PCL and PCL Foundation focus areas that protect the environment and quality of life for all Californians include:

- CEQA Workshops
- Water Policy
- Central Coast Watersheds
- Local Climate Action Initiative
- Public Health and the Environment
- High Speed Rail

The Planning and Conservation League (PCL) is working in the halls of California’s Capitol to protect the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, and the land we love. Our name also represents both our history and our mission. PCL and all of its members and affiliates support effective planning for California’s future, and are committed to a passionate conservation ethic.
2011 Environmental Legislative Symposium and Awards Luncheon

Saturday, January 29, 2011
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sheraton Grand
1230 J Street, Sacramento

THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE is a non-partisan, non-profit alliance of individuals and conservation organizations working at the local, state and national levels to protect and restore California's natural environment. The League also promotes and defends the public health and safety of the people of California through legislative and administrative action.

The PCL FOUNDATION's mission is to protect the California environment and ensure that California continues to be an attractive, livable, and equitable state by engaging in cutting-edge environmental public policy research and educating and empowering local communities to participate in local and state environmental decision making processes.

Making this a Greener Event

We are always trying to do more environmentally friendly tasks that make this event greener. For example, here are ten things we incorporated this year to reduce our impact on the environment:

- This program was printed using soy based inks.
- All left over food will be composted by the hotel.
- Water glasses at lunch will not be pre-filled, saving water.
- The event brochure was printed on Forest Stewardship Council certified paper.
- Disposable water bottles were eliminated during breaks.
- Our materials were printed locally, reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to shipping.
- We reduced the number of mailings associated with this event, which saves trees.
- Provided legal handouts to only those registered for legal credit, and posted the materials online for download to all others.
- Provided food options catering to our vegan friends during breaks.
- Offered carpool options to the Symposium via our website.

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Our 2010 Accomplishments

In 2010 the League and Foundation’s milestone accomplishments included:

- Publishing the 8 Affordable Water Solutions to save and supply water, create jobs, and improve our environment without busting the budget;
- Working with Senator Pavley to pass SB 918, which requires the state to develop criteria to safely recycle water;
- Forging a coalition called “Protected CEQA” to ensure no CEQA rollbacks;
- Successfully defending CEQA against rollbacks and exemptions in the legislative session and the budget;
- Publishing the Coast and Ocean Regional Roundtable Final Report, which outlines seven recommended actions;
- Celebrating our CEQA Champions and success in protecting CEQA in 2010 at a Pacific Palisades party; and
- Celebrating the defeat of the Water Bond with legislative leadership at a Sacramento reception.
Welcome to the PCL and PCLF Symposium

“California 2020: A Vision for the Next Decade”

This event is designed to inspire you and enhance your understanding of important environmental issues. This program includes information on the sessions, speakers, award winners, staff, and sponsors; and includes the participant list.

California is poised to be the nation’s leader on climate change, water, energy, and natural resource protection. The Golden State has always been a leader, but its decision makers will need our support and enthusiasm to continue in this role. Together we will ensure California continues to make informed and wise decisions as it relates to the health of our families, our communities, and our resources. As we look to 2020, we see a bright future and we hope you do too! Our aim is ensure you leave this conference with a better understanding of the issues, suggested ways to solve the problems we face, and the inspiration to take action both locally and at the statewide level.

PCL is a "League" of environmental organizations representing groups from across California. In 2010, we celebrated our 45th birthday and several victories as well. We prevented every major California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption from getting through the Legislature and we passed SB 918 which sets standards for water to be safely recycled instead of being released into the ocean. But the challenges continue... How can we redefine how our communities grow and make it easier to get out of our cars? How can we ensure there is safe and adequate drinking water for all residents in the state? How can we ensure CEQA remains a pillar of our environmental laws?

The League's work is based on effective environmental action at both a local and statewide level. The Foundation's work ensures you and all community members understand the importance of your role in the state's decision making processes. This is an important time and we are glad you are here.

We look forward to collaborating with you, as we ensure California continues to lead the way on critical environmental initiatives.

