



2025 Advanced CEQA Webinar
Workshop for Practitioners

Tuesday, May 13th | 9:00am - 4:30pm

Meet the 2025 Speakers

Session I – Case Law Update



Nathan George
Attorney

Remy Moose Manley

Mr. George joined Remy Moose Manley LLP in 2016 as an associate and joined the partnership in 2022. Mr. George's practice focuses on land use and environmental law, handling all phases of the land use entitlement and permitting processes, including administrative decision-making and litigation. His practice includes the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the State Planning and Zoning Law, as well as administrative and municipal law, including compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. During law school, Mr. George served as a Board Member for the Journal of International Law and Policy, and as a Board Member for the Environmental Council of Sacramento. Prior to joining Remy Moose Manley, LLP, Mr. George worked as an associate at David Allen & Associates, and clerked for the California Environmental Protection Agency, Air Resources Board, the Office of the Attorney General, Public Rights Division, and the Placer County District Attorney's Office, Public Integrity Unit. Mr. George teaches CEQA courses and seminars or lectures for such organizations as the Association of Environmental Professionals, CLE International, and the California Continuing Education of the Bar program.

Session II – Addenda



Brian D. Boxer, AICP
Community Development Market Leader
Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

Brian Boxer has more than 40 years of experience in urban and environmental planning for public- and private-sector clients across Northern California. He has successfully directed and managed many urban and environmental planning projects involving new land development, urban infill, major sports and entertainment venues, institutional plans, and large-scale urban and regional plans and policies. He is a noted expert in CEQA and in the strategic design of CEQA documents to facilitate project planning and design to meet the requirements of the law. He received a BA in History from UC Santa Barbara, and a Masters of Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University.

Session III – AQ/HRA/GHG Standards for Analysis



Rich Walter
Vice President, Environmental Planning
ICF International

Rich Walter has 33 years of experience in environmental planning, compliance strategy, permitting, and mitigation development and implementation and has led an ICF Climate Action Planning practice since 2006. He has worked on numerous controversial and complex environmental planning and compliance projects. He has managed large infrastructure NEPA and CEQA analyses across California and elsewhere in the U.S. He has managed projects that comply with NEPA, CEQA, the federal and California ESAs, the NHPA, the Clean Air Act, the Clean

Water Act, the California Coastal Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, and other state and local mandates. Rich has also led a 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 NEPA and CEQA documents addressing GHG emissions, climate change effects, resiliency, and adaptation. Rich is also a key author for white papers on climate action planning for AEP and CAPCOA.

Session IV – Housing Rules and Streamlining Tools



Alex Jewell
Senior Project Manager
Kimley-Horn and Associates

Alex has 30 years of experience in the management, preparation, and review of environmental documents for a wide variety of public and private development projects throughout California, including industrial, commercial, and residential developments, transportation projects, and public infrastructure improvements. His responsibilities include the management of multidisciplinary teams, CEQA strategy development, and preparation and review of environmental documents as well as coordinating reviews of technical studies and planning reviews of development applications. Alex is a Senior Project Manager for Kimely-Horn and is based out of the Sacramento office. Alex's greatest athletic achievement may have been successfully completing a pond skim to close out this year's ski season.

Session V – Triggers for Recirculation



Luci Hise-Fisher

Senior Environmental Planner

Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

Luci Hise-Fisher is a Senior Environmental Planner at Environmental Science Associates (ESA) with more than three decades of professional experience. She is often called upon to shepherd complex, high-profile projects through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. For 18 years, Luci managed the Gregory Canyon Landfill analyses—ultimately producing a 15,000-page EIR, recirculated Revised Draft EIR, and Addendum that together secured document certification despite intense litigation. She also managed the preparation of the EIR for Mattel’s Campus Specific Plan in El Segundo, addressing extensive legal comments from a neighboring city and preparing a Recirculated Partial Draft EIR that resolved traffic and health-risk concerns. Earlier in her career, Luci served as an urban planner in both the public and private sectors, a background that continues to sharpen her land-use insights and informs her rigorous CEQA evaluations.

Session VI – AI in CEQA Practice



Chris Mundhenk

Principal & Environmental Practice Group Leader

Ascent Environmental

Chris Mundhenk, a principal and the environmental practice group leader at Ascent, has 20+ years of experience preparing environmental documentation for a variety of projects throughout the state. He has worked up and down the state from San Diego to Arcata and with

a variety of private and public clients, including the University of California and California State University systems. His current record for an EIR process is 6.5 months from beginning to end, but he's not looking to break that record anytime soon.

Session VII – Defining Exacerbating in a Post-CBIA-v-BAAQMD World



Suzanne McFerran
Senior Environmental Planner
AECOM

Suzanne McFerran has 18 years of experience in the field of environmental science and management. She serves as both a senior technical lead and project manager, supporting planning and environmental review throughout California. Ms. McFerran has led and supported multi-disciplinary teams across multiple regions. Her project work has included General Plan Updates and Specific Plans with associated technical studies and CEQA documentation; infill, mixed-use, and greenfield development; renewable energy; linear energy transmission; transportation and other infrastructure improvements; among many other project types.

Session VIII – Accessibility in CEQA Documents



Michele Mattei
Production Manager
Ascent Environmental

Michele Mattei is Ascent's Production Manager and Accessibility Lead with over 18 years of experience in document production and publishing. Michele's publishing expertise on large

federal, state, and local agency regulatory compliance documents includes CEQA/NEPA technical documents such as EIRs, EISs, and IS/MNDs, master plans, specific plans, and resource management plans. She is also proficient in document standards and requirements for BAs/BREs, NOPs, NOAs, and Caltrans-specific documents.