research in stormwater management, to non-profit water quality advocacy and on-the-ground improvement projects, to commercial wet-chemistry laboratory work. Autumn reviews the hydraulic and/or hydrologic technical studies and ensures clients are provided the most current data on permitting regulation, surface and ground water quality, and local hydrology.

Name: Matt Dias, President and CEO, Calforests

Biography: Matt leads the California Forestry Association (Calforests); the leading advocate for the 25,000 workers, including scientists and professional foresters, as well as the land managers and landowners that collectively make up the state's forest products industry. Their mission is to enhance forest health and safety by assuring an adequate and sustainable supply of forest products. Prior to joining Calforests, Matt served as the Executive Officer of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, where he was responsible for developing the general forest policy of the state, determining the guidance policies of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and representing the state's interest in federal forestland in California.

Name: Elizabeth Drayer, Vice President, West Yost

Biography: Elizabeth Drayer is a Vice President at West Yost. She has over 33 years of experience in water resources planning, water system evaluation, and facility design. She specializes in water supply and infrastructure master planning and has prepared more than 24 master plans, more than 20 water supply assessments and evaluations, and more than 30 urban water management plans. She has also prepared many other studies and plans including groundwater studies, drought response and water shortage contingency plans, annual water supply and demand assessments, water conservation plans, facility operations plans, and emergency operations plans involving the evaluation of existing facilities, evaluation of existing and future water demands, identification of system deficiencies and needs, evaluation of water supply alternatives, and development of recommendations for capital improvements. Elizabeth has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and an M.S. in Structural Engineering, both from UC Berkeley.

Name: Amanda Dwyer, Sales and Business Development Manager, Westervelt Ecological Services

Biography: Amanda Dwyer currently serves as the Sales and Business Development Manager for Westervelt Ecological Service's Western Region Office. In this position, Amanda coordinates with a variety of clients to identify their mitigation needs and possible solutions to ensure their projects are completed in a cost-effective and timely manner. Prior to joining Westervelt Ecological Services, Amanda worked at the California Department of Water Resources doing environmental permit compliance for salmonid restoration projects in conjunction with water infrastructure improvements for California's State Water Project. Amanda received her bachelor's degree in 2014 from the University of California, Davis, in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning.

Name: Sarah Easley Perez, Principal Planner, City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Biography: Sarah Easley Perez is the City of Santa Cruz Water Department's Principal Planner. She focuses on water utility planning and the environmental compliance program for the department's capital projects. Sarah has an undergraduate degree in biology and environmental studies and a master's in landscape architecture with over

16 years of experience in CEQA, NEPA, permitting, and planning for public utilities. Sarah drafted the City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and oversaw the development of Santa Cruz Water Rights Project EIR.

Name: Dawn Edwards, Senior Environmental Project Manager, HDR

Biography: Ms. Edwards is a Senior Environmental Project Manager with expertise in environmental documentation, permitting, and coordinating between agencies and clients to develop compensatory mitigation strategies for large projects. She has more than 17 years of environmental science and project management experience, and another 10 years working in accounting, public relations, and database training and management. She provides technical expertise for clients in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Federal and California Endangered Species Act (ESA and CESA) consultation and mitigation planning, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), project-specific permitting, including Section 404/401/10 compliance and Coastal Zone Management District concurrence, and City and State coordination. During her more than 13-year tenure in project management, Ms. Edwards has managed and supported a variety of federal, state, and private programs in California, giving her the diverse skill set necessary to strategize with clients in developing an integrated plan to meet all of a project or program's environmental review and permitting needs. She assists clients in defining project-specific regulatory compliance plans and schedules to meet the client's goals, avoid regulatory triggers and streamline their planning processes.

Name: Kate Elliott, Director, Environmental Planning + Compliance, Harris & Associates

Biography: Kate loves to bring people together. Combined with her deep knowledge of the environmental field, this quality leads to extraordinary client satisfaction. By treasuring relationships and building upon them, she has made her mark as a leader, manager and mentor.

She has over 25 years of experience in business development and project management of CEQA and NEPA compliance documents for development and infrastructure projects. Her expertise includes residential, park, water/sewer, pipeline, transportation and Caltrans projects, in addition to leading large teams and complex and controversial projects. Kate is committed to quality each time she prepares a project impact analysis and an environmental document.

She draws inspiration from Vince Lombardi's saying, "Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a civilization work." Her commitment shows in the way she dives into projects as early as possible, ready to prove the value of her contributions.

For example, on a rail trail project, she led a constraints analysis before the design team had been selected. This resulted in the shift of the bicycle/pedestrian path to the other side of the railroad tracks to avoid impacts to wetlands, protect the environment, streamline the environmental process and save the client time and money.

Kate's love for the environment keeps her outside on her days off—hiking, biking, skiing and enjoying the beach with friends and family. Don't be surprised if she invites you to join the fun.

Name: Erin Ernst, Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative Coordinator, California Tahoe Conservancy

Biography: Erin Ernst is the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) Coordinator for the California Tahoe Conservancy. Her work is focused on leading the TCSI partnership to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration to better protect communities and forested watersheds from catastrophic wildfire across 2.4 million acres by developing and demonstrating innovative planning, investment, and management tools across all lands. Erin joined the Conservancy staff in 2019 as the Forest Management Planning Specialist. Before that, she led ecological monitoring at the University of California, Davis, working on Forest Service lands. Previously, Erin worked for six years as a forester for on the Tahoe and Lassen National Forests.

Name: Olivia Ervin, Principal Environmental Planner, M-Group

Biography: Olivia has a strong background in environmental planning with over 15 years of experience. As project manager she has assisted multiple jurisdictions with environmental review of mixed-use projects, residential development, business and office park, and industrial projects. In addition to land use and development projects, Olivia has also managed public infrastructure projects including transportation improvements, flood control projects, and water supply planning. She has assisted clients in managing the shift in transportation impact analyses including serving as the staff liaison for the City of Petaluma's Vehicle Miles Traveled Technical Advisory Committee. She is well versed in the CEQA process as well as all aspects of environmental review and compliance. Olivia is an effective project manager, accustomed to collaborating with a suite of specialists, consulting with regulatory agencies, presenting to decision makers, and navigating controversial projects. She has a track record of successfully assisting jurisdictions in fulfilling lead agency obligations in accordance with CEQA.

Name: Rob Fagerness, Senior Engineer, FirstCarbon Solutions

Biography: Robert Fagerness, MS, PE, is a California licensed civil engineer with over 33 years of experience in the environmental and civil engineering industry. He has conducted thousands of Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) for the commercial real estate (CRE) market across the United States. He has been a key developer and stakeholder of multiple Prop-Tec tools used in preliminary environmental risk assessment of CRE. In addition to his extensive CRE ESA experience, Mr. Fagerness has worked both in the public (State and local) and private sector where his expertise includes collection of all types of sub-surface media/data; interpreting environmental data; developing stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPP) and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans; conducting Hazardous Waste Tank Assessments; and providing various environmental permitting services, including human health risk evaluation and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Mr. Fagerness is adept in project and environmental construction management, environmental and subsurface investigations, and local, state, and federal government permitting coordination. As with current interest and concerns surrounding PFAS, Mr. Fagerness has experienced and managed groundwater investigations at sites across California where emergent chemicals of concern, including 1,4-Dioxane, perchlorate, NDMA, and MTBE, were identified, investigated, and remediated.

Name: Addie Farrell, Principal, PlaceWorks

Biography: Addie Farrell is a Principal at PlaceWorks and leads environmental services for the Los Angeles region, overseeing environmental staff from their downtown Los Angeles office. Addie is a seasoned project director with nearly 20 years of experience, who navigates the CEQA and NEPA processes for a wide range of project types, from remediation to recreation to entertainment to health care and beyond. Her dedication and professional style have brought her a number of complex and high-profile projects that have earned awards from both the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) and American Planning Association (APA). Addie embarked on her environmental career as an intern while still in college at San Diego State University (BA in Geography). She has been an advocate for hiring and mentoring new and diverse professionals into our dynamic profession and is involved in leading diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts within her firm.

Name: Jessica Fernandez De La O, Intern, University of San Diego

Biography: Jessica is in her third year at University of San Diego pursuing a B.A in Environmental Studies and Ethnic Studies and is one of the 11 interns who participated in the inaugural year of the Environmental and Planning Diversity Internship Program. She is passionate about advocacy work and the environment and is interested in pursuing a career field of environmental planning. She hopes to focus her career on environmental justice, to join the efforts in uplifting traditionally marginalized communities.

Name: Robin Fies, CDA Technician and Archaeologist Advisor, County of Marin/CDA

Biography: Robin Fies has over nine years of professional experience in Cultural Resource Management in California including excavations, surveys, archival research, cataloging, analysis, and reporting in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout central California. Robin has authored and reviewed cultural resource reports for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) which include management of survey, monitoring, and testing information from field technicians and the evaluation of prehistoric and historic cultural sensitivity and has served as a project manager and staff supervisor. More recently, Robin has joined the County of Marin Community Development Agency, supporting cultural resource work on projects where the County is involved or serving as the lead agency. Robin meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards, as per NHPA, for conducting field surveys and construction monitoring.

Name: Joe Forbis, Water Management Integration Lead, USACE Sacramento District

Biography: Mr. Joe Forbis, P.E. is the Water Management Integration Lead with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Joe is heavily involved in the Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) Program as a member of multiple steering committees, such as the pilot projects at Lake Mendocino/Coyote Valley Dam in the Russian River Basin, Oroville Dam and Lake and New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir in the Yuba-Feather Basin, and Eagle Gorge Reservoir/Howard Hanson Dam in the Green River Basin. From 2016 through 2022 Joe was the Chief of the Water Management Section at the Sacramento District, which oversees and coordinates the flood control operations of 45 flood control reservoirs in the states of California, Colorado, and Utah.

Name: Adena Friedman, Principal Planner, City of South San Francisco

Biography: Adena Friedman is a Principal Planner with the City of South San Francisco Economic & Community Development Department. She has over 20 years of experience in California land use planning, with a range of public, private, and non-profit sector practice. Adena has worked on a range of complex projects from conception through implementation and has extensive expertise with land use, community development, design review, and environmental review processes. Her experience includes managing and coordinating complex and large-scale infill development projects throughout pre-application, entitlement, and construction. Adena has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Name: Shannon Friedman, Senior Planner, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Biography: Shannon is the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) Coordinator with TRPA. She has been with the agency for 17 years. Her primary role is facilitating implementation of EIP projects that improve the human and natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Her responsibilities include review and approval of triple environmental documents that cover CEQA/NEPA/TRPA requirements for these projects. Shannon is currently leading a multi-agency effort called "Cutting the Green Tape" that is finding ways to streamline planning and permitting for restoration projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin to increase the pace and scale of implementation. This effort supports the larger California statewide Cutting Green Tape initiative.

