

2024 AEP INSTITUTE:

CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING

SPEAKER BIOS

OPENING KEYNOTE

JONATHAN PARFREY, CLIMATE RESOLVE

BEFORE FOUNDING CLIMATE RESOLVE, JONATHAN PARFREY SERVED AS A COMMISSIONER AT THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER (2008-2013). JONATHAN IS A MEMBER OF THE LA28 OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPIC GAMES SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP. HE IS A FOUNDER AND BOARD MEMBER OF CICLAVIA. THE POPULAR STREET EVENT. AS WELL AS A FOUNDER OF THE STATEWIDE ALLIANCE OF REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION. HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE GREEN LA COALITION (2007-2011) AND AS THE LOS ANGELES DIRECTOR OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE-WINNING ORGANIZATION PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (1994 TO 2007). PRIOR TO THAT, JONATHAN FOUNDED AND DIRECTED THE ORANGE COUNTY CATHOLIC WORKER (1987-1993). HE WAS APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TEAM IN 2003. JONATHAN RECEIVED THE PAULS, DELP AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE. PEACE, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (1992), WAS AWARDED A DURFEE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP (2002), A STANTON FELLOWSHIP (2010), AND WAS APPOINTED A SENIOR FELLOW AT THE USC MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (2011). HE IS CURRENTLY AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AT THE UCLA CENTER FOR HEALTHY CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: A FELLOW AT THE LOS ANGELES INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES: A MEMBER OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ADAPTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2016): A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE US CLIMATE AND HEALTH ALLIANCE (2016); A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE TIÜAC'A'AI HEALTHY LAND PROJECT OF THE FERNANDEÑO

TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS; AND AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AT THE UCLA LUSKIN CENTER FOR INNOVATION. IN APRIL 2016, HE RECEIVED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIR'S GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD.

PANEL 1: STATE OF CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING

MICHAEL HENDRIX, MICHAEL HENDRIX CONSULTING (MODERATOR)
MICHAEL HENDRIX HAS BEEN ON THE AEP CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE SINCE
ITS INCEPTION IN 2007. MICHAEL HAS OVER 27 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN AIR
QUALITY AND GHG EMISSIONS, CEQA/NEPA, AND CLIMATE CHANGE ANALYSIS. IN
THE SPRING OF 2022, HE FORMED HIS OWN CONSULTING FIRM FOCUSED ON
CLIMATE CHANGE, AIR QUALITY, AND CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING.

KELLY BRAY, HARRIS & ASSOCIATES

KELLY IS A LAND-USE PROFESSIONAL WITH MORE THAN 14 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN DIVERSE, ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED PROJECT MANAGEMENT. SHE HAS SUCCESSFULLY LED NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS ACROSS COUNTRY, AND EARNED THE SAN DIEGO APA YOUNG PLANNERS GROUP MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD IN 2019. HER AREAS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING, POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, CEQA COMPLIANCE, AND PUBLIC/PRIVATE ENTITLEMENTS. SHE IS ALSO PROFICIENT IN BUDGET AND SCOPE MANAGEMENT, CLIENT AND STAFF COORDINATION, AND PROPOSAL PREPARATION. ON THE TECHNICAL SIDE, KELLY HAS LED GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS ANALYSES FOR MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS AND HAS LED THE PREPARATION OF CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY PLANS, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

MATT KLOPFENSTEIN, CAL ADVISORS, LLC, AEP LOBBYIST
MATT KLOPFENSTEIN IS A PARTNER AT CALIFORNIA ADVISORS. HE REPRESENTS
A VARIETY OF CLIENTS IN LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ARENAS,
SPECIALIZING IN TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL, TRANSPORTATION,
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICYMAKING. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
NUMEROUS NOTEWORTHY POLICY FIGHTS OVER THE LAST DECADE, BOTH
SPONSORING PRIORITY LEGISLATION FOR CLIENTS, AS WELL AS PREVENTING
PROBLEMATIC PROPOSALS. MATT OBTAINED HIS J.D. DEGREE AND THE CAPITOL
CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC LAW & POLICY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW AND HIS B.A. DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA WHERE HE MAJORED IN ENGLISH. MATT IS
ALSO ON THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER OF YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS IN ENERGY.