Sincerely,

Bill Center          David Hirsch          Traci Sheehan
President           Chair               Executive Director
PCL Board of Directors PCLF Board of Trustees PCL-PCLF
8:15 - 9:00  REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 - 9:15  WELCOMING REMARKS (CLE)
  • Traci Sheehan, PCL-PCLF Executive Director
  • Bill Center, PCL Board President

9:15 - 9:45  MORNING KEYNOTE (CLE)
  • Secretary John Laird, Natural Resources Agency

9:45 - 10:00  BREAK

10:00 - 11:15  SESSION ONE (choose one)
  • General Plans: Still Critical, Still Contentious (CLE/CM)
  • What is Next for California Water? (CM)
  • Natural Resource Economics: Can We Afford to Save the Planet? (CM)
  • How To... Position Yourself to Run for Office

11:15 - 11:30  TRANSITION TO LUNCH

11:30 - 1:30  AWARDS LUNCHEON
  • Assemblymember Mike Feuer
  • Senator Alan Lowenthal
    Legislators of the Year
  • Doug Carstens
    Carla Bard Award for Individual Achievement
  • California State Parks Foundation
    David Gaines Award for Non-Profit Work
  • Lynne Plambeck
    Dorothy Green Water Advocate Award

1:30 - 1:45  BREAK
1:45 - 3:00 SESSION TWO (choose one)
• Perspectives on Energy Siting (CLE/CM)
• CEQA 201: A Look at 2009/2010 & Rollback Preventions (CM)
• Groundwater: What Lies Beneath? (CM)
• How To... Utilize Social Media

3:00 - 3:15 BREAK

3:15 - 4:30 SESSION THREE (choose one)
• Water Wars: Present and Future (CLE/CM)
• Getting Smart Growth Where It Needs to Be (CM)
• Roads, Wildlife, and Wilderness (CM)
• How To... Develop a Collaborative Governing Process

4:30 - 4:40 BREAK

4:40 - 5:00 KEYNOTE and CLOSING REMARKS
• Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, City and County of San Francisco

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Sessions with (CM) denote Certification Maintenance credit for planners. There is no extra fee associated with this credit. Please sign in at the AICP table outside of each session you attend to receive the credit. None of the sessions in the Beavis Room are eligible for CM credit.
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GENERAL SESSION
MAGNOLIA
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4:40 - 5:00 Closing Remarks & Afternoon Keynote (CLE)

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CAMELLIA/GARDENIA

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BALLROOM LEVEL

Magnolia  Camellia & Gardenia

Grand Nave Foyer

SECOND FLOOR

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How to Say the Tough Room Names:

Room:  Pronunciation:
Bataglieri  Bat-ah-leh-reeh
Compagno  Comp-han-yo
THE CHALLENGES FACING RESOURCES IN THE CURRENT BUDGET CLIMATE

*Introduction by: Bill Center, Planning and Conservation League*  
*Keynote: Secretary John Laird, Natural Resources Agency*

John will talk about how to meet state resources challenges while the state addresses its long-term fiscal problems. He will also speak about the most pressing environmental issues.

THE AMERICA'S CUP GOES GREEN

*Introduction by: Bill Center, Planning and Conservation League*  
*Keynote: Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, City and County of San Francisco*

The America's Cup has a rich history and is the oldest active trophy in international sport. A race between two yachts, the event attracts world class sailors and yacht designers. The Planning and Conservation League and other local organizations have teamed up with San Francisco, the awardees of the next America's Cup bid, to help facilitate an unparalleled event. We will collaborate to ensure sustainable development, CEQA compliance, efforts to push past a carbon neutral event, bringing revenue into the city, and job creation.
GENERAL PLANS: STILL CRITICAL, STILL CONTENTIOUS

BATAGLIERI

Moderator: Terry Watt
Presenters: Tom Jacobson JD, MCP, AICP, Sonoma State University
Richard Taylor, Shute Mihaly & Weinberger LLP
Al Zelinka FAICP, CMSM, City of Fullerton

The General Plan is the “constitution for development” in all California cities and counties. As the state confronts its dependence on foreign oil, massive water transfers, and historic development patterns that compel people to spend more time in traffic, less time with family and more money fueling their cars, General Plans have never been more important. The General Plan process provides local communities with an opportunity to chart their own future through policies such as providing more transit and housing choices for local residents, encouraging family-friendly neighborhoods located close to existing infrastructure, and promoting water conservation, clean energy, and energy efficiency. In this session, participants will learn about the results of recent litigation to improve local General Plans, attempts to reform General Plan law through the legislative process, and the role of General Plans in California’s new land use policy landscape.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR CALIFORNIA WATER?