Name: Karen Frye, Manager, Environmental Management Group, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Biography: Karen has over 30+ years of experience in program/project management, environmental planning and regulatory compliance managing projects. As manager of the SFPUC's Environmental Management Group, she oversees all environmental review, permitting and environmental construction compliance for SFPUC's capital projects. She is a NEPA and CEQA Practitioner and has worked in both the private and public sector. Karen joined

the SFPUC in 2007 and has managed several CEQA/NEPA projects for the SFPUC's Water System Improvement Project and Sewer System Improvement Program. She was the Environmental Project Manager for the \$1.2 B Biosolids Digester Facilities Project and is currently overseeing the environmental review of the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project. She has also obtained federal funding from EPA through the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFA) and State Revolving Fund (SRF). She has provided third party review of NEPA and CEQA documents for the Federal Transit Administration including the BART to SF Airport EIS, State Lands Commission, CALFED and California Public Utilities Commission. She also developed curriculum and conducted NEPA and CEQA training courses. Karen excels at bridging the gap between CEQA practitioners, project managers, engineers, and technical experts. Karen has a BS degree in the Political Economy of Natural Resources from UC Berkeley.

Name: Chris Ganson, Principal, NextMove

Biography: Chris Ganson is the founding principal of NextMove, a transportation planning consultancy. He spent ten years at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research serving as Senior Advisor for Transportation under Governors Brown and Newsom, where he led the implementation of SB 743, development of the Automated Vehicle Principles for Healthy and Sustainable Communities, and several other initiatives. He has also held positions at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the World Resources Institute, and US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, and Caltrans. Chris holds master's degrees in City Planning and Transportation Engineering and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences, all from UC Berkeley.

Name: Claudia Garcia, Principal Planner, City of Berkeley

Biography: Claudia is a Principal Planner and environmental review officer for the City of Berkeley. She helps manage the current projects team and oversees environmental review of development projects pursuant to CEQA. In her spare time, Claudia serves as a director-at-large for the AEP State Executive Board and is charged with conference awards and student outreach.

Name: Sherie George, Senior Planner, San Francisco Planning Department

Biography: Sherie George is a Senior Planner at the San Francisco Planning Department, working on environmental review with a focus on transportation. She also works part-time within the Department's Community Equity Division. Her focus is on advancing equity in regulatory review and the CEQA process. Prior to working at SF Planning, she was a transportation planner at the SFMTA and Caltrans.

Name: Adam Giacinto, Archaeologist IV, Dudek

Biography: Adam Giacinto is an archaeologist and cultural anthropologist with 18 years' experience. His work includes all manner of cultural resources management work, including technical studies, mitigation development and implementation, broad-scale sensitivity analyses, environmental document preparation, consultation and tribal coordination support, as well as, project-specific and regional programmatic planning. His research interests include the social, historical, archaeological, and political mechanisms surrounding heritage values. He has gained practical experience in archaeological and ethnographic field methods while conducting research in the Southwest, Mexico, and Eastern Europe.

Name: Teri Gibbs, Practice Leader, Land Development Engineering, Albert A. Webb Associates

Biography: Teri Gibbs, PE, is Practice Area Leader for WEBB's Land Development Engineering Department. She is a licensed professional civil engineer and has been working as an engineering designer in land development throughout Inland Southern California for over 10 year. During her years of experience, she was introduced to

water resources and became the lead water resources designer within her team. She aided in the design of projects in Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. Teri has worked on large and small scale projects including educational/industrial, commercial, and residential developments. She has experience in hydrology, water quality, storm drain design, sewer and water design, grading, and street design.

Name: Mikey Goralnik, Senior Community Design and Development Planner, Mariposa County, Planning Department

Biography: With backgrounds in both community planning and landscape architecture, Mikey applies a broad skillset to articulate and implement bold ideas for building community and enriching the lives of the people who make it. He is the Senior Community Design and Development Planner at the Mariposa (CA) County Planning Department, where he manages a range of interdisciplinary planning and design initiatives, all of which combine ecological design, economic development, and place-based storytelling to make Mariposa County healthier, safer, and more fun. Mikey has a bachelors degree in American Studies from Tufts University, and masters degrees in community and regional planning (from the University of North Carolina) and landscape architecture (from North Carolina State University).

Name: Matt Goynes, Principal, Fehr & Peers

Biography: Matt is a principal with Fehr & Peers and oversees a wide variety of challenging projects at the nexus of climate, land use, and transportation planning. Matt is a leader in helping jurisdictions adopt VMT policies that help align their local actions with statewide carbon reduction goals through his work for MTC managing the SB 743 Implementation Technical Assistance program, helping SFMTA develop a Climate Roadmap, and leading the City of Petaluma's Climate Emergency VMT Reduction Framework. Matt has 15 years' experience working on general plans, transportation plans, and all sizes of CEQA studies. He leverages the latest research and data driven approaches to help cities create defensible CEQA documents and ambitious carbon reduction implementation plans. Matt has a civil engineering degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is a professional civil engineer.

Name: Chris Grgich, Associate Engineer/Planner, Fehr & Peers

Biography: Chris Grgich is a Traffic & Transportation Engineer working in the Seattle area, and he believes climate change is real and that we can do something about it. He is passionate about improving communities and changing our transportation system to make it more environmentally sustainable through reducing our reliance on carbon-based fuel sources, managing our miles traveled, and improving the safety and comfort of active transportation options. In his spare time, he's likely found at the local Karaoke spot or walking his two Beagles around the Capitol Hill neighborhood in Seattle.

Name: Christopher Guillen, Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

Biography: With combined experience in regulation and litigation, Chris Guillen acts as a trusted advisor on complex projects as they relate to natural resources issues. His expertise spans the intersection of land use and water law, with a particular emphasis in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Chris relies on his unique experience to provide strategic counsel on all issues pertaining to water rights, including water-related litigation, water transactions, compliance with state regulations and water right permitting issues. His clients range from public water agencies to corporations and private property owners. Chris also advises landowners, developers, agricultural interests and energy companies on environmental review under CEQA and land use permitting requirements during all phases of project development and litigation.

Examples of his work include: due diligence for housing developments and natural resources investment companies, representing landowners in water rights litigation, challenging overly restrictive land use ordinances, defending cannabis cultivators against appeals of land use permits and helping clean energy developers entitle their projects and withstand litigation when necessary.

Chris maintains a robust pro bono practice and sits on the firm's Pro Bono Committee.

Name: Emma Haines, Associate I, PlaceWorks

Biography: Emma Haines is an Environmental Planner that has recently joined the CEQA Team at PlaceWorks. She earned her bachelor's degree in environmental management and protection from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. For the past two years, Ms. Haines has been working to evaluating environmental impacts on mixed-use, residential, school, and general plan development projects. Ms. Haines would like to continue learning about all the aspects of CEQA and environmental planning to help grow in her career.

Name: Chelsea Hall, Environmental Planning Aide, County of Marin/CDA

Biography: Born and raised in rural Southern Oregon, Chelsea Hall's appreciation for both the environment and community development means she is dedicated to helping both people and planet thrive in her role as civil servant. In her position with the County of Marin, Chelsea is focused on bettering local communities through supporting effective program management. She has experience in the environmental and housing sectors in both the public and private spheres, having worked for a community media company and now in county government. Her role at the County of Marin involves assisting with tribal consultations, and she has previously developed materials on the role of indigenous community engagement in climate change adaptation. Her work straddles two spheres of policy, housing and environmental planning, and she brings an interdisciplinary, multi-contextual viewpoint to the regulatory landscape.

Name: Bill Halligan, Senior Director/Senior Environmental Counsel, Harris & Associates

Biography: An environmental practitioner and attorney with more than 30 years of experience in private- and public-sector planning, Bill has prepared hundreds of environmental documents for a diverse range of projects throughout California. Throughout his career, Bill has leveraged his specialty in land use and environmental law to help agencies continually withstand legal challenges related to CEQA. He has prepared hundreds of environmental documents for a wide range of projects throughout California, including general plans, specific plans, government facilities, large-scale master planned communities, and mixed-use development. Bill's varied background affords him an exceptional understanding of planning and zoning law, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). His involvement during high-level discussions and negotiations with the California State Attorney General's office regarding analysis of greenhouse gas emissions led to the avoidance of a potentially damaging lawsuit. Bill is Immediate Past President of the 2,000+ member Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). As a member (and former chair) of AEP's Legislative Review Committee, Bill works directly with AEP's lobbyist and the State Legislature on proposed legislation related to CEQA. The committee provides analysis, prepares comment letters, and conducts direct lobbying on legislative bills relating to CEQA. He recently served on the working group for AB 2323 for Assembly Members Friedman and Chiu. Bill also teaches an annual "CEQA Hot Topics" class at the Capitol for legislators and staffers. Bill is a frequent guest lecturer on CEQA and associated case law for University of California's Irvine and Riverside campuses, Cal Poly Pomona, and AEP. He has also has extensive experience providing third-party review of environmental documents for legal and technical adequacy.

Name: Nanette Hansel, Principal, Principal Ascent Environmental

Biography: Nanette is a principal at Ascent with 29 years of experience in environmental consulting. Her focus is on managing and preparing environmental review documents pursuant to CEQA, NEPA, and TRPA regulations and securing permits for projects in Lake Tahoe and other California environments. Her diverse experience includes projects involving recreation sites, mixed-use developments, and other private and public projects. Nanette regularly collaborates with agency staff, engineers, architects, and other members of project teams to address environmental issues during the planning, design, permitting, and construction phases.

Name: Krystle Heaney, Senior Planner, Planwest Partners, Inc.

Biography: Ms. Heaney is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and currently works as a Senior Planner for Planwest Partners, Inc. based out of Arcata, CA. She has over eight years of experience in environmental and general planning services including CEQA/ NEPA compliance, local and regional permitting for projects, general plan review and revision, and data collection and analysis. She currently provides support services for several LAFCOs throughout California including Municipal Service Review preparation and application processing. Ms. Heaney previously provided general planning services for the City of Ferndale including planning application review, responding to zoning and land use questions, and developing grant applications. Born and raised in El Dorado County she is familiar with the different opportunities and difficulties agencies face when planning for the future in the Sierra Nevada region. Drought, wildfires, and fluctuating water resources are just a few of the major concerns the region faces on a regular basis. She is dedicated to protecting the abundant natural resources that can be found all throughout California and to providing sound planning to support happy and healthy communities.