KAELEIGH REYNOLDS, SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

AS A PROJECT MANAGER WHO WORKS ACROSS SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL'S CLIMATE AND ENERGY AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TEAMS AND MANAGES SIERRA CAMP, KAELEIGH REYNOLDS WORKS TO HELP COMMUNITIES IN THE SIERRA NEVADA PLAN FOR, ADAPT, AND MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

RICH WALTER, ICF

RICH WALTER HAS 32 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, COMPLIANCE STRATEGY, PERMITTING, AND MITIGATION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. HE SERVES AS PROJECT DIRECTOR/ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING FOR LARGE-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES AND PRIVATE CLIENTS.

HE HAS WORKED WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF FEDERAL AGENCIES ON NEPA COMPLIANCE INCLUDING FRA, FTA, FAA, NPS, BLM, USACE, USFWS, AND FERC. RICH HAS ALSO LED ICF'S CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING PRACTICE SINCE 2006 WHICH HAS DEVELOPED CLIMATE ACTION PLANS, GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) INVENTORIES FOR HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE U.S., GENERAL PLAN POLICIES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, COSTBENEFIT ANALYSES OF EMISSION REDUCTION STRATEGIES, CLIMATE ADAPTATION STUDIES (INCLUDING SEA LEVEL RISE), AS WELL AS NUMEROUS CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) DOCUMENTS ADDRESSING GHG EMISSIONS AND ADAPTATION.

KRISTIN YORK, SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

KRISTIN LEVERAGES 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN STRATEGIC PLANNING,
FINANCE, OPERATIONS, MARKETING, TRAINING, AND BUSINESS
TRANSFORMATION TO ASSIST BUSINESSES IN THE SIERRA THRIVE
ECONOMICALLY WHILE UNDERSTANDING THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
IMPACT.

PANEL 2: HAZARDS - WILDFIRE PLANNING

DARIN NEUFELD, HARRIS & ASSOCIATES (MODERATOR)

DARIN NEUFELD, AICP IS DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY AT HARRIS &

ASSOCIATES. DARIN HAS OVER 17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL

PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT, EIGHT OF THOSE WORKING FOR LEAD

AGENCIES. HE SPECIALIZES IN SUSTAINABILITY AND CALIFORNIA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT COMPLIANCE. HE HAS EXPERIENCE WITH

SAFETY ELEMENTS, RENEWABLE ENERGY, CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING,

ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE, SEA-LEVEL RISE, AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING PROJECTS. DARIN HAS MANAGED COMPLEX PROJECTS INCLUDING CLIMATE ACTION PLANS, GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS, COMMUNITY PLANS, ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PLANS, AND LARGE-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS. DARIN IS A MEMBER OF THE AEP BAY AREA CHAPTER BOARD AND AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PLANNERS.

ERIK DEKOK, ASCENT

ERIK DE KOK, AICP, IS THE DIRECTOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY PLANNING AT ASCENT. HE HAS OVER 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A PLANNER IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE PLANNING. PRIOR TO RE-JOINING ASCENT IN EARLY 2023, HE SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR) WHERE HE LED STATEWIDE PLANNING, POLICY, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING OPR'S FIRE HAZARD PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY UPDATE AND A NEW WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) PLANNING GUIDE AND BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY. ERIK IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH CAL FIRE, RESOURCES LEGACY FUND, AND THE FIRE-ADAPTED COMMUNITIES WORKING GROUP UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE ON THE FIRE-ADAPTED COMMUNITIES ROADMAP AND DASHBOARD PROJECT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A STATEWIDE STRATEGY FOR ACCELERATING COMMUNITY FIRE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE.

LISA MAIER, DUDEK

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.

MOLLY MOWERY, COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PLANNING CENTER

MOLLY CO-FOUNDED AND SERVES AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PLANNING CENTER. SHE ALSO FOUNDED WILDFIRE

PLANNING INTERNATIONAL, A LAND USE AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLANNING

CONSULTING FIRM. MOLLY IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING

ASSOCIATION, SERVES ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CODE ADVISORY

COUNCIL, AND IS LEAD AUTHOR OF PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE REPORT 594:

PLANNING THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S

DEGREE FROM NAROPA UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN CITY

PLANNING FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

DAVID SIBBET, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

DAVID LEADS THE COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION FOCUSING ON SAVING LIVES AND MINIMIZING PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM WILDFIRES. THIS DIVISION COMPLETES FIRE INSPECTIONS, VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS DURING WILDFIRES, BUILDING AND DISCRETIONARY PERMIT REVIEWS, AND FIRE PROTECTION PLAN REVIEWS. COUNTY FIRE HAS INITIATED SEVERAL PROGRAMS TO MINIMIZE PROPERTY LOSS DUE TO WILDFIRES, SUCH AS HOME HARDENING AND ROADSIDE CLEARANCE. HE HAS STUDIED HOW WILDFIRES START, SPREAD, AND HOW HOMES CAN BE BETTER PROTECTED; WHICH HAS LED TO SEVERAL FIRE CODE CHANGES.