COMPAGNO

Moderator: Sage Sweetwood, Planning & Conservation League Board*
Presenters: Assemblymember Jared Huffman, California Legislature
Chair Phil Isenberg, Delta Stewardship Council
Jonas Minton, Planning and Conservation League
Senator Lois Wolk, California Legislature

California was just in its third year of a drought and scientists predict less rainfall, decreased snowpack, and drier conditions in the future as we begin to feel the effects of global warming. California residents have been scaling back water use as less water is available from the Colorado River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta. However, the Delta ecosystem is still on the verge of collapsing and population growth is expected to
increase demand on our already over-tapped water supply. For the past several years the California Legislature has taken up policies to address this crisis. In 2009, a package of bills was passed dealing with the Delta, water conservation, groundwater, illegal diversions, and several other water reforms. This panel will focus on how these polices have been implemented, what action steps are still needed to alleviate the water crisis, including increased water conservation, improved water recycling, and low impact developments, among other solutions.

This water session is sponsored by East Bay Municipal Utility District and The Rose Foundation.

NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS: CAN WE AFFORD TO SAVE THE PLANET?

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**Moderator:** Stephanie Pincetl, UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability

**Presenters:** Dr. Charles Cicchetti, Navigant Consulting

David Freeman*

Tiffany Roberts, Legislative Analyst’s Office

With the population of Earth approaching seven billion people, the natural resources that sustain our civilizations are severely depleted. Natural resource economics is one way to make sense of the relationship between human populations, their demand for resources, the supply of those resources, and their allocation. In order to create civilizations that will endure the test of time, humans must implement a sustainable, efficient economy that reduces the harms caused by current patterns of energy consumption, restores habitats, and shifts the balance from overuse to sustainability among other things. This panel will focus on understanding natural resource economics, recognizing the limitations of market trends, and connecting those issues to climate and energy policies in California.
HOW TO... POSITION YOURSELF TO RUN FOR OFFICE

BEAVIS

Presenter: Supervisor Steve Wilensky, Calaveras County

Ever wonder if you have what it takes to enter the world of politics? From being active in your community to becoming a Commissioner, learn what personal and professional background and community history it takes to run for office. Discover the skill sets that also help get candidates elected from listening skills, to coalition building, and odd-couple alliances. Discover when to start thinking about running, how to begin a campaign, what your platform is, and how to advance it publicly. Also find out from whom you should request an endorsement and who should be on your campaign committee. Participants will learn how to set the stage for a successful political run at the local or regional level, understand the ins and outs of political life, and get the low down on timing.
In 2009, the City of Industry’s football stadium in East Los Angeles received the first ever legislative exemption from CEQA. That opened the door in 2010 to an onslaught of requests for CEQA exemptions as other development projects attempted to replicate Industry’s “success.” By the end of the year, the League successfully defended CEQA against rollbacks and exemptions in both the legislative session and the state budget. Two steadfast CEQA supporters in the Capitol ensured this triumphant defense of the state’s premier environmental law.

Assemblymember Mike Feuer spearheaded the legislative defense of CEQA. He made himself available as a partner to PCL and its coalition and together we worked to stave off the attacks one-by-one. Assemblymember Feuer spent hundreds of hours mediating the Richmond Refinery exemption alone. This was an exemption after the fact, as the Environmental Impact Report had already been written and lawsuits over impacts already in the queue.

Throughout his career, Senator Lowenthal has stepped to the plate on numerous environmental issues from protecting communities from air pollution from idling trucks to restoring the Los Angeles River to being a vocal supporter of CEQA on the Senate floor. He, like Assemblymember Feuer, stood up to Southern California development interests and instead protected our environment and our state’s hard won environmental protection laws.

To both Assemblymember Feuer and Senator Lowenthal, we thank you for your great work, significant achievements, and partnership to ensure California’s natural resources and communities are protected.
DOUG CARSTENS
Carla Bard Award for Individual Achievement
Presenter: Keith Wagner, Lippe Gaffney Wagner LLP*
Doug Carstens has been an important environmental advocate, going above and beyond his duties as an attorney, to ensure that our natural resources are protected. For the last several years Doug has worked closely with the Planning and Conservation League to review bills, give guidance on CEQA related issues, and has been an incredible on-the-ground advocate for an array of environmental concerns. In addition to bringing together coalitions, writing articles, and talking to the press, Doug has also facilitated CEQA workshops in Southern California with the PCL Foundation to ensure the community can participate effectively in the environmental review process. Last year, he worked with environmental justice advocates in Los Angeles in an effort that ultimately culminated in public acquisition of a large site in northeast Los Angeles for preservation. He is especially proud of such park advocacy and, along with Jan Chatten-Brown, his firm Chatten-Brown and Carstens has also helped bring about the public acquisition of parklands in the Rio De Los Angeles State Park, the State Historic Park in downtown Los Angeles, and additions to the Kenneth Hahn State Park in Baldwin Hills. With a 90% success rate on reported cases, Doug's firm brings experience, effectiveness, and energy to the table.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS FOUNDATION
David Gaines Award for Non-Profit Work
Presenter: Rick Hawley, Greenspace-The Cambria Land Trust*
Crippled with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of deferred maintenance projects, understaffed parks, and budget cuts that seemed impossible to survive, our California State Park system is slowly being chipped away year after year. But for the constant and immediate support and action by the California State Parks Foundation, our parks would be closed permanently. With some creative and thoughtful solutions, the Foundation championed the Save Our State Parks Campaign. The Foundation worked with others to create Proposition 21, which would have added an $18 surcharge to each vehicle license fee -- generating enough revenue to separate the State Parks budget from the General Fund and begin to tackle those backlogged projects. Though 21 didn’t pass, 2010 was a stellar year for the Foundation’s efforts. They led the charge for our parks. They created a solution from amidst the dust. They rallied the troops and they brought significant awareness to the issue. Our State Parks, from the mountains to the sea, deserts to the forest, and residents all count on advocates like the California State Parks Foundation.
LYNNE PLAMBECK
Dorothy Green Award for Water Policy Advocacy