Name: Mike Hendrix, Michael Hendrix Consulting

Biography: Michael Hendrix has over 26 years of experience in air quality, greenhouse emissions, climate change and climate action planning. He is the current chair of the AEP Climate Change Committee and has written, contributed toward, and supervised over a dozen AEP White Papers providing guidance in the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions in CEQA and climate action planning.

Name: Angel Hertslet, Forest Project Director for the California Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

Biography: Angel Hertslet is the Forest Project Director for the California Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. She has a BA in Environmental Studies from Yale College and a Master of Environmental Management from the Yale School of the Environment. She is experienced at working with agency partners, non-profits, and private contractors to accomplish forest restoration in the Sierra Nevada.

Name: David Hochart, Renewable Energy Practice Director, Dudek

Biography: David's goal is to always provide clients with a dedicated team that fully understands the project goals, breaking down any project barriers. He helps cultivate an environment where everyone learns from one another and continues to drive towards getting a project built. By collaborating, listening, and creating solutions with our clients, we ensure a project reaches the finish line.

Name: Lynne Hosley, Principal Project Manager-Regulatory Specialist, Jacobs

Biography: Lynne Hosley is a principal project manager and regulatory specialist with over 25 years' experience managing siting and feasibility studies, environmental impact analyses, permitting, and environmental compliance during construction for large infrastructure projects throughout the United States and Canada. She has provided key regulatory and permitting strategy for such clients as utilities and highway/bridge projects, and is a leader in major infrastructure, managing preparation of multiple CEQA and NEPA documents. With her background in ecol-

ogy, Lynne has extensive experience in regulatory agency negotiations for federal and state endangered species, wetlands, and water quality permits, and has provided key input on restoration and resiliency projects including the San Francisco Waterfront Resiliency Program.

Name: Alesia Hsiao, Senior Environmental Planner, Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Biography: Alesia Hsiao, AICP is an environmental and community planner, and environmental justice advocate leading a community-centered, environmental justice program to reduce air pollution and improve public health in our most impacted communities. She is driven to excel in the sustainability profession and aims to transform programs that advance inclusivity, community well-being, and equitable outcomes for those most vulnerable, often disadvantaged communities and communities of color. She received her Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona, Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and Social Behavior and Criminology, Law and Society from University of California, Irvine and has served as the Diversity Chair for the Orange Section of the American Planning Association.

Name: Michael Huff, Urban Forestry/Fire Protection Practice Director, Dudek

Biography: Michael Huff is founder and manager of Dudek's Urban Forestry/Fire Protection Planning team with 29 years' experience as a forester and fire protection planner. Mr. Huff specializes in management of community-wide and project-specific fire protection plans, wildland-urban interface (WUI) fire management plans, wildfire hazard reduction projects, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) supporting technical documents, Oak Woodland impact and mitigation plans, urban and community forest management plans, forest and tree inventories, impact analysis studies, and tree hazard evaluations. Mr. Huff possesses considerable project issue resolution experience and focuses on working within the regulations to provide creative, cost-saving solutions to his clients. He routinely participates in public hearings, strategy sessions, and provides public presentations.

Name: Joshua Huneycutt, Transportation Policy Supervisor, California Public Utilities Commission

Biography: Josh Huneycutt leads the Transportation Policy team at the California Public Utilities Commission, which is responsible for transportation network company safety, accessibility, and vehicle electrification, as well as autonomous vehicle passenger service in California. Josh previously served as the CPUC's lead for electric vehicle-grid integration and was an advisor to the previous CPUC president. Prior to joining the CPUC in 2017, Josh designed and led grant-funded programs for the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office. Josh holds a masters in energy policy from Columbia University.

Name: Dave Hunt, District Engineer, Olympic Valley Public Service District

Biography: Dave is the District Engineer for the Olympic Valley Public Service District with over 30 years of experience in water resource planning and project implementation. His work has included development and implementation of the OVPSD Groundwater Management Plan, developing new water sources, and managing the District's water resources to ensure a sustainable and reliable water supply for existing customers and planned development.

Name: Rachel Hutchinson, Eastside Watershed Program Manager, USFS- Tahoe National Forest

Biography: Rachel Hutchinson is the Eastside Watershed Program Manager for the Tahoe National Forest and works primarily in meadows, wetlands, streams, and rivers as a hydrologist and a vegetation ecologist. Rachel's research interests have focused on the response of groundwater and surface water hydrology and plant communities to restoration or changes in hydrologic regime. She applies this research by using the results of these studies to understand how specific changes to management or environmental conditions result in improvements in habitat and ecosystem services on a watershed scale.

Name: Mia Ingolia, Senior Biologist, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Biography: Mia Ingolia is a Senior Biologist with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. She has more than 15 years of experience as a plant ecologist working with special-status plant species, GIS, and wide variety of conservation and habitat restoration projects. Mia's recent work has focused on managing the SFPUC's Phytophthora impacts response, directing the SFPUC-USDA Forest Service Research Partnership and serving as the lead planner for the development of the Sunol Native Plant Nursery. Mia holds a Masters of Science from UC Davis and before joining SFPUC, she worked as curator of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden.

Name: Andrea Irons, Biologist, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Biography: Andie Irons is a Biologist in the Sunol/Moccasin Section of the SFPUC. Her background is in riparian ecology, and she has worked on either fisheries or botany-related projects for 14 years. She has worked several botanical field gigs in northern California, Nevada, and the Florida Everglades and has 7 years of fisheries experience in the Alameda Watershed. She currently supports monitoring and management of the BHR program in the Alameda Watershed and continues to assist in the collection of fisheries data and operational monitoring. She holds a BS from UC Berkeley and an MS from State University of NY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Name: Adrita Islam, Senior Transportation Planner, Fehr & Peers

Biography: Adrita is a transportation nerd specializing in forecasting. She has been with Fehr & Peers since 2016. Prior to FP, she worked in the transportation planning and research industry during her master's at UConn (Go Huskies!). She focuses on trip-based and activity-based travel demand forecasting including model development, model calibration, and validation. Her specialty lies in applying travel forecasting models for SB 743 implementation. She develops essential travel demand model statistics and summary tools. She is passionate about combining her interest in equity and specialization in ABMs in my research and project work. Outside of work, she loves cooking (and eating), traveling, DIY projects, and doing fun thought experiments.

Name: Shana Inspektor, Associate, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth

Biography: Shana Inspektor is an associate in Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth's public law practice group. Shana specializes in real estate, land use, zoning, and eminent domain litigation. Prior to joining Stradling, Shana represented companies and individuals in breach of contract, securities, torts, employment, products liability, and professional liability disputes. Her pro bono work includes volunteering through Swords to Plowshares to represent a Marine Corps veteran in his claim for service-connected disability benefits. Shana received her JD from Santa Clara University and her BA in English and Spanish from UC Berkeley.

Name: Devyani Jain, Deputy Director of Environmental Planning, San Francisco Planning Department

Biography: Devyani Jain has served for six years as the Deputy Environmental Review Officer for the City and County of San Francisco and Deputy Director of Environmental Planning for the SF Planning Department. She assists San Francisco's Environmental Review Officer in overseeing the CEQA review of all projects under the jurisdiction of the City and County of San Francisco, including development permits, infrastructure projects, general plans, and legislation. After the Environmental Review Officer, she is the senior CEQA authority to elected officials, agencies, and other official bodies of the City and County. Prior to joining SF Planning in 2007, Devyani served as a senior project manager for a Bay Area consulting firm where she worked for seven years, overseeing CEQA and NEPA compliance for a wide variety of public agency clients. She has 22 years of experience as a CEQA practitioner. Prior to that, she got a Masters in City & Regional Planning from UC Berkeley and before that an architectural degree from the School of Architecture, Centre for Environmental Planning Technology, Ahmedabad, India. When not working on challenging CEQA assignments, she enjoys traveling to cities around the world, exploring other cultures, hiking and reading.

Name: Gary Jakobs, President/CEO, Ascent Environmental

Biography: Gary is the CEO of Ascent and a long-time participant in AEP's CEQA programs. In 2020, he established a collaborative with the CEOs of ESA, Dudek, PlaceWorks, and Rincon to explore operational issues around COVID-19. As part of this collaborative, consensus was reached with all the CEOs to fund, develop, and implement the internship program. Gary helped shepherd the resources needed to move the program forward and participated in key planning and implementation components throughout.

Name: Megan Jennings, Partner, Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP

Biography: Megan Jennings is a Partner at Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP, where she advises clients on a broad range of land use and environmental entitlement, transactional, and compliance issues. Megan counsels project developers throughout the CEQA review and land use approval process. She has particular experience finding practical solutions to complex development issues for multi-family and mixed-use facilities, medical facilities, corporate and R&D campuses, and renewable energy projects. In addition to land use matters, Megan counsels clients on compliance with state and federal environmental regulations, in particular, the Clean Water Act, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and endangered species laws. She regularly negotiates environmental and land use aspects of real estate, financing, and corporate transactions. Megan serves on the Executive Advisory Board for the Center for Law, Energy and the Environment at Berkeley Law. She completed four years of service on the City of Albany Planning and Zoning Commission and was previously a member of the City's Sustainability Committee. She is a member of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), the Environmental Law and Real Property Law sections of the California Lawyers Association, and the Bar Association of San Francisco. She has received the State Bar's Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services multiple times, as well as recognition as a Pro Bono Hero from Berkeley Law for exceptional mentorship and support of students. She is also listed in The Best Lawyers in America in the Land Use and Zoning Law category. Megan received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), with a Certificate in Environmental Law (2007) and her B.A. with high honors from the University of Montana (2001).

Name: Lewis Kay, Project Manager, City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Biography: Lewis Kay is a Project Manager in the Santa Cruz Water Program, a \$650 million multi-year investment initiative to rebuild major elements of the City of Santa Cruz water system. He leads an integrated team of City and Consultant engineers, planners, and inspectors to deliver a diverse range and size water- infrastructure projects. He has over 18 years of industry experience, and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Name: Michael Keinath, Principal, Ramboll

Biography: Michael Keinath is a Principal with Ramboll and leads the Air Quality and Climate Change Practice Area in the Americas, which is composed of over 350 scientists and engineers throughout the US, Canada, Mexico and Brazil. He has over 20 years' experience in environmental science and engineering, with specialist expertise in air quality and climate change, human health risk assessment and product stewardship. He has advised clients from various industries, including ports and rail, quarries and mines, foundries and recyclers, chemical manufacturers and consumer products suppliers, in addition to property developers, local planning agencies and municipal utilities. Michael has led the air quality and greenhouse gas analyses for entitlement of a number of marquee projects in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Apple and Facebook Campuses, the Golden State Warriors' Chase Center and Oakland Athletics' Howard Terminal Ballpark.

