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Dear Colleague:

2019 has been another amazing year for CEQA law, policy, and practice! For its 15th year, CLE International’s CEQA conference features an outstanding faculty of CEQA attorneys, planners, and experts to provide you with the latest CEQA developments, trends, debates, and practice advice.

In addition to featuring the traditional case law review and ethics panels—and a deep dive on CEQA standards of review—a major theme for this year’s conference is how CEQA’s legal and policy framework can most effectively be used to address some of today’s most pressing and important public policy issues. A series of panels on CEQA success stories and best practices will cover how CEQA can best address streamlined housing approvals, sustainable transportation, tribal consultation, climate change, and wildfire resilience.

This year’s panels and presentations will include:

- An in-depth analysis of 2019 case law developments
- Understanding CEQA standards of review after the Friant Ranch case
- How to successfully streamline CEQA compliance for housing approvals
- How to successfully implement new requirements for VMT analysis
- Updates and best practices for AB 52 tribal consultation
- Best practices for CEQA climate change analysis
- How CEQA can promote community wildfire resilience
- ... and much more!

Whether you are an attorney, planner, consultant, agency staff, or project applicant, you will benefit greatly from the knowledge you gain, as well as the opportunity to network with expert speakers and fellow attendees. Last year’s conference had over 175 attendees!

If you’re going to participate in only one CEQA conference this year, CLE International’s CEQA conference—widely recognized as the state’s best—is the one to attend! Please join us.

Sincerely,

Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair
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Sacramento

Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair
Of Counsel, The Sohagi Law Group
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SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION INSIDE ➔
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Overview of Day One
Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair
Principal, Ascent Environmental, Sacramento
Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair
Of Counsel, Sohagi Law Group, Sacramento

8:45 **Case Law and Legislative Update**
The Year in Review
Robert "Perl" Perlmutter, Esq.
Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, San Francisco
Andrew B. Sabey, Esq.
Cox, Castle & Nicholson, San Francisco

10:15 Networking Break

10:30 **Featured Presentation**
CEQA and the Sustainable City
Mayor Sam Liccardo
City of San José

11:15 **CEQA Streamlining for Housing Projects**
Success Stories
Barbara E. Kautz, Esq., FAICP
Goldfarb & Lipman, Oakland
Mark Muenzer, Director
Menlo Park Community Development Department, Menlo Park
Vincent Nicholas, Vice President of Real Estate Development
Community Housing Opportunities Corporation, Fairfield

12:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 **AB 52 Tribal Consultation**
Implementation Update and Best Practices
Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor
California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
Merri K. Lopez-Keifer, Esq.
Law Office of Merri Lopez-Keifer, Martinez
Holly A. Roberson, Esq.
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, Sacramento

3:15 Networking Break

3:30 **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis and Climate Mitigation**
Best Approaches for a Challenging Topic
Allison C. Smith, Esq.
Stoel Rives, Sacramento
Shaena B. Ulissi, Managing Consultant
Ramboll, San Francisco, CA, and Pittsburgh, PA
Honey L. Walters, Principal
Ascent Environmental, Sacramento

4:45 Adjourn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome Back**
Summary of Day One and Overview of Day Two
Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair
Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair

8:45 **Innovations in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis**
July 1, 2020 Is Quickly Approaching
Robert Swierk, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, San Jose
Heidi Vonblum, Esq., Environmental Policy Program Manager
City of San Diego
Terrell Watt, AICP, Owner
Terrell Watt Planning Consultants, San Francisco

10:15 Networking Break

10:30 **CEQA Standards of Review after Friant Ranch**
A Deep Dive
Susan Brandt-Hawley, Esq.
Brandt-Hawley Law Group, Glen Ellen
Nicole H. Gordon, Esq.
Sohagi Law Group, Los Angeles
James G. Moose, Esq.
Remy Moose Manley, Sacramento

12:00 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:15 **Ethics**
Considerations for CEQA Practitioners
Joshua Nelson, Esq.
Best Best & Krieger, Sacramento

2:15 Networking Break

2:30 **How CEQA Supports Community Wildfire Resilience**
Streamlining, Pace-and-Scale, Public Scrutiny
Heather Blair, Senior Project Manager
Ascent Environmental, Sacramento
Ethan N. Elkind, Esq., Director of the Climate Program, CLEE
UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley
Ken Schwarz, PhD, Principal
Horizon Water and Environment, Oakland

4:00 **Conference Review, Closing Remarks, and Evaluations**
Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair
Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair

4:30 Adjourn

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Al Herson is a prominent environmental attorney and planner. He is a recognized authority on CEQA, NEPA, and natural resources law. He advises public agencies on complex environmental and land use matters and is a founding principal of Ascent, an environmental, climate change, planning/urban design, and natural resources consultancy.

