

Calendar of Events

May 13, 2025

Early Career Meetup

Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Early Career Meetup

Tuesday, May 13th | Noon - 1pm PST

Join us for our third 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

May 13, 2025

2025 Advanced CEQA Webinar
Zoom Webinar
09:00 AM - 04:30 PM PST

*2025 Advanced CEQA Webinar
Workshop for Practitioners*

Tuesday, May 13th | 9:00am - 4:30pm

AEP is pleased to offer the 2025 Advanced CEQA Webinar, an all-day virtual workshop offered for CEQA practitioners! This workshop, a virtual version of the in-person Advanced CEQA Workshop that took place across the state in February, is designed to help consultants, regulators, applicants, and industry professionals stay current on legal trends and "hot topics" affecting the application of the Law and Guidelines.

MEET THE 2025 ADVANCED CEQA WEBINAR SPEAKERS!

Session I – Case Law Update

Nathan George

*Attorney
Remy Moose Manley LLP*

Mr. George joined Remy Moose Manley LLP in 2016 as an associate and became partner in 2022.

Mr. George's practice focuses on land use and environmental law, handling all phases of the land use entitlement and permitting processes, including administrative decision-making and litigation. His practice includes the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the State Planning and Zoning Law, as well as administrative and municipal law, including compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

During law school, he served as a Board Member for the Journal of International Law and Policy and the Environmental Council of Sacramento. Prior to joining Remy Moose Manley LLP, he worked as an associate at David Allen & Associates and clerked for the California EPA Air Resources Board, the Office of the Attorney General (Public Rights Division), and the Placer County District Attorney's Office (Public Integrity Unit). He teaches CEQA courses and seminars for the Association of Environmental Professionals, CLE International, and the California CEB program.

Session II – Addenda

Brian D. Boxer, AICP

*Community Development Market Leader
Environmental Science Associates (ESA)*

Brian Boxer has more than 40 years of experience in urban and environmental planning across Northern California.

He has successfully directed and managed many urban and environmental planning projects involving new land development, urban infill, major sports and entertainment venues, institutional plans, and large-scale urban and regional plans and policies. He is a noted expert in CEQA and in the strategic design of CEQA documents to facilitate project planning and design to meet legal requirements.

He received a BA in History from UC Santa Barbara and a Master of Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University.

Session III – AQ/HRA/GHG Standards for Analysis

Rich Walter

*Vice President, Environmental Planning
ICF International*

Rich Walter has 33 years of experience in environmental planning, compliance strategy, and mitigation development.

He has led ICF's Climate Action Planning practice since 2006, developing municipal and community climate action plans, GHG inventories, general plan policies, cost-benefit analyses of emission reduction strategies, and sea level rise adaptation studies. He's managed large NEPA and CEQA analyses across California and the U.S., complying with NEPA, CEQA, ESAs, NHPA, the Clean Air and Water Acts, Coastal Acts, and other mandates.

Rich is also a key author of white papers on climate action planning for AEP and CAPCOA.

Session IV – Housing Rules and Streamlining Tools

Alex Jewell

*Senior Project Manager
Kimley-Horn and Associates*

Alex Jewell has 30 years of experience managing environmental documents for public and private projects.

He manages multidisciplinary teams, CEQA strategy, and the preparation and review of environmental documents for industrial, commercial, residential, transportation, and public infrastructure projects throughout California. Based in Sacramento, his greatest athletic achievement may have been successfully completing a pond skim to close out this year's ski season.

Session V – Triggers for Recirculation

Luci Hise-Fisher

*Senior Environmental Planner
Environmental Science Associates (ESA)*

Luci Hise-Fisher has over 30 years of experience guiding complex CEQA and NEPA projects.

She managed the 15,000-page Gregory Canyon Landfill EIR, recirculated Revised Draft EIR, and Addendum under intense litigation. She also led the EIR for Mattel's Campus Specific Plan in El Segundo, addressing legal comments and preparing a Recirculated Partial Draft EIR to resolve traffic and health-risk concerns.

Her early career in public and private sector planning sharpens her land-use insights and rigorous CEQA evaluations.

Session VI – AI in CEQA Practice

Chris Mundhenk

*Principal & Environmental Practice Group Leader
Ascent Environmental*

Chris Mundhenk has 20+ years of experience preparing environmental documentation statewide.

He has worked from San Diego to Arcata for private and public clients, including UC and CSU systems. His current record for an EIR process is 6.5 months from start to finish, though he's not looking to break that record soon.

