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Darin Neufeld is Director of Environmental Planning + Compliance at Harris & Associates where he manages California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and sustainability and resilience projects. Darin has over 14 years of experience in environmental planning and project management, eight of those working for lead agencies. He specializes in sustainability and CEQA and National Environmental Policy Act compliance. He has experience with master-planned communities, commercial/retail, industrial, renewable energy, climate action planning, vulnerability assessments, and long-range planning projects. Mr. Neufeld has managed complex projects including general plan amendments, community plans, climate action plans, and large-scale renewable energy projects. Darin served on the Association of Environmental Professionals San Diego Chapter Board and on the San Diego Section of the American Planning Association Board. Mr. Neufeld is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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