*Presenter: Kevin Johnson, Kevin K. Johnson, A Professional Law Corporation*

For years Lynne Plambeck has been working to advocate for better planning and wiser water use in Santa Clarita and statewide. Specifically, in Santa Clarita she has fought to protect the quality of water supply to residents of her community and to preserve the environmental values of the Santa Clarita River. In addition, her conservation work has included strongly opposing sprawl development in Southern California and eliminating our reliance on “paper water.” As a businesswoman, is now in her fourth term as an elected member of the Newhall Water District Board member, is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies, served as an alternate representative for the Local Agency Formation Commission, and has run for a seat on the City Council. She is President of the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning the Environment. Lynne is a tremendous water advocate whose tireless work unites communities, residents, and leaders.
The science and economics of wisely choosing and responsibly building upon sites for utility scale energy facilities has evolved rapidly in recent years. As technologies and related energy conversion efficiencies have continued to advance, project proponents have gained important experience in working with environmental laws and the multiple levels of government bodies that enforce them. As environmental groups continue to "race" to keep up with unprecedented numbers of project applications, federal, state, and local representatives are striving to balance the needs for renewable energy with the need to protect site specific and regional environmental and natural resources. Come hear a lively discussion between industry, government, and environmental organizations regarding important lessons learned and their respective predictions for the future of siting decisions.

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: LESSONS LEARNED

By: Kim Delfino, Defenders of Wildlife

There are more than 150 proposed renewable energy projects in the Golden State, with most projects concentrated in the California Desert. This desert is also an area of rich natural and cultural resources and home to the threatened desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel, flat tailed horned lizard, bighorn sheep, many different species of birds, and a wide array of plants, many of which are endemic. To date, several fast track renewable energy projects have been permitted in the desert - more than 3,000 MW of renewable power impacting more than 30,000 acres. With the permitting of these projects, we have learned important lessons about how to direct development and process permits in a better and more sustainable way not only in the desert, but also elsewhere in California. This presentation will review those lessons learned about project siting and planning, environmental review, and mitigation and monitoring.
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ENERGY SITING

By: Chair Karen Douglas, California Energy Commission

This presentation will focus on the process for siting renewable energy power facilities in California. It will also address the role of the California Energy Commission in siting renewable power facilities and the joint process with the Bureau of Land Management for reviewing proposed solar thermal projects housed on federal land. The challenges and opportunities offered by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will be outlined as well.

MINIMIZING RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT CONFLICTS WITH NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

By: Kevin Hunting, California Department of Fish and Game

Increasing green, renewable energy capacity in California is an important factor in slowing the impacts of global climate change, achieving greenhouse gas targets, and reaching important national and regional energy independence goals. Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) generation facilities - particularly solar and wind - have been the focus of several fiscal and policy incentive programs resulting in a dramatic increase in development of these facilities in California. California possesses unparalleled biological diversity and siting these very large facilities often presents conflicts between renewable energy generation and sensitive natural resources. This presentation will focus on the state natural resource agency perspectives on the use of natural resource avoidance as a siting criterion, an overview of state natural resource protection laws and policies that affect renewable energy siting and development, and a discussion of emerging tools and policies designed to minimize these conflicts.