Name: Jerry Keir, Chief Executive Officer, Great Basin Institute

Biography: Jerry Keir is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Great Basin Institute. For the past twenty-two years, Jerry has taught and directed interdisciplinary research and field studies throughout the Intermountain West, Central Pacific Mexico, and Costa Rica. Jerry has extensive experience managing diverse research and monitoring initiatives, as well as leading collaborative conservation projects at a landscape scale. Recently, Jerry has dedicated much of his time to leading collaborative efforts with the USDA Forest Service to plan and execute landscape-scale forest resiliency projects. When not running programs or dreaming up new ones, Jerry roams his backyard forest and desert with his spouse of 25 years, Maria, and their daughter Amaya and son Alejandro.

Name: Matt Kelly, Senior Transportation Planner, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA)

Biography: Matt is the Senior Transportation Planner at the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, with more than 15 years of experience in local and regional transportation planning. Matt has expertise in travel demand forecasting, GIS analysis, transportation funding, and stakeholder engagement, and is currently leading CCTA's efforts in developing a countywide VMT mitigation program.

Name: Jen Kidson, Water Resources Planner, Woodard & Curran

Biography: Jen is a water resources planner with 6 years of experience who specializes in environmental documentation, regional and integrated planning efforts, and grant writing and administration. Jen has provided CEQA services for municipalities and water and wastewater providers throughout California. Jen's CEQA experience is rounded out with her expertise in a wide range of California and federal funding and financing programs, as well as experience in stormwater planning and a background in natural resources management and ecology.

Name: Linda C. Klein, Partner, Cox Castle

Biography: Linda Klein is a land use attorney who focuses on California land use entitlement and litigation. Linda's practice has a strong emphasis on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and she routinely helps clients navigate the complex regulatory hurdles facing development projects in California. Over the course of her career, Linda has worked on a diverse range of projects, including residences, corporate headquarters, large mixed-use master planned communities, industrial facilities, and independent and charter schools. From the initial acquisition to the entitlement approvals, she ensures project files contain evidence to support the agency's determination. If a project approval is challenged, Linda vigorously defends her clients' interests through to final judicial hearings in trial and appellate courts.

Name: Darcy Kremin, ESA

Biography: Darcy Kremin, AICP, is a Senior Principal Planner at ESA in Oakland, California. Darcy has over 20 years of environmental planning experience, and specializes in CEQA and NEPA compliance, particularly for school projects, mixed-use infill projects, utility projects, among others. Recently, she has managed multiple CEQA documents for Housing Element and General Plan updates throughout the Bay Area. She received her M.A. in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University and her B.A. in Geography/Environmental Studies and Political Science from UCLA.

Name: Angela Lagneaux, Senior Environmental Planner, Westervelt Ecological Services

Biography: Angela Lagneaux is a Senior Conservation Planner for Westervelt Ecological Service's Western Region Office. In this position, Angela oversees the entitlement process for mitigation bank and turn-key mitigation projects. Prior to joining Westervelt Ecological Services, Angela worked as an environmental consultant supporting

environmental compliance efforts for a variety of transportation, utility, and development projects throughout California. In her prior role, Angela developed compensatory mitigation plans to address project impacts on biological resources. Angela received her bachelor's degree in 1999 from the University of California, Davis, in Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology.

Name: Victoria LaMar-Haas, Chief, Mitigation Planning Division, California Office of Emergency Management (CalOES)

Biography: Victoria LaMar-Haas is currently the Local Mitigation Planning Program Manager for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Over the past 26 years, Victoria has worked in all aspects of emergency management, including in the executive office, response, recovery, preparedness and mitigation. She also served as the conference coordinator for the Disaster Resistant California (DRC) conference and the California Alliance for Response efforts. Victoria joined the Hazard Mitigation Branch in 2008 as the Earthquake Mitigation Specialist and served as the lead planner until November of 2019 when she became the manager. Victoria is a long-time member of the California Emergency Services Association (CESA) and is a recipient of the CESA Gold Award for her contributions to the field of emergency management. Before coming to Cal OES, Victoria was an Assignment Editor at FOX 40 Television in Sacramento and has an extensive background in broadcasting and journalism. She is a native of Sonoma County and is a graduate of CSU Sacramento.

Name: Givonne Law, Fuels Reduction Coordinator, Fire Department, East Bay Regional Park District

Biography: Givonne Law is a vegetation management specialist with 8 years of experience throughout California. As a Fuels Reduction Coordinator, she manages hazardous wildlands fuels reduction projects from planning through contract administration, with the primary objectives of resource management and fire protection. With her prior experience in vegetation management permitting, she has been able to assist in the preparation of the East Bay Hills Vegetation Management Plan Project Specific Analysis, using the CalVTP Program EIR. Before coming to the East Bay Regional Park District, Givonne was a consultant working on forestry projects with state and federal agencies, as well as utility vegetation management.

Name: Andee Leisy, Senior Partner, RMM Environmental Law, LLP

Biography: Andee Leisy is a senior partner at Remy Moose Manley LLP, an environmental and land-use law firm located in Sacramento, California. Her practice focuses on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Planning and Zoning Law, and related environmental and land-use laws. She represents and advises public agencies, private companies, developers and citizens groups in administrative proceedings and in trial and appellate litigation. Her clients include the City of Los Angeles, the Port of Los Angeles, City of Newport Beach and Waste Management of California Inc., among others. Ms. Leisy received a B.A. in Legal Studies and a B.A. in Ethnic Studies from the University of California at Berkeley in 1994, and her J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1999. From 2014-2022 Ms. Leisy has been recognized as a Super Lawyer in the Northern California Super Lawyers® magazine.

Name: Adam Lewandowski, Senior Associate, Ascent Environmental

Biography: Adam is a CEQA and NEPA practitioner with over 20 years of experience dedicated to increasing the pace and scale of forest resiliency activities throughout California, while ensuring appropriate environmental protections are in place. He has overseen the successful completion of over 200 CEQA documents for fuel reduction projects in California ranging from exemptions to program EIRs. Adam regularly collaborates with state, federal, local, and NGO partners to develop streamlining strategies for wildfire resiliency projects.

Name: Brandon Liddell, Senior Land Planner, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Biography: Brandon Liddell has over 20 years of experience in environmental impact analysis of gas, electric and solar infrastructure. He started his career focusing on environmental compliance management in the field during construction to learn how projects are built and their effects on natural resources and the community. He then moved into the office to practice CEQA/NEPA, and regulatory permitting at Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). Over the last 15 years, Brandon has taken the lead role in managing both land rights acquisition and environmental planning for several large-scale electric and solar projects. His current specialty is siting and routing of electric transmission lines and substations. Brandon has also acted as a regional environmental lead for PG&E's Accelerated Wildfire Rapid Response Program and Wildfire Safety Inspection Program. He currently acts as the region-wide environmental lead for PG&E's Towers Replacement Program and the liaison to the National Park Service for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore, Pinnacles National Monument, and Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site.

Name: Dana Link-Herrera, Urban Forestry and Wildfire Planner, Dudek

Biography: Dana Link-Herrera is an urban forestry and wildfire planner with 7 years' experience and a strong foundation in environmental and urban planning. She has a diverse background in natural resource management, environmental analysis, permitting support, community outreach and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Ms. Link-Herrera provides research, writing, analysis, and project management support on a variety of project types in rural, suburban, and urban communities. She has experience working with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as with public universities and tribal communities. She works collaboratively with Dudek's certified arborists, fire planners, and licensed foresters to prepare urban forest management plans, fire protection plans, community wildfire protection plans, and technical analyses in accordance with CEQA/NEPA and local/regional policies.

Name: Lisa Maier, Urban Forestry/Fire Protection Analyst, Dudek

Biography: Lisa Maier is an urban forestry and fire protection analyst with 6 years' experience as an environmental planner, specializing in fire protection and evacuation planning with experience in CEQA/NEPA document preparation, long-range land-use planning, trail planning, and emergency management planning. In addition, Ms. Maier's work with several community-based non-profit organizations serves as the foundation of her skill set in community outreach and education. She works with clients to identify and mitigate environmental concerns, produce defensible CEQA/NEPA documents, and strategize effective public outreach efforts.

Name: Sydnie Margallo, Environmental and Sustainability Planner / Deputy, Harris & Associates

Biography: Sydnie Margallo graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 2016 with a B.S. in Environmental Management and Protection and a minor in City and Regional Planning. During her senior year of college, Sydnie was Vice President of the Cal Poly Chapter of AEP and worked as a planning intern with the City of San Luis Obispo Community Development Department. Sydnie completed her senior project at her internship by developing a 5-year progress report for the City's Climate Action Plan. Since graduating, Sydnie worked as an environmental analyst at Wood, Inc. (previously Amec Foster Wheeler) for over 5 years before recently becoming an environmental and sustainability planner at Harris & Associates. Sydnie is experienced in preparing CEQA- and NEPA-compliant environmental and planning documents, public outreach, air quality modeling, and project management.

Name: Analisa Martinez, CA Dept of Water Resources

Biography: Analisa Martinez has worked for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for 12 years. She started as a Scientific Aide assisting with benthic invertebrate sampling and analysis and is currently the Environmental Program Manager for the CEQA & NEPA Support Section. Analisa's experience includes CEQA, NEPA, permitting, environmental compliance surveys and assessments, mitigation, environmental site assessments, hazardous materials, and cultural resources. For five years she worked on habitat restoration projects in the Yolo Bypass including the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Project and Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage (Big Notch) Project where she gained a lot of experience with compensatory mitigation.

Name: Jessica Martinez-Mckinney, Associate Planner, City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Biography: Jessica Martinez-McKinney has worked for the City of Santa Cruz Water Department for 9 years, first as a Water Resources Analyst and then as an Associate Planner. In her current role she conducts environmental review and permitting for the Water Department's capital improvement projects. Jessica has a master's degree in watershed science from CSUMB and has worked for a variety of central coast resource management agencies conducting biological surveying, hydrologic monitoring, CEQA review and permitting. Her passion for integrating with and protecting our abundant resources in the area motivates her interdisciplinary approach to project delivery.