NOAH STAMM, DUDEK

NOAH STAMM IS A FIRE PROTECTION PLANNER/URBAN FORESTRY ANALYST, WITH ROUGHLY 15 YEARS' OF COMBINEDPROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE INTHE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FIELD, SPECIALIZING INFIRE PREVENTION, WILDLAND FIREAND FUELS MANAGEMENT, WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) FIRE PROTECTION, URBAN FORESTRY CONSULTING, AND GEOGRAPHICAL

INFORMATION SYSTEMS. HIS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES
PARTICIPATION IN NUMEROUS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, DEALING
WITH THE ASSESSMENTOF FIRE ANDFUEL HAZARD CONDITIONS, WILDLANDURBAN INTERFACE INSPECTIONS, PREPARATION OFFIRE PROTECTION
PLANS(FPPS) AND COMMUNITYWILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS (CWPPS),
DEVELOPMENT OF FUELS MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS, AND PREPARATION OF
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORTINGTECHNICAL REPORTS.

PANEL 3: HAZARDS - FLOODING & SEA LEVEL RISE

JACQUELINE PROTSMAN ROHR, PLACEWORKS (MODERATOR)

JACQUELINE PROTSMAN ROHR IS A SENIOR ASSOCIATE ON 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, PRIOR TO JOINING PLACEWORKS IN 2018. FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS,

JACQUELINE HAS BEEN PREPARING AND MANAGING CLIMATE CHANGE

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS, CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANS, 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.

JULIA CHASE, CITY OF SAN DIEGO

JULIA CHASE IS THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER. IN THIS ROLE, SHE OVERSEES THE CITY'S CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE WORK PROGRAM INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE RESILIENT SD, THE CITY'S

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS SEA LEVEL RISE, WILDFIRE, EXTREME HEAT, AND FLOODING. JULIA'S WORK FOCUSES ON INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACROSS CITY OPERATIONS AND ON IMPROVING COMMUNITIES' ABILITY TO RESPOND TO AND THRIVE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE.

NICK SADRPOUR, GHD

NICK IS A SENIOR COASTAL SCIENTIST AT GHD. HE HAS A DECADE OF WORKING EXPERIENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN CALIFORNIA. HE HAS PROVEN MY ABILITIES THROUGH ADMINISTERING MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR FUNDING PROGRAMS, COMMUNICATING AND ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS SECTORS, AND IMPLEMENTING COMPLEX PROJECTS EFFECTIVELY. HIS WORK FOCUSES ON ENVISIONING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES TO ADAPT AND MANAGE SEA LEVEL RISE, EROSION, FLOODING, AND OTHER COASTAL HAZARD IMPACTS THROUGH COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS.

MAKENA WONG, ONESHORELINE

MAKENA WONG IS A PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE FLOOD AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCY DISTRICT (ALSO KNOWN AS ONESHORELINE). SHE IS MOTIVATED BY BOLD, SCIENCE-DRIVEN CLIMATE ADAPTATION MEASURES AND POLICY, WITH A FOCUS ON SEEKING JUSTICE FOR UNDERSERVED AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. AFTER JOINING ONESHORELINE IN JULY 2020, SHE HAS LED ONESHORELINE'S FIRST REGIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE PROJECT, ED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ONESHORELINE'S PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE, A FIRST-OFITS-KIND RESOURCE TO INCORPORATE CLIMATE HAZARDS INTO LAND USE DECISION MAKING IN SAN MATEO COUNTY; MANAGED VARIOUS FLOOD PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE SAN BRUNO

CREEK FLOOD ZONE; LED THE PILLAR POINT HARBOR AREA SHORELINE

MANAGEMENT STUDY; AND IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR OUTREACH

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ONESHORELINE'S WORK AND TO

BUILD TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS THAT FACILITATE MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT

IN ITS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES.

