

### **AEP2022** CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE

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# **2022 AEP Conference Session Tracks**

## Session Tracks:

<u>Yosemite Falls</u> – Panels focused on 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.

**El Capitan** – Panels focused on forming and expanding practitioners' CEQA foundation. These "CEQA-nerd" panels will address nuts and bolts, 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 (e.g., the relationship between mitigation and agency permit requirements, or evolving wetland regulations), and the importance of the administrative record.

<u>Valley Loop</u> – Panels discussing environmental, regulatory, and political changes with a focus on how to effectively respond as an industry. Topics will include changes to the CEQA guidelines and CEQA streamlining for in-fill development. Panels that address the current administration and how policy changes at the federal or State level may impact the environment and influence environmental analysis will also be provided.

<u>Glacier Point</u> – Panels focused on emerging topics in the field of land-based resources including aesthetics, biological and cultural resources, environmental justice, disaster or wildfire-related planning, agriculture, and housing. Sessions in this track will also discuss finding a balance between 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.

<u>Clouds Rest</u> – Panels include discussions on Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Analysis, and Climate Change. This track will also include candid discussions on sensitive issues that arise during the preparation of environmental documents. Panels should include issues such as controversial environmental topics, air quality or health risk. Discussion on how to refine mitigation measures and develop applicable mitigation measures should also be provided. Greenhouse gas emissions policy and emission calculation methods could also be discussed. Panels can also include discussion of sea level rise, coastal erosion, and climate change adaptation; and outcomes and application of recent case law.

**New this Year:** <u>Young Professional and Student series</u> – The 2022 conference agenda will identify those sessions appropriate for the Young Professional or Students. Therefore, sessions from each track that are geared towards general CEQA knowledge and practical skills for the new professional are encouraged.

### Please submit your abstract online. Click here

https://mms.califaep.org/members/proposals/propselect.php?orgcode=CAEP&prid=894183 **For questions:** Please contact, Amy Fischer, 2022 Programs Chair with the Subject: 2022 AEP Conference to: <u>amy.fischer@lsa.net</u>

#### Submittal Deadline: October 29, 2021

**Disclaimer Clause:** Only online abstracts will be accepted. No abstracts will be accepted after deadline date. If your abstract is accepted, no changes can be made except for addition or changes to speakers and speaker bios.