Name: Jonathan Mates-Muchin, Environmental Compliance Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Biography: Dr. Jonathan (J.T.) Mates-Muchin, who has a Ph.D. in Biology, has been a permitting specialist with Caltrans and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for more than 15 years. Recently, he expanded his breadth of work to Environmental Construction Compliance as the manager for the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project and many other projects in the SFPUC's Sunol Region. J.T. has managed the the discovery and data recovery of burials associated with several projects and works closely with agency and consultant representatives to ensure CEQA and Permitting measures are implemented appropriately.

Name: Caelan McGee, Principal, Zephyr Collaboration

Biography: Caelan is the Principal of Zephyr Collaboration, which he formed in 2017, and is a Senior Mediator with 19 years of experience helping stakeholders develop more effective policy for land use, environmental, public health and security issues. Caelan has extensive practice working on high conflict and technically complex projects in transportation and forest planning. He has worked nationally and internationally on public policy issues regarding mining, fisheries management, air quality, and environmental justice. He also has extensive experience in strategic planning and interagency coordination.

Name: Nick Meisinger, Project Manager, WSP Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

Biography: Nick Meisinger is an environmental planning and permitting specialist with over a decade of experience preparing environmental documentation compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In this capacity, Nick has managed or contributed to dozens of projects for various jurisdictions throughout Central and Southern California related to hazard mitigation and resiliency, including critical infrastructure repair projects, hazardous fuel treatments, and shoreline management projects. In 2020 Nick managed the preparation of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Montecito Debris Nets, a system of metal mesh nets intended to mitigated potential for life threatening damage from debris flows following the Thomas Fire in 2017. More recently, Nick is supporting FEMA Region X with the preparation of NEPA-compliant Environmental Assessments (EAs) for hazardous fuels treatment projects within the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. These EAs, each of which evaluate the impacts of treatments across hundreds of acres of public and/or private property, often involve challenging issues related to cultural resources and special status species. Nick also has a long history of managing the preparation of Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) for

shoreline management projects including the Goleta Beach County Park Managed Retreat Project 2.0, Broad Beach Renourishment Project, Aliso Creek Restoration Project, and the Sandyland Revetment Project, each of which deal with shoreline management issues and infrastructure planning issues in response to sea level rise, coastal erosion, and flooding. Nick holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from UC Santa Barbara.

Name: Heidi Mekkelson, Managing Director, ICF

Biography: Heidi Mekkelson is a Managing Director at ICF. She has 20 years of experience in the preparation and management of CEQA and NEPA documentation. Her project experience includes residential, office, commercial/retail, research and development, mixed-use, entertainment, adaptive reuse, and transportation projects. She has also prepared programmatic analyses for general plans, specific plans, climate action plans, and habitat conservation plans. Her work is focused in the Bay Area and Southern California, and she has extensive experience managing private development projects in the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco. Heidi received a B.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Southern California and is currently pursuing an M.S.L. in Water and Environmental Law from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Name: Donna Meyers, General Manager, Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Biography: Donna Meyers is the General Manager of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and manages 6 groundwater sustainability plans that were completed for the sub-aquifers of the Salinas Valley. In that capacity she is responsible for the development and implementation of groundwater sustainability portfolios across the Salinas Valley Basin in Monterey County. The work of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency engages beneficial users across the Salinas Valley in solving groundwater losses, seawater intrusion, and advocating for addressing water quality issues for domestic users of groundwater. Donna oversaw an extensive planning effort from 2019 to 2022 in completing 6 groundwater sustainability plans with extensive stakeholder involvement through active planning committees involving 85 stakeholders and engaging technical and scientific experts in charting a direction to sustainability in the Salinas Valley, an agricultural growing region that provides fresh fruit and vegetables globally.

Name: Zachary Miller, Senior Transportation and Environmental Planner, Ascent Environmental

Biography: Zachary is the primary program coordinator for the Environmental and Planning Diversity Internship Program. He led the planning, recruitment, and implementation for the internship program, which included a 2-week charrette in which all interns worked together with industry professionals on an important land use and environmental planning project in Sacramento.

Name: Carie Montero, Associate VP, Director of Environmental Planning, HNTB

Biography: Carie Montero is an Associate Vice President and Director of Environmental Planning at HNTB for Northern California. As a practicing environmental professional for over 26 years, she brings a wealth of experience covering all aspects of environmental planning and management. She has successfully managed high profile outreach efforts for numerous transportation projects throughout the Bay Area.

Name: Julie Morgan, Principal, Fehr & Peers

Biography: Julie works in the Walnut Creek office of Fehr & Peers and has over 20 years of experience in transportation planning, focusing on travel demand forecasting, travel behavior analysis, transportation infrastructure funding, and transportation demand management (TDM). Most recently, Julie's attention has been focused on helping local jurisdictions throughout the Bay Area implement SB 743, developing VMT methods and thresholds for cities and counties throughout the region and leading Fehr & Peers' internal working group on SB 743. Julie is currently leading Contra Costa's efforts to establish an interjurisdictional VMT mitigation program.

Name: Scott Morgan, Chief Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Biography: Scott Morgan is OPR's Chief Deputy Director, overseeing the daily operations of the office and leading the Administrative, State Clearinghouse and Military Affairs Teams. Scott coordinates efforts across all of OPR's Budget Programs.

Name: Danielle Morone, Partner, Gatzke Dillon & Ballance LLP

Biography: Danielle Morone is a partner at Gatzke Dillon & Ballance LLP. She represents lead agencies and project applicants on CEQA and NEPA compliance for a variety of project types, including residential and non-residential, university campus and airport development. As part of this practice, Danielle works with environmental consultants from multiple disciplines but devotes a measurable portion of her practice to air quality regulation and greenhouse gas emission reduction analyses. In this respect, she has considerable expertise in the preparation of emissions inventories for criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gases, health effect evaluations for criteria air pollutant and toxic air contaminants, and plan-level consistency studies concerning the intersection of air quality, greenhouse gas, land use and transportation.

Name: Megna Murali, Student/Environmental Consultant, Student/Sapphos Environmental

Biography: Megna Murali is currently J.D. Candidate at Vermont Law School and working as an Environmental Consultant at Sapphos Environmental. She received her bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University in Environmental Studies. Following her undergraduate career, Megna received a Master of Science in Ecological Science and Management, prior to joining Sapphos in 2019. As a planner, she has worked on residential, commercial, institutional facilities, park and school modernization efforts, and urban space projects. Megna specializes in air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and noise pollution and has conducted impact and technical analyses for both CEQA and NEPA compliance. Megna's skills, knowledge, and abilities extend over a wide range of topics with overlapping qualities. These practices aim toward sustainability practices, accessibility, and enhancement of quality of life. Megna is on the board of the Los Angeles chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) and coordinates the programs and events that the chapter hosts. She also works closely with student outreach by providing support and involving students with the Los Angeles chapter.

Name: Brian Myller, President of Professional Services, ADEC Innovations

Biography: Brian L. Myller has more than 36 years of experience supporting 20 Fortune 500 firms, major branches of the US military, Departments of Energy and Interior, and numerous state and local agencies with hydrogeology and environmental science aimed to recover, protect, and prosper business and community. His expertise includes contaminant release forensics, fate and transport behavior, exposure pathway assessment, and remediation of a wide range of contaminants in complex aquifer systems. He specializes in helping clients understand, remediate, and mitigate environmental risk, improve land and asset value, avoid litigation, and optimize resources. He has worked extensively with Federal environmental regulations including NEPA, CERCLA, RCRA, CWA, CAA, as well as many state regulations concerning groundwater/surface water interaction, human health exposure, and remedial strategy and design.

Name: Olivia Naves, Assistant Planner, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

Biography: Olivia is an Assistant Planner in the State Clearinghouse. She supports daily Clearinghouse operations such as providing technical assistance on the new CEQA database and creating and updating content related to Clearinghouse processes. She also provides communications support across OPR.

Name: Darin Neufeld, Director, Environmental Planning + Compliance, Harris and Associates

Biography: Darin Neufeld is Director of Environmental Planning + Compliance at Harris & Associates where he manages California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and sustainability and resilience projects. Darin has over 16 years of experience in environmental planning and project management, eight of those working for lead agencies. He specializes in sustainability and CEQA compliance. He has experience with master-planned communities, commercial/retail, industrial, renewable energy, climate action planning, vulnerability assessments, and long-range planning projects. Mr. Neufeld has managed complex projects including general plan amendments, community plans, climate action plans, and large-scale renewable energy projects. Darin served on the Association of Environmental Professionals San Diego Chapter Board and on the San Diego Section of the American Planning Association Board. Darin worked on several master-planned communities that were subsequently litigated due to wildfire concerns.

Name: Nathan Nguyen, Assistant Public Works Director/Project Manager, City of Santa Cruz

Biography: As the Director of Public Works, Nathan oversees a wide range of public works services including engineering design, traffic engineering and maintenance, storm water management, street maintenance, resource recovery management, waste reduction programs, wastewater management, flood control and parking control.

Mr. Nguyen has worked with the City of Santa Cruz in various roles for the last 15 years. He served as an Assistant Civil Engineer, Associate Professional Engineer, Senior Engineer, and Transportation Manager. Most recently, Nguyen has served as the Assistant Director of Public Works and City Engineer since November 2021. He has been responsible for overseeing 25 full-time employees and directing the Public Works 5-year capital investment program.

During Nguyen's time with the City, he has led critical traffic signal upgrades, the installation of green bike lanes, the Branciforte Creek bike and pedestrian bridge, fiber connectivity, and the first segments of the Coastal Rail Trail project. He brings a passion for growing positive relationships with customers, delivering services to our community, developing staff, and looking at processes with fresh eyes for efficiency and improvements.

Name: Phuong Nguyen, Senior Transportation Engineer, CR Associates

Biography: Phuong Nguyen has 15 years of experience providing engineering services to the transportation industry. He has conducted multiple evacuation analyses using microsimulation and transportation demand models. Over the years, Phuong has improved evacuation analysis methodology by including the multiple variables associated with human behavior during an evacuation scenario. Phuong has worked closely with fire protection experts, fire chiefs, law enforcement, and public works departments to ensure that each evacuation analysis remains up to date with the latest OPR technical advisory, emergency operation plans, and published case law.

Name: Brock Ortega, Senior Biologist, Dudek

Biography: Brock has been a Principal at Dudek for over 30 years and holds a degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University.

