



HOW TO WRITE AN EIR

A Webinar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025
10AM-3PM PST

Join Chris Mundhenk of Ascent Environmental, Terry Rivasplata of ICF, and Amanda Daams of Best Best & Krieger LLP for a useful discussion on how to write an EIR!

Topics will include:

- Essential Components
 - Initial Study
- Issue Area Section Guidance
 - Mitigation
- Cumulative Impacts
 - Alternatives
- Responses to Comments
- Public Agency Perspective
- Changes to Project after EIR Certification
- Tiering from Certified EIRs

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SPEAKER BIOS

CHRIS MUNDHENK, ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL

Chris Mundhenk is a principal at Ascent and their Environmental Practice Leader. He specializes in designing CEQA approach strategies that capitalize on programmatic or previously prepared CEQA documents to streamline future environmental review of projects. He has managed a diverse array of projects, ranging from programmatic/large-scale projects like campus plans and larger specific plans to smaller development/infrastructure projects for both public and private clients, including Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the University of California, California State University, and multiple cities and counties throughout California.

ANTERO (TERRY) RIVASPLATA, ICF

Terry Rivasplata is an Expert Consultant with ICF, a firm specializing in environmental planning and natural resource management. He specializes in CEQA compliance; providing technical advice to project teams. Before joining ICF, Mr. Rivasplata was with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) from 1985 to 1998, including a stint as the chief of the State Clearinghouse. Mr. Rivasplata has worked on a variety of projects as either project manager or CEQA advisor. These include CEQA-NEPA documents for transportation projects; EIRs for general plan updates in El Dorado County, Monterey County, and Modesto; environmental documents for schools in Dixon, Livermore, and Watsonville, environmental documents for water supply projects, and redevelopment projects in the San Jose and Watsonville; NEPA documents for federal and local agencies, including work on the California High Speed Rail project. In addition, he is the editor of the quarterly "Environmental Assessor" for the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP).



AMANDA DAAMS, BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

Amanda Daams is a partner in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group. She assists clients on all issues related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and associated environmental laws. Amanda also assists clients with resolutions and ordinances regarding both CEQA compliance and necessary land use findings. She has significant experience working with both clients and consultants on various environmental documents, including environmental impact reports, negative declarations and addendums, as well as assisting clients with CEQA exemption determinations. She has reviewed and advised on hundreds of environmental documents, including those related to general plan updates, large scale specific plans, residential, commercial, mixed use, industrial and transportation projects, as well as mining projects across California. Amanda also guides clients through the regulatory approval process and in their pursuit of local, state and federal permits, including permits from the United State Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Army Corps of Engineers, as well as the LAFCO process.