CEQA 201: A LOOK AT 2009/2010 & ROLLBACK PREVENTIONS

Moderator: Bill Yeates, Kenyon-Yeates LLP*
Presenters: Jan Chatten-Brown, Chatten-Brown & Carstens*
Assemblymember Mike Feuer, California Legislature
Pete Price, Office of the Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez

In 2009/2010 the California Legislature and conservation community witnessed an onslaught of exemption requests from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA was passed in 1970 by the California Legislature and signed into law by then-Governor Ronald Reagan. CEQA requires projects to undergo an environmental review process that informs decision makers about project impacts, requires
feasible mitigation measures be adopted to reduce impacts, and allows
the public at large to provide important feedback on a proposed project.
This panel will provide an overview of the 2009/2010 Legislative Session,
CEQA exemption requests, trends from the Capitol, and preventions of
future rollbacks.

GROUNDWATER: WHAT LIES BENEATH?
COMPAGNO

Moderator: Esther Feldman, Community Conservation Solutions*
Presenters: Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center
           Dennis O'Connor, Senate Committee on Natural Resources
           and Water
           Mary Scruggs, Department of Water Resources

In November 2009, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill X7 6. This
bill, for the first time in California's history, requires local agencies monitor
the elevation of their groundwater basins to help better manage the
resource during both normal water years and drought conditions. This will
allow better resource management and planning for all types of water
years. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is required to develop a
groundwater monitoring program as well as make recommendations to
local entities. The panel will discuss why these new policies are important
and timely and provide insight from DWR regarding local implementation
and what is next in the pipeline for groundwater.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN CALIFORNIA - HOW DID WE GET HERE AND
WHERE MIGHT WE BE GOING NEXT?
By: Dennis O'Connor, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water

This discussion will describe the evolution of groundwater management
policy in California, focusing on both the policy and political debate
surrounding each evolutionary step, culminating in the recently enacted
SB X7 6 (Steinberg & Pavley). It will conclude with speculation on likely
future changes to groundwater management in California.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE GROUNDWATER ELEVATION
MONITORING (CASGEM) PROGRAM
By: Mary Scruggs, Department of Water Resources

In November 2009, Part 2.11 (Groundwater Monitoring) was added to
Division 6 of the Water Code by Senate Bill 6 (7th Extraordinary Session).
The new law directs that groundwater elevations in California's groundwater
basins and subbasins identified in DWR Bulletin 118 be regularly and
systematically monitored with the goal of demonstrating seasonal and
long-term trends in groundwater elevations. DWR is required to make the resulting information readily and widely available. DWR developed the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program to implement the enacted legislation. The CASGEM program will rely and build on the many established local groundwater programs to monitor groundwater. DWR will work with local agencies to coordinate collection of groundwater elevation data and provide access to the data on the CASGEM website.

NEXT STEPS FOR STATEWIDE GROUNDWATER MONITORING EFFORTS

By: Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center

All beneficial uses of water - agricultural, industrial, urban, and environmental - rely on groundwater. It is difficult to develop effective planning and resource management programs without good characterization of both groundwater water quality and quantity. Therefore, the next step in statewide groundwater efforts must be better integration of water quality and water quantity data, which will in turn require better integration and improved accessibility to existing data. Unfortunately, there are a number of barriers that will need to be overcome to make this happen, including outdated agency reporting requirements, restrictions around public accessibility of data, funding challenges, as well as on-going water quality data collection gaps. While the new groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements administered through DWR are an important first step, we must continue to work towards a more comprehensive groundwater monitoring program for California. This presentation will focus on monitoring barriers and possible solutions.

HOW TO... UTILIZE SOCIAL MEDIA

BEAVIS

Presenters: Greg Zelder, California State Parks Foundation

From Facebook to Twitter, the social media landscape is changing every day and yesterday's map is outdated before the ink is dry. With the right approach to social media tools and platforms it is easy to do more than just stay found, you can also get some tangible value from a venture into the space. This presentation aims to inform the audience about the types of platforms that exist, how to decide which ones (if any) fit your organization's goals, and an in-depth focus on getting started in social media.
California water issues date back over a century from the Owens Valley water conveyance system built by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, to the damming and diversion of the Colorado River, and in modern times to the Delta diversions of the Central Valley and State Water Projects. At the moment three main water wars are involving activists, attorneys, and water providers. The first is the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) and its related environmental impact of transferring Colorado River water from the Imperial Valley to San Diego. The second is the long-standing legal challenges related to the Department of Water Resources’ Kern Water Bank and Monterey Amendments. And finally, is the expansion of California’s public trust to embrace groundwater. This panel will offer participants insights into the challenges and upcoming decisions regarding California water use, transport, and protection.