Name: Alexandra Owens, CEQA Technician, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

Biography: Alexandra Owens is a Clearinghouse Technician in the State Clearinghouse. She processes and reviews documents submitted to the CEQA Database, assisting with quality assurance and providing technical assistance to public agencies and the general public.

Name: Jesse Patterson, Chief Strategy Officer, The League to Save Lake Tahoe

Biography: As the League's Chief Strategy Officer, Jesse supports the development and implementation of strategies to protect and restore Lake Tahoe. He designs and manages the League's campaigns to Keep Tahoe Blue through advocacy, education, collaboration and communication and ensures the integration of the best available science. Jesse joined the League in 2012 after working for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, where he was responsible for directing their natural resource, alternative fuels, solid waste and education/outreach programs. Jesse received his Master of Environmental Science and Management from the Donald Bren School at UCSB and a Bachelor of Science in aquatic biology from UCSB.

Name: Suma Peesapati, Environmental Justice Officer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Biography: Suma Peesapati is the inaugural Environmental Justice and Community Engagement Officer at the Bay Area Air District. Before joining the Air District, she was appointed by Governor Newsom in 2019 to serve as Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement at CalEPA. She has nearly twenty-five years of experience practicing law in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors, specializing in CEQA and the Clean Air Act. Prior to her appointment, Suma was a Deputy Attorney General with the California Attorney General's Bureau of Environmental Justice where she focused on environmental enforcement in low-income communities and communities of color. In 2017, she founded Peesapati Law, a plaintiff's environmental law firm in San Diego. She has served as a visiting assistant professor at UC Irvine's Environmental Law Clinic and as adjunct faculty at UC Davis and UC Berkeley Law Schools. Earlier in her career, she practiced law in the Bay Area as a staff attorney with Earthjustice, as an associate attorney with small plaintiffs' side law firm, and as a staff attorney and an Equal Justice Works Fellow with Communities for a Better Environment. Suma is also an advisor to the Executive Committee of the California Lawyers Association's Environmental Law Section.

Name: Sarah Perez, Principal, City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Biography: Sarah Perez is the City of Santa Cruz Water Department's Principal Planner. She focuses on water utility planning and the environmental compliance program for the department's capital projects. Sarah has an undergraduate degree in biology and environmental studies and a master's in landscape architecture with over 16 years of experience in CEQA, NEPA, permitting, and planning for public utilities. Sarah drafted the City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and oversaw the development of Santa Cruz Water Rights Project EIR.

Name: Paul Philley, Program Supervisor, CEQA & Land Use, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Biography: Paul Philley, AICP is the Program Supervisor of the CEQA and Land Use section at the Sac Metro Air District, where his team promotes clean air and public health through improvements in the built environment. He has over 15 years of planning and CEQA experience, and currently serves as the President Elect of the Sacramento Transportation Management Association. He holds an MA in Urban Planning from UCLA and a BS in Geology from CSU Bakersfield.

Name: Nathan Pingel, Water Supply Management Business Class Leader & Pr, HDR

Biography: Nathan Pingel specializes in management of complex, diverse water resource projects; risk-based analysis, assessment, and communication; flood consequence analysis; surface water hydrology; reservoir systems analysis and modeling; and hydrologic statistics. His experience as a hydrologic engineer includes 2 years at the USACE Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) and 20 years with David Ford Consulting Engineers (now HDR.) Pingel has project and research experience with the Corp's suite of hydrologic engineering software programs and is an expert in risk analyses in accordance with Corps criteria using software such as HEC-FDA. Recent projects have

included the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and evaluating economic impacts of flood management activities in the Central Valley of California as well as development of interim operations plans for Oroville Dam. Pingel, who was vice president of David Ford Consulting Engineers, Inc. and now a Professional Associate at HDR, is an active member of civil engineering and floodplain management professional organizations. He has published several articles in journals of those organizations and presented papers at numerous conferences.

Name: Jacqueline Protsman Rohr, Associate II, PlaceWorks

Biography: Jacqueline Protsman Rohr is an Associate on both the Climate Action and Resilience team at PlaceWorks. She received her Bachelor's degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in Environmental Management and Protection, and a Master's in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly, prior to joining PlaceWorks in 2018. For the past 4 years, Jacqueline has been climate change vulnerability assessments, climate adaptation, and safety elements for local and regional jurisdictions throughout California. With a background in environmental planning and passion for climate adaptation planning, Jacqueline hopes to help create healthy and resilient communities statewide.

Name: Adam Poll, Senior Air Quality Specialist, Dudek

Biography: Adam is a Senior Air Quality Specialist at Dudek. Adam has been trained in organizational GHG accounting which provided a thorough understanding of the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol Corporate Standard, while referring to the ISO 14064: Part 1 international standard for GHG inventories. The material taught in this course serves as the basis for almost all of the entity-level GHG reporting programs in the world, such as Carbon Disclosure Project, U.S. EPA Climate Leaders, U.S. DOE/EIA 1605(b) program, The Climate Registry, The California Climate Action Registry, The Chicago Climate Exchange, Mexico GHG Program, Philippine GHG Accounting & Reporting Program. Key concepts covered included GHG accounting principles, Defining applications for GHG inventories, Designing and development of GHG inventories, Establishing GHG boundaries for an organization, Identifying emission sources, Tracking emissions over time, recalculations, and establishing a base year, Setting GHG reduction targets, Inventory quality management, Preparing a GHG inventory report, and Preparing for verification.

Adam is a ISO 14001:2004 certified Lead Auditor for Environmental Management Systems and has earned his Leadership in Energy and Environmental Excellence Accredited Professional (LEED AP) designation in new building design and construction.

Name: Michele Prestowitz, Director or Restoration, Truckee River Watershed Council

Biography: Michele Prestowitz is a Project Director with 12 years of experience in watershed improvement. She has managed multiple restoration and protection projects through all phases of development including assessment, design, planning, construction, monitoring and adaptive management. Recent projects include the Martis Wildlife Area Restoration, Bear Creek Lower Meadow Restoration, Truckee River Wildlife Area Restoration, and facilitating the Donner Lake Interagency Partnership for Stewardship to ensure the long-term ecological and community health of Donner Lake. She has extensive experience managing up to hundreds of volunteers across a dozen restoration projects each year as part of TRWC's annual Truckee River Day. Michele's background is in public policy and public health with a specialization in health care for underserved communities.

Name: Juliana Prosperi, Associate Environmental Scientist/Planner, WSP Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

Biography: Juliana Prosperi is an Associate Environmental Scientist with more than 22 years of experience as a certified planner and regulatory compliance permitting specialist with expertise in hazard mitigation, climate resiliency, and land use planning. Juliana has worked extensively as a planning and policy consultant on projects

ranging from linear electric and water infrastructure improvements, wildfire resiliency programs, recovery plans, and climate adaptation plans. Her skills span compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, California Environmental Quality Act, Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and California General Plan law requirements. She has managed over 20 local and multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans and Safety Element updates projects in California and regularly supports state and regional HMPs. She holds degrees in both Environmental Science and English at the University of Colorado and has a M.A. in Environmental Science and Policy from Boston University. With a background in biology, public health, and policy, Ms. Prosperi is passionate about the interactions between the built and natural environment and helping municipalities develop mitigation strategies for natural hazards and build capacity to create safer and resilient communities.

Name: Lara Rachowicz, Senior Ecologist/Project Manager, Ascent Environmental

Biography: Lara Rachowicz is an ecologist with 20 years of experience throughout California, and a focus on special-status species. She manages and supports the preparation of environmental impact reports and other environmental documents for resource management programs and led preparation of the biological resources section for the CalVTP Program EIR. She is actively assisting public agencies with CalVTP project-specific analyses and other regulatory compliance approaches that expedite the implementation of forest health and fire fuel management projects. Before consulting, Lara was a biologist for the National Park Service and her previous research focused on threatened amphibian populations.

Name: Collin Ramsey, Senior Development Manager, Western US, Strata Clean Energy

Biography: As Senior Development Manager for Strata Clean Energy, Collin manages all aspects of the project development process for utility-scale battery energy storage and PV solar facilities, including siting, origination, use permitting and project execution. He has experience permitting/entitling over 1 GW of energy storage, solar and wind projects in California/CAISO and throughout the WECC and U.S.

Name: Jennifer Reed, Air Quality Services Manager, Dudek

Biography: Jennifer Reed leads Dudek's air quality services team and has over 15 years' experience. Ms. Reed specializes in air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, health risk assessment, and energy technical analyses, and continues to be on the forefront of evolving science, emissions modeling computer programs, regulatory framework, and caselaw. She has been responsible for the management, analysis, and technical leadership of numerous public and private development projects subject to compliance with CEQA and NEPA. In addition, Ms. Reed teaches an air quality and GHG emissions course for UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education, is an active member in AEP's Climate Change Committee, and has demonstrated success in relaying technical analyses in a way that is easy to understand.

Name: Kaeleigh Reynolds, Climate & Energy Planning Technician, Sierra Business Council

Biography: As a project manager at Sierra Business Council and program manager of the Sierra Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Partnership (Sierra CAMP), Kaeleigh works with internal and external partners to make data-informed decisions regarding climate planning, energy efficiency in rural communities, and policy that works towards climate resilience and sustainable economic growth. Kaeleigh sits on the Executive Committee for the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA) and regularly contributes to ARCCA's comment letters on state funding and policy. Kaeleigh lives in Truckee, CA where you will find her trail running with the cutest dog ever, downhill skiing, and reading fiction in her free time.

Name: Chelsea Richer, Senior Associate, Fehr & Peers

Biography: Chelsea works in the Los Angeles office of Fehr & Peers and has over 10 years of experience in transportation planning, focusing on first/last mile planning, multi-modal safety, climate change, and transportation demand management (TDM). Chelsea has been helping to lead several of the efforts in Southern California to establish a regional or interjurisdictional VMT mitigation program following the adoption of SB 743, including the SGVCOG effort. She has a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from UCLA and a bachelor's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago.

Name: Kathryn Rose, Acting Chief, Cultural Studies Office, Caltrans

Biography: Kathryn Rose has worked as an Environmental Professional at Caltrans, District 4 in the Office of Cultural Resource Studies since 2008. She is currently in an Acting position as the Chief of the Cultural Studies Office in Caltrans Headquarters Division of Environmental Analysis. In her various roles, Kathryn consistently works to promote and develop more meaningful engagement for transportation projects.

