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**The Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)  
Hosts 2020 State Conference in Yosemite, CA  
April 19-22, 2020 – Tenaya Lodge**

**CA, October 22, 2019.** The California Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) holds an annual conference each year rotating to one of nine regional chapter locations throughout the state, providing members and attendees with an opportunity to hear leading speakers in the environmental field, improve their skills, network and discuss current and emerging environmental issues with experts in the field. Throughout the four-day conference at the Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite, CA five session tracks will include panels and workshops on a range of topics:

- **A River Runs Through It**
  - Water-related topics, including water supply and new sources of water (e.g, desalination, recycled water/pure water, storm water); flood control, drought response and conservation; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Compliance and water banking.
- **Cultivating Knowledge**
  - CEQA best practices and emerging topics - from writing the perfect mitigation measure to tiering and streamlining. Panels on this track may also discuss the nuances of project permitting requirements, and how they relate to the CEQA/NEPA process and the importance of the administrative record.
- **Building the Future**
  - Environmental, regulatory and political changes with a focus on how to effectively respond as an industry. Topics will include changes to CEQA guidelines and streamlining for in-fill development, address the current administration and how policy changes at the federal level may impact the environment and influence environmental analysis.
- **Changing Landscapes**
  - Land-based resources including aesthetics, biological and cultural resources, disaster-related planning, agriculture, and housing. Sessions will also discuss permit streamlining and environmental protection; the intersection of technology and the environment; transportation (including a shift to VMT metrics, roundabouts, and self-driven cars); and opportunities for industry growth and environmental stewardship.
- **Clearing the Air**
  - Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas analysis, and climate change. Panels will include controversial environmental topics, air quality, health risk and environmental justice. Discussion on how to refine and develop mitigation measures.

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For complete conference information, visit [www.califaep.org](http://www.califaep.org)



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