Susan Brandt-Hawley represents public-interest groups in CEQA litigation statewide, with a primary focus on historic and aesthetic resources. Over 40 of her cases contribute to precedent in all districts of the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court.

Heather Blair is a Senior Project Manager at Ascent Environmental. She assists federal, state, and local government agencies throughout California and the southwestern US in their compliance with CEQA, NEPA, and other environmental regulations.

Anecita Agustinez recommends policy and provides policy support to the Chief Deputy Director and Director at California’s DWR on all aspects of policy development and implementation related to tribal issues.

Holly A. Roberson represents public and private sector clients in natural resources and water law. Her practice focuses on environmental law and policy, CEQA, land use, water, climate change, and renewable energy. Prior to joining her firm, Holly served as Land Use Counsel at the California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research.

Nicole H. Gordon litigates land use and environmental cases on behalf of public agencies and advises them on issues related to CEQA, NEPA, the ESA, and Planning and Zoning Laws.

Barbara E. Kautz is a partner at Goldfarb & Lipman, LLP in Oakland. She represents public and private clients in the areas of land use and real estate and has a particular focus on housing-related land use, CEQA, and fair housing laws.

Merri K. Lopez-Keifer is the Chief Legal Counsel for the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians. She is also a tribal member of the San Luis Rey band.

James G. Moose represents both public and private clients, including cities and counties, the State of California, special districts, environmental consultants, project applicants, environmental organizations, and individuals.

Mark Muenzer is the City of Menlo Park Community Development Director, overseeing the Planning, Building and Housing & Economic Development Divisions. His department is currently managing several proposed and under construction high-profile mixed-use developments.

Joshua Nelson is City Attorney for the cities of Gustine and Jackson, and General Counsel for the Alpine Springs County Water District, Beckworth Fire District, North Tahoe Public Utility District, Plumas-Eureka Community Services District, and Tahoe Resource Conservation District.

Vincent Nicholas is responsible for Real Estate Development, which includes managing and creating real estate acquisitions in new and existing markets. This primarily includes projects in the development and construction process, ensuring ongoing project support.

Robert “Perl” Perlmutter focuses his practice on local initiatives and referendums, green building, land use, CEQA, NEPA, the Clean Water Act, Federal and California Clean Air Acts, California ESA, general planning and zoning laws, conservation easements, the Political Reform Act, and open meeting laws.

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Housing Crisis, GHGs, VMT & More

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Featured Presentation

CEQA and the Sustainable City

Mayor Sam Liccardo
City of San José

Mayor Sam Liccardo has led several environmental and sustainability initiatives in San Jose since taking office in 2015. The City has become the nation’s largest to implement its own “Community Choice Energy” program, offering residents and businesses the option to use renewable energy sources at cost-competitive rates. Mayor Liccardo serves on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Valley Transit Authority boards and as co-chair of Joint Venture Silicon Valley.

“A terrific opportunity to receive updates from practitioners who are engaged in the implementation of CEQA, and who develop new rules, interpretation, legislation and guidelines.”

- Coleen Shade, Senior Planner, Nevada County Planning Department

“CLE International did an excellent job of bringing together panelists and speakers from a variety of professional backgrounds and roles in the practice of CEQA. Very well balanced discussion. Great organization, starting with case law from the year prior and (nearly) ending with the future of CEQA.”

- Rachel Schuett, Senior Environmental Planner, San Francisco Planning Department

“Good location. As always, incredibly valuable seminar. Well worth the money.”

- Lisa E. Kranitz, Esq., Wallin, Kress, Reisman & Kranitz, Santa Monica

“Great conference. Lots of new and timely information.”

- Robert Sawyer, Esq., Remy Moose Manley, Sacramento

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