Name: Elise Ruiz, Group Program Manager, County of San Diego, Sustainability & Environmental Justice

Biography: Elise Ruiz is a Group Program Manager in the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice at the County of San Diego. Elise works in support of various sustainability and environmental justice efforts, such as regional decarbonization and water equity assessment- which is a collaboration with binational partnerships. She holds an Executive Master's degree from Arizona State University, focusing on social-ecological systems science, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Biology and Policy. As a naturalist at heart and avid free diver, Elise is passionate about creating sustainable solutions for San Diego's local community and environment.

Name: Matthew Russell, Program Manager, Archaeology, Environmental Science Associates

Biography: Matt has more than 30 years of experience in archaeology and has a wide range of experience in prehistoric and historical archaeology in the United States and abroad, with more than 20 years managing large and complex projects in both the private and public sectors. Matt is a specialist in maritime archaeology, and has participated in or directed more than 50 archaeology projects for state, federal and international agencies both on land and underwater since 1993. He has written numerous articles, book chapters, and monographs, and has edited several books. Matt has been a member of the Register of Professional Archaeologists since 2005. At ESA, Matt serves as a program manager for prehistoric, historical, and maritime archaeological technical studies. Matt has conducted numerous technical studies and impact assessments for compliance with federal and state laws including NHPA Section 106 and CEQA.

Name: Phil Saksa, Co-Founder & Chief Scientist, Blue Forest

Biography: Phil Saksa is co-founder & Chief Scientist at Blue Forest and has more than a decade of experience in ecosystem services and watershed management. Phil has a Ph.D. in Environmental Systems, and was previously with the Sierra Nevada Research Institute at UC Merced, where he focused on water supply impacts from forest management, wildfire, and climate in California's Sierra Nevada.

Name: Ann Sansevero, Principal/Senior Project Manager, Dudek

Biography: Ann Sansevero has over 30 years of experience preparing environmental documentation and facilitating coastal and regulatory permitting for public land use and infrastructure projects. She has overseen environmental review and permitting documentation and facilitated permitting for many water agency projects in the Monterey Bay and San Francisco Bay Areas for decades, including but not limited to serving as project manager

for the scwd2 Regional Seawater Desalination Project EIR and subsequent feasibility update review for seawater desalination for the City of Santa Cruz as part of the City's Water Supply Advisory Committee implementation process. She was also the project manager for the Santa Cruz Water Rights Project EIR, certified in December 2021. She is currently serving as project director for various City of Santa Cruz water projects. She has experience with many water project types including desalination, traditional water treatment, reservoir/dam modifications, surface water diversion improvements, aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), groundwater and ASR wells, water rights, inter-agency water transfers, pipelines, tanks, and pump stations.

Name: Gina Sawaya, Environmental Planner, WSP Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

Biography: Gina Sawaya is an environmental/planning consultant for WSP with five years of professional experience. She specializes in public and stakeholder outreach, environmental planning, and impact assessment. During her work on local planning projects, Ms. Sawaya has led dozens of stakeholder and public workshops and analyzed feedback from thousands of respondents. While working on FEMA projects in the western U.S., she analyzes environmental impacts of hazard mitigation activities such as vegetation management and seismic retrofits under Region 9. She also helped write the Santa Barbara Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and conducted stakeholder and public outreach, including administering and analyzing surveys and hosting interactive virtual workshops. Ms. Sawaya achieved a Bachelor of Science from the College of William and Mary in Biology and Environmental Science.

Name: Brian Schuster, Senior Managing Associate, ESA

Biography: Brian has over 12 years of project management and technical air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) experience. He has developed, planned, and implemented Climate Action Plans (CAPs) for public and private agencies throughout California. He has authored more than 30 environmental impact reports in compliance with CEQA and NEPA guidelines. In his CAP work, Brian designs comprehensive GHG emissions inventories, evaluates GHG emission reductions from a wide variety of measures, authors planning documents, and engages stakeholders through outreach. As Project Manager, Brian led CAP projects for the counties of San Bernardino, Sonoma, Marin, and Los Angeles, and for the City of Ontario. Brian also has experience conducting pollutant dispersion modeling using AERMOD and CALINE and has prepared many health risk assessments for complex development projects. He has extensive emissions modeling experience using CalEEMod, EMFAC, OFFROAD, WARM, and ClearPath (Brian is on the SEEC technical advisory committee). He has also designed a number of interactive excel models for clients, including GHG inventorying tools, a lifecycle GHG waste tool, a health risk assessment screening tool, GHG reduction measure planning tools, and GHG reduction measure implementation tracking tools.

Name: Tammy Seale, Principal, Climate Action & Resiliency Services, PlaceWorks

Biography: Tammy is a Principal at PlaceWorks and leads climate action and resiliency services. She has 25+ years' experience in climate action and resiliency planning, comprehensive planning, energy policy, environmental planning, sustainability, GHG inventories, community engagement, smart growth, and CEQA. She co-authored Local Climate Action Planning, the first guidebook for developing strategic plans and processes to reduce local GHG emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

Name: Shawn Shamlou, Cultural Practice Director, Dudek

Biography: Shawn Shamlou is a principal with 24 years' experience preparing environmental documentation for land-use planning and infrastructure projects for public and private clients. Mr. Shamlou has prepared more than 200 reports complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and has served as project manager and primary author of many environmental review docu-

ments throughout San Diego County and California. A specialist in infrastructure projects, Mr. Shamlou has overseen and managed a broad range of environmental documents for healthcare, transportation, aviation, rail, port, water, and energy infrastructure projects. He understands the environmental policy and regulatory process complexities that surround permitting projects through agencies like California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the California Coastal Commission (CCC) and expertly guides clients through the environmental approval process. Mr. Shamlou is also adept at managing private development projects for residential, mixed use, redevelopment, and office projects. Mr. Shamlou has established himself as an effective project manager with robust interpersonal skills and a solid foundation in implementation of solutions for complex environmental issues. He is a results-oriented planning professional who is highly motivated with an ability to combine creative ideas and analytical decision-making. Mr. Shamlou has a strong presence with excellent written and presentation skills.

Name: Kyle Shipley, Transportation Modeling and Analysis Team Manager, Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Biography: Kyle Shipley is the Transportation Modeling and Analysis Team Manager at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) where he leads a team specializing in travel demand forecasting, data analysis, and regional planning. His work focuses on providing the technical leadership for the region's long-range plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategies. Kyle and his team also maintain the regional travel demand model and other analysis tools used for the evaluation of transportation, land use, and air-quality impacts of projects throughout the 6 county Sacramento region. Kyle's work has focused on leveraging data to plan more sustainable and multimodal transportation strategies for the future. Education: Bachelor of Science, Landscape Architecture, the University of California at Davis Certificate, Data Science, University of California at Berkeley

Name: Michael Stephenson, Principal Scientist and Western Region Manager, Cameron-Cole

Biography: Michael Stephenson, MBA, ERM, has more than 27 years of project management, site assessment, and remediation experience gained from working on various projects, including large and complex industrial developments, for both private and municipal clients. Mr. Stephenson's expertise includes risk management, environmental liability estimation, database management, and statistical data analysis. He has conducted human health and ecological risk assessments, Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies, soil and groundwater characterizations; provided technical support for site closures; and managed several soil and groundwater remediation, monitoring, and investigation for projects involving human health and ecologically based risk analyses.

Name: Kimberly Stern Lidell, Environmental Construction Compliance Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Biography: Kim Stern Liddell (M.S. Environmental Management) is the Environmental Construction Compliance Manager for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in their Environmental Management Group. Kim develops procedures for and oversees environmental compliance inspection, monitoring and reporting services during construction of the SFPUC's capital projects to ensure project's meet their environmental commitments as stipulated in CEQA/NEPA documents and regulatory resource agency permits. With a B.S. in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution from the University of California at San Diego, she led the development of the WSIP on-site revegetation program. She also holds a M.S. in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco.

Name: Colleen Taylor, Principal Project Manager-Environmental Scientist, Jacobs

Biography: Colleen Taylor is a principal project manager and environmental scientist with over 20 years' experience focusing on energy (electric and natural gas) transmission, power, distribution, and renewables generation markets. She seeks challenging projects where she can develop environmentally-sound solutions with clients that advance resilience and success while positively contributing toward the economy, society and the environment. She applies her expertise in strategy, routing, siting and licensing; planning and environmental assessments for both CEQA and NEPA, and natural resource agency permitting; construction permit compliance, resource monitoring, and environmental inspection; and, project management, program management, client portfolio delivery management, staff supervision, and mentorship.

Name: Tammy Taylor, Senior Environmental Planner, County of Marin/CDA

Biography: Beginning in 2005, Tammy Taylor began her career with the Marin County Community Development Agency in the Environmental Planning Division. During the seventeen years that she has worked at the County of Marin, Tammy has split her time between different divisions, assisting the Current Planning and the Housing and Federal Grants Divisions, while also increasing her responsibilities and role within the Environmental Planning Division. She has prepared both CEQA and NEPA compliant documents, including initial studies leading to negative declarations, environmental assessments and addendums to previous environmental review documents. She has also worked collaboratively with various environmental consulting firms on environmental impact report preparation. More recently, Tammy has begun a County-wide initiative to consolidate and coordinate Tribal engagement with the culturally affiliated Native American Tribes of Marin County in the hopes of improving engagement practices by the County more broadly.

Name: Mark Teague, Managing Principal, PlaceWorks

Biography: In over 35 years of public- and private-sector experience, Mark has worked throughout California in agencies large and small and is considered an innovative problem solver. His projects range from planned communities, shopping center EIRs, general plan and zoning code updates, impact fees, and public outreach for projects highly scrutinized by the public. Mark is often able to offer a unique approach to meeting a critical goal of a project.

Name: Sabrina Teller, Managing Partner, Remy Moose Manley, LLP

Biography: Sabrina Teller is a senior partner in Remy Moose Manley, LLP, where she has practiced since 2001. She regularly advises local and state agencies and private applicants across the state in all phases of the administrative review process, writ litigation, and appeals. Sabrina's practice includes the California Environmental Quality Act, the State Planning and Zoning Law, the Subdivision Map Act, the California Coastal Act, the California Endangered Species Act, the California Water Code provisions relating to water supplies for development, the National Environmental Policy Act, the federal Endangered Species Act, and the federal Clean Water Act provisions associated with wetlands permitting. She partnered with Ascent in the development of the CalVTP Program EIR and advises clients on regulatory compliance for wildfire resilience. She regularly teaches land use and environmental law continuing education classes and seminars for her client agencies and professional organizations such as the Association of Environmental Professionals and Law Seminars International.