Session VII – Defining Exacerbating in a Post-CBIA-v-BAAQMD World

Suzanne McFerran

*Senior Environmental Planner
AECOM*

Suzanne McFerran has 18 years of experience in environmental science and management throughout California.

She leads multi-disciplinary teams on General Plan Updates, Specific Plans, infill and greenfield development, renewable energy, linear energy transmission, transportation, and infrastructure improvements. Her work includes associated technical studies and CEQA documentation for diverse project types.

Session VIII – Accessibility in CEQA Documents

Michele Mattei

*Production Manager
Ascent Environmental*

Michele Mattei is Ascent's Production Manager and Accessibility Lead with over 18 years of experience.

Her expertise covers CEQA/NEPA technical documents (EIRs, EISs, IS/MNDs), master plans, specific plans, resource management plans, and Caltrans materials. She ensures compliance with standards for BAs/BREs, NOPs, NOAs, and accessibility requirements.

AGENDA

*Session I - Case Law Update (Nate George – RMM) | 9:05-10:35
Session II – Addenda (Brian Boxer – ESA) | 10:45-11:15
Session III – AQ/HRA/GHG Standards for Analysis (Rich Walter - ICF) | 11:15-12:00
Session IV – Housing Rules and Streamlining Tools (Alex Jewell – Kimley Horn) | 1:00-1:30
Session V – Triggers for Recirculation (Luci-Hise Fisher – ESA) | 1:30-2:00
Session VI – AI in CEQA Practice (Chris Mundhenk - Ascent) | 2:00-2:30
Session VII – Defining Exacerbating in a Post-CBIA-v-BAAQMD World (Suzanne McFerran – AECOM) | 2:45-3:15
Session VIII – Accessibility in CEQA Documents (Michele Mattei – Ascent) | 3:15-3:45
Q&A (All who are available) | 3:45-4:15*

PRICING

*Member (Full/Agency/Corporate): \$125
Member (Young Professional/Emeritus): \$75
Member (Student): \$25
Non-Member: \$225
Non-Member Group Rate (per person for groups of 3+): \$150*

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June 5, 2025

Renewable Energy Symposium

Zoom Webinar

08:30 AM - 04:00 PM PST

Renewable Energy Symposium

Virtual Program

Thursday, June 5th | 8:30am-4pm PST

The Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) invites you to register for the Renewable Energy Symposium! Formerly the AEP Institute, the Renewable Energy Symposium is offered as a virtual, one-day event designed to bring together experts in a facilitated dialogue on renewable energy.

Pricing

Member (Full/Agency/Corporate): \$185

Member (Young Professional/Emeritus): \$135

Member (Student): \$65

Non-Member: \$285

Non-Member Group Rate (per person for groups of 3+): \$210

July 16, 2025

How to Write an EIR Webinar - 2025

Zoom Webinar

12:00 PM - 03:30 PM PST

How to Write an EIR: A Webinar

Wednesday, July 16th | Noon - 3:30pm PST

Join AEP for a useful discussion on how to write an EIR! Speakers will review the following:

Time/Place for an EIR

Essential Components

Issue Area Section Analysis Guidance

Cumulative Impacts

Alternatives

Public Agency Perspective

Admin Record

Changes to Project After EIR Certification

3.0 AICP credits and 1.0 MCLE credit may be earned for attending this webinar.

Speakers:

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Pricing

Member

\$99

Student Member

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Non-Member

\$199

September 11, 2025

2025 NEPA Essentials Workshop

Zoom Webinar

08:30 AM - 03:45 PM PST

2025 NEPA Essentials Workshop

Thursday, September 11th | 8:30am - 3:45pm PST | Virtual Event

California AEP's NEPA Essentials Workshop is designed to inform consultants, regulators, applicants, and industry professionals on the basics of NEPA practice, as well as emerging trends and issues in practice, policy, and case law.

The curriculum will focus on the following topics:

- » NEPA's framework*
- » Determining NEPA application*
- » Required scope and content of NEPA documents*
- » Determining which NEPA pathway to follow*
- » Common NEPA mistakes and how to avoid them*
- » Integrating NEPA with other laws*
- » Recent policy and legal updates*

6 AICP and 2.0 MCLE credits may be earned for attending this workshop.

SPEAKERS

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PRICING

Member (Full/Agency/Corporate): \$150

Member (Young Professional/Emeritus): \$100

Member (Student): \$35

Non-Member: \$250

Non-Member Group Rate (per person for groups of 3+): \$175