

Calendar of Events

June 24, 2026

Biological Resources Lunch Program - OC/IE/CI AEP Lunch Program

Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Speakers: Justinne Adarna and Miranda Villalobos

Topic Overview:

Building upon the discussions from the Advanced CEQA Workshop series, this program takes a deeper dive into biological resources. This session offers practical analytical insights and a more comprehensive framework for evaluating biological resource issues in CEQA. This lunch program is open to both entry-level and senior environmental specialists.

Cost:

The following prices apply:

Students: Free

Members: Free

Non-Members: \$10

Questions:

E-mail Oscar Escobar (oscare@csgengr.com) (OC AEP) or Dennis Dinh (dennis.dinh@bkf.com) (OC AEP), OC AEP Co-Vice Presidents of Programs

About Our Speakers:

Justinne Adarna is a Wildlife Biologist and Permitting Specialist at Amigo Environmental, LLC. Justinne specializes in biological resource surveys and reports, regulatory permitting, and CEQA document preparation. She is currently preparing region-wide Section 2081(b) Incidental Take Permits (ITPs) for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as well as Section 10 Habitat Conservation Plans to obtain ITPs from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Miranda Villalobos is a Principal Biologist at VEC specializing in biological resources regulatory compliance under CEQA and NEPA. She helps project teams identify biological constraints and potential permitting needs early in the planning process to support efficient environmental review and streamlined regulatory permitting.

June 24, 2026

AEP Superior Webinar: Strategies to Minimize Costs Associated with Resource Agency Entitl

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM PST

July 7, 2026

Intro to CEQA Noise Analysis Webinar

Zoom Webinar

12:00 PM - 02:00 PM PST

Introduction to CEQA Noise Analysis

Tuesday, July 7th | Noon-2pm PST | Virtual event

Join the AEP Noise and Vibration Committee for an Introduction to CEQA Noise Analysis webinar. The session will provide an overview of noise fundamentals and cover how to address the noise checklist questions in Appendix G, Chapter XIII of CEQA. It will also discuss relevant case law and noise mitigation measures, followed by a real-world case study presented by a public agency representative and a Q&A session.

Topics will include:

*Noise and Vibration Fundamentals?
CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Questions?
Establishing Baseline Conditions?
Types of Noise Sources?
Mitigation?
Case Law Discussion ?
Monitoring for Compliance ?
Key Considerations?
Peer Review Discussion ?
Public Agency Perspective?
Project Examples?*

Speakers:

*Alejandro Garcia (ECORP)
Joanne Dramko (Helix)
JT Stephen (LSA)
Mark Storm (Dudek)
Claudia Garcia (City of Vacaville)*

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July 9, 2026

Rural Connex

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Our state is vast and so is the reach of AEP. That's why we have our second meetup series: Rural Connex. After launching our Early Career Meetups last year, we wanted to create another virtual session where members can connect, share, and help solve the challenges they meet in their day-to-day work. This meetup is for members who share the commonality of living and/or working in the non-urban regions and counties of California. Each monthly session consists of unstructured time to bring our different backgrounds and experiences to this same point we share in common: the issues and nuances of the rural corners of our field as environmental professionals. Of course, this meetup is open to any member (but you must be a current member to register).

July 14, 2026

Early Career Meetup

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Join us for our next AEP Early Career Meetup! This monthly virtual session is designed for current AEP members who are new college graduates, just starting out their first role as an environmental professional, or making a career switch into the field later in life. And if that isn't you, we invite you to join anyway — this meetup is open to all AEP members! Our goal is to facilitate connections, learning, and collaborative support across our organization. There's no need to prepare or bring anything along: just come as you are and be part of the conversation.

Pricing: Free for AEP Members

July 14, 2026

NPDES Essentials Workshop

Wanger Jones Helsley PC

265 East River Park Circle

Fresno, CA 93720

05:30 PM - 07:30 PM PST

Samuel Hopstone,

aepcentral@gmail.com

Join AEP Central Chapter for NPDES Essentials, an intro to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) in California.

August 11, 2026

Early Career Meetup

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

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August 13, 2026

Rural Connex

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September 9, 2026

NEPA Essentials Webinar - Topic 1: NEPA Requirements and Federal Triggers

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM PST

Instructors: Theresa Dickerson and Michael Smith, WSP

September 16, 2026

NEPA Essentials Webinar - Topic 2: Purpose and Need, and Federal Action Description

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM PST

Instructor: Liza Debies and Jennifer Kelley, Placeworks, invited

September 23, 2026

NEPA Essentials Webinar - Topic 3: Consideration of Categorical Exclusions and Extraordinary

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM PST

Instructors: Aimee Frappied, Diana Dyste, and Paulette Porrazzo, Sapphos Environmental, Inc

September 24, 2026
- September 25, 2026

AEP 2026 NorCalConference - Save the Date

Wharfinger Building

1 Marina Way

Eureka, CA 95501

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM PST

The San Francisco Bay and Superior California AEP Chapters are pleased to sponsor the biennial NorCal conference tailored to environmental practitioners in Northern California.

AICP and MCLE credits will be available.

Conference Topics (tentative):

- Last Chance Grade Project (Caltrans)*
- Tribal Consultation Best Practices*
- 2026 Legislative Update*
- Prairie Creek Restoration Project/TEK*
- Pre-Disaster Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery*
- Offshore Wind and Port Development*
- Coastal Resiliency*
- Housing / CEQA Reform (AB130/SB131)*
- Agriculture and Forestry / AB 2494*
- Klamath Dam Removal Project Update*
- Redwood Region RISE: Working Lands and the Blue Economy Sector*

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September 30, 2026

NEPA Essentials Webinar - Topic 4: Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact S

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM PST

Instructors: Brian Calvert and Rich Walter, ICF