PANEL 4: HAZARDS - TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

KRISTIN BLACKSON, WSP (MODERATOR)

KRISTIN BLACKSON IS A VICE PRESIDENT WITH WSP LEADING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DIVISION FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. KRISTIN HAS IN DEPTH EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION. HER WORK INVOLVES THE MANAGEMENT AND PREPARATION OF CEQA AND NEPA DOCUMENTS FOR BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROJECTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. THE LIST OF PROJECTS SHE HAS MANAGED IS COMPREHENSIVE AND INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, GENERAL PLAN UPDATES, WATER MASTER PLANS, MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITIES, PROGRAMS AND ORDINANCES, SPECIFIC PLANS, AS WELL AS MAJOR AND MINOR USE PERMITS. IN ADDITION TO CONSULTING, KRISTIN TEACHES CEQA COURSES FOR UCSD EXTENSION AND FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ACROSS CALIFORNIA.

MAIRANY ANAYA, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SBCTA) MAIRANY CURRENTLY WORKS AS A MANAGEMENT ANALYST II FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SBCTA) AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCOG) IN THE PLANNING AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT WHERE SHE WORKS ON PLANNING, CLIMATE RESILIENCE, AND HOUSING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

PREVIOUSLY, MAIRANY WORKED FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY WHERE SHE MONITORED INVASIVE PEST POPULATIONS AND ENSURED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CROPS WERE PROTECTED FROM CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AND INVASIVE PESTS. AFTER WORKING AT THE STATE LEVEL, MAIRANY BECAME A PLANNER FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) WHERE SHE ASSISTED THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING PROGRAM. NOW AT SBCTA/SBCOG, MAIRANY PUTS TO WORK HER CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT CRITICAL PROJECTS.

JOSH LEE. SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SBCTA) JOSH LEE IS A CHIEF OF PLANNING WITH SAN BERNARDING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SBCTA). WHICH IS BOTH THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. HE HAS A BACKGROUND IN LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, MAINLY FOCUSING ON REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING PROJECTS. HE HAS MANAGED SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING PLANNING PROJECTS IN THE REGION SUCH AS THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ELEMENT. SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY REGIONAL GREENHOUSE REDUCTION PLAN. AND SBCTA'S NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN. HE IS CURRENTLY MANAGING INITIATIVES ON OPEN DATA AT SBCTA. RTP/SCS GROWTH FORECASTS WITH SCAG. AND COUNTYWIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND PEDESTRIAN PLANS. HE IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE SAN BERNARDING COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK AND COMMUNITY VITAL SIGNS GROUP. HE ALSO CURRENTLY SERVES AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF EASTVALE.

CHELSEA RICHER, FEHR AND PEERS

CHELSEA IS A PRINCIPAL AT FEHR & PEERS, BASED OUT OF THE LA OFFICE. SHE LEADS THE FEHR & PEERS COMPANYWIDE DISCIPLINE GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE & RESILIENCE, LEADING THE EVOLVING WORK AROUND EVACUATION ANALYSIS, CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MOBILITY NEEDS, AND STRATEGIC LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION. MUCH OF HER PROJECT WORK FOCUSES ON WAYS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO DIVERSIFY THEIR TRAVEL PATTERNS TO INCLUDE LOW-CARBON MODES - VMT REDUCTION POLICY, FIRST/LAST MILE PLANNING, MULTIMODAL SAFETY, AND TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM). CHELSEA HAS HER MASTER'S IN URBAN PLANNING FROM UCLA AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC POLICY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

LEO ZLIMEN, LADRIS TECHNOLOGIES

LEO ZLIMEN IS THE CEO OF LADRIS. HAILING FROM A FIRE-PRONE REGION IN THE SIERRA NEVADA FOOTHILLS, LEO CO-FOUNDED LADRIS IN 2019 WHILE AT UC BERKELEY TO BRING KEY ADVANCEMENTS IN PREDICTIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO THE EMERGING FIELD OF CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT. IN THE YEARS SINCE, LADRIS HAS HAD THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT LEADING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES IN THEIR WORK TO PREPARE, RESPOND, RECOVER AND MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF FIRES, FLOODS AND OTHER MAN-MADE AND NATURAL DISASTERS ON PEOPLE AND PROPERTY.