THE MONTEREY PLUS AMENDMENTS AND KERN WATER BANK LITIGATION

By: Adam Keats, Center for Biological Diversity

Conflict over the State Water Project (SWP) (caused mostly by its only being half-completed) came to a head in the mid-1990’s, culminating in a secret deal between the state and the water contractors that eviscerated the SWP’s moderate safeguards for protecting the environment and for properly managing public resources. PCL and other groups filed a successful lawsuit over the sham CEQA review of this secret deal, leading to a supposedly new project, the Monterey Plus Amendments, which was finally finalized and approved this year. Unfortunately, the worst elements of the deal were maintained, including the incredible give-away of the state-owned Kern Water Bank to private water interests in Kern County. Three environmental groups and two Delta water agencies filed suit this time, bringing CEQA and reverse-validation claims to return the Kern Water Bank to public control and restore some sense to the management of one of the state’s most valuable resources: its fresh water.
COLORADO RIVER QSA
By: Tony Rossmann, Rossmann & Moore LLP*
California needs to confine its Colorado River use to 4.4 MAFA (million acre feet per year), the limitation to which it agreed to in 1929 and the Supreme Court enforced in 1963. The State and four major water users agreed in 2003 to quantify their entitlements and to transfer up to 300 KAYA (thousand acre feet per year) from Imperial Valley to the South Coast urban plain - arrangements known as the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA). Challenged by local governments, Imperial Valley landowners, and environmental advocates, the QSA was invalidated by the Sacramento Superior Court in 2010. This presentation describes the conflict and issues now pending before the Sacramento Court of Appeal.

PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE AND GROUNDWATER
By: Jim Wheaton, Environmental Law Foundation (ELF)
The Public Trust Doctrine (PTD) applies to substantially all navigable (i.e., surface) waters in California. In the Mono Lake case, National Audubon Society v. Superior Court (1983) 33 Cal.3d 419, the California Supreme Court held that the PTD could also be applied to diversions of water from non-navigable tributaries of PT waters, where those diversions were harming the PT resource or uses of that resource. The Court also held the state has the power and duty to revisit and change even vested rights as circumstances change if needed to protect the PT resource and uses. What applies up also applies down? Groundwater hydrologically interconnected to PT waters is conceptually no different from upstream tributaries. Yet application of the PTD to groundwater is highly controversial. Two states apply the PTD to groundwater. Will California be next? The outcome of ELF v. SWRCB, in Sacramento Superior Court, may give the answer.

This water session is sponsored by Environment Now.

GETTING SMART GROWTH WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE COMPAGNO
Moderator: David Mogavero, Mogavero Notestine Associates*
Presenters: Joseph Horwedel, City of San Jose
           Meea Kang, Domus Development LLC
           Marc Roberts, City of Livermore

Senate Bill 375, California's Sustainable Communities Planning Act, links decisions about land use, housing, and transportation to achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions through improved planning. The
The California Air Resources Board has adopted emission reduction targets for 2020 and 2035 for each region of the state. One solution to meeting the mandate of SB 375 is to create smart growth communities, where urban growth is focused in the city-center (thereby avoiding urban sprawl); communities are transit-focused, walkable, and bikable; and housing and developments include a mix of uses with complete streets. This panel will focus on implementing smart growth policies in California communities with case studies on how and where these attractive, livable communities have been located.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF PLANNING
By: Joseph Horwedel, City of San Jose

Growth in San Jose has been a major community issue since the days of rampant annexations of the ‘50s and ‘60s that created the now 10th largest city in the nation. San Jose has effectively used growth limits for 20 years to focus development inward to encourage infill development and control service costs. The current update of the General Plan is focused on taking San Jose to the next generation planning replacing single use commercial areas with a series of new urban villages that create complete neighborhoods and taming a transportation system dominated by the auto. The scale is daunting with the regional housing allocation of 120,000 new housing units by the year 2040 and a desire to move to a more fiscally sustainable foundation by improving the economic base in the City. The integration of major economic development and public art strategies coupled with traditional general plan policies that connect land use decision making, community building, and fiscal sustainability together, will set San Jose's future for the next 100 years.