Name: Leslie Tice, CEP, National Director of Environmental Services, HDR, Inc.

Biography: Leslie Tice is a Certified Environmental Professional and HDR's national Environmental Director for its Water Business Group with 25 years of experience in CEQA, NEPA, and environmental programs. Leslie works with project and program teams to integrate planning processes. She develops teams to effectively collaborate across

boundaries and with clients to break down barriers within planning. Leslie has been supporting the California Water Control Manual updates providing strategic advisory services for several years as well as other reservoir and water supply management projects, dam and spillway infrastructure improvements, water, irrigation and flood control district capital projects, and the like in either the CEQA/NEPA realm or environmental strategy space. Leslie has been an active member of CalAEP since 2005 and has served in many board positions over that time.

Name: Miriam Torres, Senior Advanced Project Advisor, Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Biography: Miriam Torres is an environmental justice advocate, urban planner, collaborator, and mother. Miriam is currently a Senior Advanced Projects Advisor in the Executive Office and previously served as a Principal Environmental Planner in the Planning and Climate Protection Division of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. At the Air District, Miriam works to support communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution in addressing emission and exposure reduction. Previously, Miriam worked in philanthropy, government, consulting, and the non-profit sector throughout California. Miriam serves on the Young Professionals Board for Bresee, a youth center in Los Angeles. Miriam received a Bachelor of Science degree in Conservation and Resource Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. She holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Name: Vanessa Toscano, Environmental Planning Group Manager, HELIX Environmental Planning

Biography: Vanessa is an Environmental Planning Group Manager at HELIX Environmental Planning.

Name: Tam Tran, Planner and Transportation Policy Lead, San Francisco Planning Department

Biography: Tam Tran is a transportation and land use planner with 18 years of experience. She has managed a variety of multimodal projects in California, including bus rapid transit, high-speed rail, ferry, and bike/pedestrian access. She has also managed transportation corridor studies and transit asset management projects. Currently, she is a planner and transportation policy lead at the San Francisco Planning Department. In this role, she is heading the update of the city's Transportation Element and involved in projects related to emerging mobility services and technology, San Francisco's Climate Action Plan, and Transit Strategy.

Name: Mikayla Vaba, CEQA Technician, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

Biography: Mikayla Vaba is a Clearinghouse Technician in the State Clearinghouse. She processes and reviews documents submitted to the CEQA Database, assisting with quality assurance and providing technical assistance to public agencies and the general public.

Name: Allison Vanderslice, CEQA Cultural Resources Team Manager, San Francisco Planning Department

Biography: Allison Vanderslice is a Principal Preservation Planner and Archaeologist for the San Francisco Planning Department, where she manages the archaeological team and CEQA archaeological review. Allison has over twenty years of experience researching, documenting, and evaluating historic properties and cultural resources. Before joining the San Francisco Planning Department in 2012, she worked for Archeo-Tec, an archaeological consulting firm in Oakland; historic preservation firm Carey & Co., based in San Francisco; and Pacific Legacy, a cultural resources management firm in Berkeley. She has a master's degree in Cultural Resources Management from Sonoma State University. Allison has presented on CEQA review and cultural resources at a number of conferences including the California Preservation Foundation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Society for Historical Archaeology, Society for American Archaeology, and the Society for California Archaeology.

Name: Nicole Vermilion, Principal, PlaceWorks

Biography: Nicole Vermilion combines broad perspective and big-picture thinking with a good technical grounding to find workable solutions to environmental constraints. She is an air quality specialist with over 10 years of experience in air quality and greenhouse gas assessments for CEQA analyses. Nicole is involved in nearly every one of the firm's CEQA projects and closely follows the rapid changes in requirements and the latest information on CEQA thresholds and analysis methodology. She has performed numerous greenhouse gas emissions inventories for individual projects as well as citywide emissions inventories for general plans. She participated in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's CEQA GHG significance thresholds working group for development projects and beta-tested the CalEEMod program for the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Name: Rich Walter, Vice President, Environmental Planning, ICF

Biography: Rich Walter has 30 years of experience in environmental planning, compliance strategy, permitting, and mitigation development and implementation. Rich has led an ICF Climate Action Planning practice since 2006. ICF's climate action planning team has developed municipal and community climate action plans, GHG inventories for hundreds of communities across the U.S., general plan policies addressing climate change, cost-benefit analyses of emission reduction strategies, studies of adaptation to sea level rise, as well as numerous National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents addressing GHG emissions, climate change effects, resiliency, and adaptation. Rich is also a key author for the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) white papers on climate action planning as well as California Air Pollution Control Officers' Association (CAPCOA) white papers on CEQA and Climate Change and on Climate Change and General Plans. He also speaks often at conferences on greenhouse gas inventories, climate action plans, and integration of GHG reduction analysis and climate adaptation into environmental review documents.

Name: John Wentworth, Board President, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation

Biography: John Wentworth is Chairman and CEO of the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA). MLTPA's recent efforts include delivery of "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience" to the California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force and project management for the Eastern Sierra's Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative including "A Changing Climate | Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra", a unique 17,000 sq. mile place-based climate and natural capital assessment encompassing 3 California Counties, 5 National Park Service units, 2 U.S Forest units in California's Eastern Sierra funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Proposition 68. MLTPA has worked closely with regional public land managers, including the Inyo National Forest on the update of its General Management Plan through the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative, funded in part by the National Forest Foundation. John is also a member of the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, currently serving as the town's Mayor. For the State of California, John serves as a member of the Technical Advisory Council for the State's Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, through the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Prior to moving to Mammoth Lakes, John worked in the motion picture industry, where his credits include Co-Producer of "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me" and "Mulholland Drive".

Name: Nicole West, Sr Environmental Planner, Rincon Consultants

Biography: Ms. West is a Supervising Environmental Planner at Rincon Consultants, Inc. Ms. West has over 20 years of experience in CEQA/NEPA, water quality, and floodplains. Ms. West prepares environmental documents for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), cities, counties, and private developers.

Name: Teresa Whinery, Associate, Fehr & Peers

Biography: Teresa is a transportation planner who is passionate about data-driven analysis of where, when, and how we travel. Her approach to problem-solving involves identifying unique and elegant methods of applying available information to find the right transportation solution for the context and issue at hand. She is the leader of Fehr & Peers' company-wide Transportation Demand Management group and has conducted extensive research for clients concerning the potential for TDM strategies and policies to reduce vehicle trips, vehicle miles traveled, and GHG emissions. She is also an active member of the firm's Land Use and Transportation Discipline Group, focusing on how built environments influence our travel decisions and affect local and regional transportation infrastructure.

Name: Peter Wolcott, Water Quality Committee Chair, Tahoe Keyes Property Owners Association

Biography: Pete is a Tahoe Keys Property Owner's association Board Member and the Water Quality Committee Chair. Pete and his wife are newcomers to Lake Tahoe, having moved down from nearby Bear Valley in the fall of 2019. Pete volunteered to help steer the Key's Aquatic Invasive Weeds (AIS) effort in mid-2021. As avid sailors, keeping the waterways open and Lake Tahoe free of invasive weeds is a must do. Now retired, Pete's work life was centered in Silicon Valley, with a long stint at Intel Corporation and a sprint with an e-commerce software start-up. His career efforts were split between Finance, Sales & Marketing, and General Management, and included overseas postings in Europe and Asia. He has an AB in Economics from Dartmouth College and an MBA from the Tuck School of Business.

Name: Lana Wong, Mobility Management Strategy Lead, California Air Resources Board

Biography: Lana Wong is the Mobility Management Strategy Lead with the California Air Resources Board (CARB). In this role, she works to advance policies and implementation of land use and transportation VMT reduction strategies to meet the State's climate and equity goals. She previously served as one of CARB's regional liaisons to Metropolitan Planning Organizations implementing Senate Bill 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008. She also contributed to the development of the Clean Miles Standard Regulation, that establishes vehicle electrification and GHG emission reduction targets for transportation network companies. Lana has experience in environmental and transportation planning. In the past, she has worked at both local planning agencies and in the non-profit sector. Lana has two master's degrees in City and Regional Planning and Transportation Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and bachelors in Geography from San Francisco State University.

Name: Darryl Yip, Senior Transportation Planner, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)

Biography: Darryl Yip (he/him) is a Senior Transportation Planner at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the City and County of San Francisco's transportation department and transit agency, where he does long-range planning related to climate and resiliency planning, capital planning, transit planning, electric vehicle infrastructure, and transportation policy. Outside of work, Darryl closely follows how state CEQA policy can reduce driving and advocates for infill housing and non-automobile transportation in San Mateo County. Darryl has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from UCLA and a Bachelor of Science from Loyola Marymount University.

Name: Kristin York, Vice President, Sierra Business Council

Biography: Kristin leverages 25 years of experience in strategic planning, finance, operations, marketing, circular economy models, ESG and entity transformation to help businesses and organizations thrive economically while understanding their environmental and social impact. Kristin directs all SBC programs including economic develop-

ment, small business development center, climate and energy and community affairs. Kristin has worked with clients across broad sectors including hospitality, real estate, construction, energy, manufacturing, food systems and local governments. She is known as a creative problem solver and natural team builder with a unique holistic, systems perspective to complex situations. Prior experience includes Chief Development Officer for Cutting Edge Capital, Lean Manufacturing Director for Hexcel Corporation and Senior Manager at Andersen Consulting (Accenture) where she specialized in operational restructuring, high conflict crisis mitigation, and advising businesses in their return to financial viability. Kristin serves on the board of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation and as Chair of the Truckee Donner Recreation and Parks District Board. She is an Adjunct Professor of Sustainable Business at Presidio Graduate School, and holds an MBA in Finance as well as an Executive MBA in Sustainable Business.

Name: Kei Zushi, Senior Environmental Planner, San Francisco Planning Department

Biography: Kei Zushi is a senior environmental planner with the San Francisco Planning Department. In this capacity, he manages environmental and transportation review for complex and controversial projects. Some of his recent projects include Cruise autonomous vehicles charging and maintenance facility, Millennium Tower foundation upgrade, 3333 California Street (UCSF Laurel Heights Campus), Stonestown development, Sutro Tower upgrade, and Public Works citywide maintenance and construction projects. Kei previously worked as a city planner in California, Washington, and Oregon. He received a J.D. from UC College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings), a master's degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati, and a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from Hokkaido University in Japan. He is a California licensed attorney.