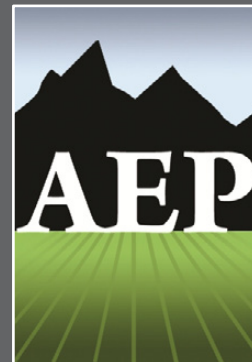


# Association of Environmental Professionals MEMBERSHIP



**ENCOURAGE** and carry out research and education including regular meetings for the benefit of AEP members, the public and concerned professionals in all fields related to environmental planning and analysis.

**PROMOTE** public awareness and involvement in the environmental planning, analysis and review process.

**ENHANCE** maintain and protect the quality of the natural and human environment.

**IMPROVE** communication and advance the state of the art among people who deal with the environmental planning, analysis and evaluation process.

**AFFILIATED** with the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP).

[www.califaep.org](http://www.califaep.org)

## **AGENCY & CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP \$275 ANNUAL DUES**

Corporate Members are provided one floating full membership and Agency Members are provided two floating full memberships. Corporate members also receive discount advertising and brand recognition on the AEP website. Each Chapter may provide additional recognition for Sponsor Members. The floating membership entitles individuals to attend local chapter activities, regional workshops and the State Conference at the discounted member rate.

**Note:** The agency or company takes responsibility to notify the appropriate AEP officer regarding which employee will attend a given AEP activity on behalf of the company.

## **FULL MEMBERSHIP \$175 ANNUAL DUES**

Includes all of the many services, benefits and discounts of membership. Depending on your location, you will become a member of the local chapter nearest you and you will get updates on Chapter activities, which will list the AEP activities in your area. The AEP State Board also provides outlying area support, through the Directors at Large, to keep members in touch with items of interest and to facilitate establishment of new programs and committees.

## **PROFESSIONAL DISCOUNTS**

AEP is continuously negotiating professional discounts for AEP members to attend U.C. Extension courses and to obtain professional guidebooks of interest to members. The discounts vary depending on the event and/or the publisher.

# The Association of Environmental Professionals

## **IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERTISE - JOIN TODAY!**

The Association of Environmental Professionals is proud to offer a full range of services and benefits. These benefits are geared toward environmental professionals who seek to improve their skills as environmental and resource managers. AEP is dedicated to the continued improvement of the environmental profession and its members.

## **...a wide range of member benefits...**

### **Local Chapter Activities**

Local chapters are governed by the local members with guidance and assistance, as needed, from the State Board. The local chapters offer a wide range of services and activities, typically consisting of a regular newsletter, membership meetings featuring top environmental professionals discussing current environmental topics, and a chance to network with local environmental professionals from diverse backgrounds and environmental fields. Some chapters engage in educational activities based upon topical environmental issues and trends.

### **Annual State Conference**

California AEP holds an annual Conference at various locations throughout the state, providing members with an opportunity to hear leading speakers in the environmental field, improve their skills, network with people from around the state, and discuss major environmental issues with experts in the field.

### **Annual CEQA Workshops**

Yearly updates of existing and recently adopted California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) laws and current court actions. AEP members receive a discount when attending the annual CEQA workshops at locations throughout the state. The format of the workshops has proven successful, providing both basic and advanced information.

### **Annual NEPA Workshops**

The NEPA Basics workshop is designed to inform consultants, regulators, applicants, and industry professionals on NEPA practice.

### **Annual AEP Institute**

The AEP Institute is an outgrowth of our Emerging Issues Committee to find and examine environmental issues that are "over the horizon" and proactively deal with them. The Institute was formed to host unique annual events to stimulate discussion among professionals from many disciplines on a variety of environmental topics.

### **CEQA Portal**

The CEQA Portal is a link to a set of tools for members interested in learning about the CEQA. It was developed by AEP to assist CEQA practitioners, attorneys, elected and appointed officials, students, and members of the public in understanding the goals of CEQA, its process and content requirements, and how to prepare CEQA documents. The CEQA Topic Papers within the Portal were prepared by professionals and reviewed by attorneys to provide authoritative and detailed guidance on various CEQA Topics. The Portal also includes a CEQA Case Law Database, which is searchable by CEQA topic, court of jurisdiction, or date range.

### **Environmental Monitor**

The quarterly statewide magazine with information on top leaders in the profession, articles of interest, job opportunities and summaries of state and local chapter activities. The magazine is recognized throughout the environmental planning profession as an important source of information.

