



## 2023 AEP State Conference Session Track Summaries



### Mountain Vibes & Lake Blues The Resort at Squaw Creek. April 23-26, 2023

**Session Track Name: “Enchanted Forests and Rising Tides” (Subject - Adaptation/Resiliency)**

As with fairytale forests and oceans, those of California are truly enchanting providing both refuge and peril. Wildfires, sea level rise, flooding, and landslides require us to change how we live, plan, and build near these most important and beautiful natural resources. This track will include all manner of adaptation and resiliency efforts undertaken to help keep the enchantment and to help us live happily ever after.

**Session Track Name: “Sparkling Headwaters to the Deep Blue Sea” (Subject – Water Resources)**

This track will plunge into the world of water which encompasses a broad array of potential topics. Take a deep dive or a surface swim to explore headwater ecosystem protection, surface water and groundwater supply (e.g., reservoir storage, managed aquifer recharge, water banking, water transfers), hydropower, flood management (e.g., dam and reservoir reoperation, levees, floodplain restoration), stormwater management, drought response and water conservation, water rights, water quality, wastewater treatment and reuse, desalination, shoreline issues, aquaculture, marine protected areas, and offshore wind and wave energy.

**Session Track Name: “Mountains of Change” (Subject – Emerging Topics)**

This session track focuses on emerging topics in the environmental field. This session will discuss a variety of topics that represent new ideas, or new regulations, or interesting projects that have implemented a new technology or a new CEQA approach.

**Session Track Name: “Avalanche Warning!” (Subject – Regulatory/CEQA)**

Clouds in the mountains can lead to a blizzard of regulations that can overwhelm everyone downslope. This session will help you prepare for the avalanche of regulations intended to improve CEQA’s application that has resulted in unintended consequences.

**Session Track Name: “Into the Weeds” (Subject – Case Studies/Best Practices)**

This track will include sessions consisting of case studies and best practices related to the technical components of projects. Case studies presented here will identify the specific challenge a project faced, why or how that project’s conditions created the challenge, and how the challenge was overcome. Case studies can span lessons learned for any resource area, from transportation to air quality to cultural resources, and will get “into the weeds” on the topic. Sessions in this track are intended for participants well-versed in the topic.

**Single/Standing Sessions:**

CEQA Update (Wednesday) • Law and Ethics • Climate Change Committee Session (Sunday) • Student/Young Professionals • DEI (placeholder for now)

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**Submittal Deadline: September 30, 2022**

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