TRANSFORMING DOWNTOWN LIVERMORE
By: Marc Roberts, City of Livermore

Getting smart growth where it needs to be is a combination of discouraging inappropriate growth and encouraging appropriate growth. In 2002, Livermore adopted an Urban Growth Boundary that surrounds the community. In 2004, the City completed a comprehensive revision of its General Plan and adopted a Downtown Specific Plan that focuses development in the center of the community. Infill developments in community centers face many obstacles including: community resistance, old or undersized infrastructure, brownfields, unattractive living environments, existing incompatible uses, and roadways more suited to moving traffic than creating an attractive and exciting pedestrian-scale neighborhood. Transforming the center of a community takes a combination of plans, programs, projects, and patience. This presentation will illustrate how creating a clear plan with significant public support, combined with key public realm improvements and programs to encourage private sector participation, can transform the center of a community.
GETTING IT DONE: MAKING CALIFORNIA STRONGER THROUGH INFILL HOUSING
By: Meea Kang, Domus Development LLC

California faces unprecedented challenges in achieving sustainable environmental protection and improving the quality of life for the state's nearly 40 million citizens. All of these issues are tied, in one way or another, to the state's growth patterns and the state, regional and local government policies on land use, transportation, environmental protection, energy, water, and others, that influence those patterns. California's Landmark Land Use and Greenhouse Gas State Laws SB 375/AB 32 have been designed to encourage infill development and smart growth. Yet significant barriers to infill development exist. Offering incentives for smart developments on a local level is a critical first step to facilitate the transition to a greener California. Domus has been successful in developing and building attractive, walkable, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible infill communities in California, but not without serious challenges, expenses, and roadblocks. This presentation will outline several of Domus' innovative infill developments that promote sustainability, create affordable housing, and exemplify how to break down barriers to help California reach land use goals set by SB 375. Participants will discover how to identify smart growth opportunities, understand the challenges and complexities that accompany infill development, and recognize the policy changes required to encourage smart growth on a larger scale.

ROADS, WILDLIFE, AND WILDERNESS

Moderator: Rick Hawley, Greenspace-The Cambria Land Trust*
Presenters: Lisa Lyren, U.S. Geological Society
Amy Pettler, Caltrans
Dr. Ray Sauvajot, National Park Service

Studies indicate that one million animals a day die from collisions on U.S. roadways. In the last 20 years, more information has become available about the impacts roads have on our wilderness areas including increased roadkill, decreased foraging areas, decreased migration due to road barriers, and smaller core habitat areas, among other things. New strategies have been developed to increase connectivity, improve roadway design, and find a balance between the movement of humans and that of wildlife. This panel will discuss the shifting policies of roadway planning and design, cooperative agreements between agencies that improve wildlife movement, and new strategies that can be adopted in California to augment policies and planning efforts.
PROTECTING WILDLIFE HABITAT LINKAGES THROUGH COLLABORATIVE SCIENCE, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, AND ROADWAY DESIGN

By: Dr. Ray Sauvajot, National Park Service

In recent years, recognition of the significant effects of roads on wildlife and ecosystem viability has greatly increased. Scientific studies, including wildlife radio telemetry, genetic assessments of mammals, birds, and reptiles; monitoring of under-crossings and culverts, assessing wildlife mortality along roads, and GIS analyses of potential wildlife movement corridors, all demonstrate the need to protect habitat linkages and allow safe wildlife movement across roads. Many agencies and organizations are now integrating this scientific information with on-the-ground mitigation actions. Collaborative efforts include identifying priority sites for enhancements, installing wildlife-proof fencing along roads, enhancing existing culverts and under-crossings for wildlife, and conducting monitoring both before and after improvements to evaluate effectiveness. By sharing expertise and experiences at local, regional, and even international levels, and by linking science and planning, roadway impacts can be reduced and habitat connectivity enhanced in combination with transportation projects.

INTEGRATED PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND WILDLIFE MOVEMENT

By: Amy Pettler, Caltrans

SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users) section 6001( Metropolitan Transportation Planning), more specifically referred to as Title 23CFR 450.316 and 450.322, addresses consultation and cooperation requirements between state and regional Metropolitan Transportation Planning organizations (MPOs) and contains the requirement to discuss potential environmental mitigation activities in Regional Transportation Plans (RTP). To implement these sections of the Act, transportation planners and MPOs need appropriate data to effectively incorporate natural resource planning into transportation plans. The California Essential Habitat Connectivity Project developed a model to delineate natural landscape blocks and essential connectivity areas for habitat and wildlife throughout the state of California that will provide a vital data set at an appropriate scale to be useful for a variety of transportation and land use planning decisions and projects. This presentation will discuss the opportunities that are available in integrated planning for connectivity considerations as well as a discussion of available tools and alternative designs that have been implemented in transportation facilities in California.