### **AEP Environmental Leadership Chronicles (Podcasts)**

AEP Environmental Leadership Chronicles is brought to you by the California Association of Environmental Professionals. AEP interviews leaders in the environmental industry to share information about their career development beyond the technical work. This podcast is for anyone who is interested in any and all things within the environmental profession.

### **AEP Mentoring Program**

The AEP Mentoring Program offers an opportunity to be both mentee and mentor at the same time and has been designed to provide maximum flexibility and opportunities for our members. The AEP Mentoring Program consists of both passive and active opportunities. The passive option will allow mentors to search our member database for potential mentors who have designated themselves to be interested in mentoring. The active option will guide either 1-1 Mentor/Mentee pairs or peer groups with a planned curriculum.

## SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1974, AEP HAS GROWN TO OVER 1800 MEMBERS INCLUDING:

Planners • Environmental Scientists • Biologists • Lawyers • Noise Specialists  
Transportation Planners • Paralegals • Archaeologists • Geologists • Engineers  
Visual Analysts and Other Professionals in Numerous Disciplines

### Refer a Colleague

Who referred you to AEP? When you join, don't forget to put down the name of the current member who referred you and we'll send that person a token of appreciation. In the application at the back of this brochure, just put his/her first and last name in the "Referred By" space. Once you are a member, refer your colleagues to AEP and rack up the rewards!

### CEQA Handbook

Each year, paid AEP members receive a complimentary copy of the CEQA Handbook which contains the latest versions of the CEQA statute, guidelines, and appendices from OPR. Additional hard or CD copies are available at a low price.

### Regional Area Support

Ensuring representation no matter where you live. Directors-at-Large and State sponsored events provide service to all areas within California.

### Legislative Activities

AEP has an active Legislative Committee and lobbyist which closely track and respond to proposed CEQA legislation in order to influence the pending legislation in a positive and meaningful manner. In addition to attending an annual "Day at the Capitol," the members provide current summaries and analyses of the bills via the Environmental Assessor and other Legislative Updates.

### Professional Award Program

An excellent opportunity to be professionally recognized for outstanding achievements and document preparation. AEP offers an award program, the results of which are presented at the State Conference.

### AEP Continuing Education Credit

Special credit for members attending AEP workshops and other events. CEQA Workshop participants are able to count attendance toward continuing education credit requirements under AICP and MCLE.

### Member Services

Check out the AEP website at [www.califaep.org](http://www.califaep.org) or send an email to [membership@califaep.org](mailto:membership@califaep.org)

### Special Committees

Committees include Legislative, Permanent Conference, Financial Policies, Emerging Issues, Workshops, Publications, Climate Change, Awards/Professional Recognition, Membership, Student Outreach, Website, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative

AEP recognizes that diversity, equity, and inclusion make our organization stronger, and is committed to creating a more sustainable and resilient future for all Californians.

### NAEP Affiliation

California AEP is affiliated with the National Association of Environmental Professionals and serves as the California Chapter for NAEP. California AEP members are not obligated to join NAEP, but may do so to receive the additional benefits of NAEP. California AEP's affiliation with NAEP provides benefits to members of both organizations by fostering networking and educational opportunities. For additional information about NAEP, and to get a membership application, please visit [www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org).

### Professional Practice Insurance Discount

AEP members can receive a discount on general liability and professional liability insurance through AEP's partnership.

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949-242-9231 | [mbastian@risk-strategies.com](mailto:mbastian@risk-strategies.com)

### Membership Certificate

A certificate, suitable for framing, sent to each new AEP member.

### Website

AEP's Website, at [www.califaep.org](http://www.califaep.org) is a great resource for members providing information about upcoming events, pending legislation, membership information, CEQA, and employment opportunities.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS \$85 ANNUAL DUES

A bridge rate for student members who graduated within the last two years of the current date and are starting their careers in the environmental profession. Former student members can enjoy two consecutive years at the reduced Young Professionals rate.

## EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP \$85 ANNUAL DUES

An Emeritus annual membership recognizes that even after retirement, environmental professionals would like to stay in the loop. If you have been a full member in the past five years, but no longer practice, you may be eligible for this discount.

## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP \$0 ANNUAL DUES

Includes nearly all of the individual membership services and eligibility for the annual AEP Student Awards Program. Note: students receive an electronic copy of the CEQA Statutes & Guidelines. Student members must be currently enrolled in 12 units or more at an accredited school. The State Conference Committee typically offers students reduced registration rates to the State Conference.

In addition, AEP is an excellent resource for internship opportunities and networking with environmental professionals while seeking employment opportunities.

**Contact the local chapter for more information on student benefits and activities.**

## AEP CHAPTER AREAS

1. Channel Counties
2. Inland Empire
3. Los Angeles
4. Monterey Bay/Silicon Valley
5. Superior California
6. Orange County
7. San Diego
8. San Francisco Bay Area
9. Central



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# New/Renewal Membership Application

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Please mail this portion along with your check made payable to AEP: c/o Lynne C. Bynder, CMP, Meetings Xceptional, 40747 Baranda Court, Palm Desert, CA 92260. AEP can not invoice for new memberships. Questions: 760.340.4499, For more information: Please contact: Candace Bynder, [membership@califaep.org](mailto:membership@califaep.org)

**Referred By:** \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Firm/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

If Agency application, please add additional name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Check to be Omitted from the AEP Web Site Directory. Employment Type: Non-Profit Private Public Other \_\_\_\_\_

## To Pay By Credit Card (Please Fill Out Below)

Card Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Area of Interest (Select 3)

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|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. CEQA/NEPA Compliance          | 7. Transportation                       | 13. Environmental Law/Policy       |
| 2. Environmental Impact Analysis | 8. Hydrology/Water                      | 14. Land Use/Site Planning         |
| 3. Resource Management           | 9. Endangered Species/Biology           | 15. Geographic Information Systems |
| 4. Solid/Hazardous Waste         | 10. Geology/Seismic                     | 16. Environmental Engineering      |
| 5. Air Quality                   | 11. Cultural Resources                  | 18. Other _____                    |
| 6. Noise                         | 12. Growth Management/Regional Planning |                                    |

## Chapter Regions and Membership

### AEP Code of Ethics

- I will conduct myself and my work in a manner that will uphold the values, integrity, and respect of the profession.
- I will uphold the stated intent as well as the letter of environmental policies, laws, and regulations which are adopted by governmental bodies or agencies.
- I will not engage in, encourage, or condone dishonesty, fraud, deceit, discrimination, harassment, or misrepresentation in the solicitation, preparation, or use of work prepared by me or under my direction.
- I will fully disclose to my employers and my prospective clients any economic or ethical interests which could reasonably be interpreted as a conflict of interest by them or by other affected parties with regard to my professional work.
- I will ensure a good faith effort at full disclosure, technical accuracy, sound methodology, clarity, and objectivity in the collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of environmental information by me or under my direction.
- I will achieve and maintain the highest level of professional competency for myself and require the same for those I supervise.
- I will conduct myself at all AEP- sponsored, hosted or supported events with integrity and respect.
- I will avoid harassment of all types in my written and in-person interactions when attending or participating in AEP- sponsored, hosted or supported events.

Signature acknowledges full understanding & acceptance of the AEP Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct Guidelines.

**Office Use Only** Co. \_\_\_\_\_ P. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions or gifts to AEP are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. AEP estimates that the nondeductible portion of your dues allocable to lobbying

### Status

### Please Check

New Member Application \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Change of Address, Etc. \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Category

### Annual Dues

### Please Check

**Full AEP Member** \$175.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**AEP Agency Member** \$275.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Government Agency members are provided two Full Memberships which can "float" within the sponsor agency.*

**AEP Corporate Member** \$275.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Corporate members are provided one Full Membership which can "float" within the sponsor agency.*

**Young Professional Member** \$85.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Must have graduated within last two years of current date. Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_*

**Emeritus Member** \$85.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Must have been a full member within the last five years.*

**AEP Full Time Student Member** \$00.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include current student schedule showing 12 units or more with application. Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_*

Note: See full category descriptions online at [CalifAEP.org](http://CalifAEP.org)

### AEP Chapter Areas (Check one chapter only)

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Channel Counties             | 6. Orange County          |
| 2. Inland Empire                | 7. San Diego              |
| 3. Los Angeles                  | 8. San Francisco Bay Area |
| 4. Monterey Bay/ Silicon Valley | 9. Central                |
| 5. Superior California          |                           |