EVERY DAY IS A WINDING ROAD: LOCAL-SCALE ANALYSES OF THE INFLUENCE OF HIGHWAYS ON WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By: Lisa Lyren, U.S. Geological Survey

By synthesizing data from 2008-2009 and 1997-2000, we evaluated wildlife movement across two highways and assessed relative importance of
undercrossings to connectivity. To assess road permeability during 2008-2009, we monitored 46 undercrossings along 18.5 km using remotely-triggered cameras to detect carnivores and deer, and placed GPS-tracking collars on bobcats and coyotes captured nearby. We conducted mortality surveys for animals struck by vehicles and collected those found dead for genetics. Using GIS, we examined relative crossing activity, and identified undercrossings frequently used by, and locations where wildlife appeared vulnerable. We examined movement routes across the landscape to estimate how flood, fire, and urbanization influenced them. We incorporated genetic information and anecdotal observations into understanding connectivity, and made comparisons to 1997-2000 to estimate how the system differed since, and how construction and undercrossing modifications in 2005 influenced connectivity patterns observed during 2008-2009. From this integrated approach, we identified undercrossings most important to wildlife persistence here.

HOW TO... DEVELOP A COLLABORATIVE GOVERNING PROCESS

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Presenter: Katie Burdick, Burdick & Co.

Collaboration has been defined as “a mutually beneficial and well-defined relationship, entered into by two or more individuals, groups, and organizations, in order to achieve results they are more likely to achieve together than alone.” Bringing groups and individuals together to work for mutual goals, via formal and informal collaborations, has proven to be a powerful engine for change and an equally powerful consumer of time and energy. Perhaps you are in an emerging effort and looking at questions of feasibility, group process, or desired outcomes. Perhaps you are in an effort that is flagging from process fatigue, loss of key participants, or disruption of process due to new arrivals who “upset the apple cart.” Come learn how to design and engage in processes that are durable and productive. We'll cover everything from recruitment, dominating personalities, agenda design, and facilitation strategies to creating a multi-year effort - tricks, tips, processes, and strategies for creative collaborations.
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At SunPower Julie Blunden is responsible for public policy and market development, public relations, and investor relations. Prior to SunPower, Blunden was a consultant at KEMA-XENERGY on energy markets, renewable resources and policy to the utilities, and state and federal governments. In this capacity in 2004, she supported the Schwarzenegger Administration in developing the Million Solar Homes Initiative. In 1997, Blunden co-founded Green Mountain Energy Company, a national retail electric supplier of renewable power. Earlier in her career, Blunden worked for the AES Corporation where she was responsible for power plant development and acquisitions in the independent power generation business. Blunden received her M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and an A.B. from Dartmouth College majoring in Engineering, modified with Environmental Studies. She serves on the Board of Directors at the Center for Resource Solutions and on the Board of Advisors for Vote Solar.

KATIE BURDICK  
SOLE PROPRIETOR, BURDICK & CO.  
Katie Burdick has 38 years of experience in leading multi-year and multi-stakeholder collaborative processes, organizational development assessments, intra- and inter-agency conflict resolution sessions, strategic planning efforts, large-scale citizen involvement programs, and skill building sessions for teams and individuals. She has delivered trainings for clients ranging from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Army Corps of Engineers to the National Audubon Society and the League of Women Voters. Burdick has provided training on such topics as leadership, managing change, negativity in the work place, managing personalities in collaborative settings, and conflict resolution and public outreach. Burdick is known and highly regarded nationally, having developed a reputation as a creative, responsive, and challenging trainer who has a knack for giving participants the ability to implement what they have learned.
JAN CHATTEN-BROWN
PARTNER, CHATTEN-BROWN AND CARSTENS
Jan Chatten-Brown has practiced almost exclusively in the area of environmental law since she graduated from UCLA Law School in 1971. For the first 21 years of her practice, Chatten-Brown worked in various public law offices. In 1995, she opened her own public interest oriented environmental law practice, known as Chatten-Brown & Carstens. Along with four other attorneys, she primarily represents environmental and community groups. Much of the practice involves litigation under CEQA. She was lead counsel for the City of Walnut in the challenge to the NFL Stadium in the City of Industry that was subject to the 2009 CEQA exemption. Her practice represents groups seeking compliance with endangered species laws, water laws, and various land use laws. Chatten-Brown has taught environmental law at UCLA and land use law at USC. She serves as a Regional Vice President of the Planning and Conservation League and is on the Board of the Sierra Nevada Alliance.

DR. CHARLES CICCHETTI
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Charles J. Cicchetti, Ph.D. is a Senior Advisor to Navigant Consulting, Inc. and Founding Member of Pacific Economics Group. He is the former Chairman of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and Director of the Wisconsin Energy Office. Dr. Cicchetti has frequently appeared as an expert witness in regulation, contract disputes, antitrust, patents, and damage analysis. He has testified more than 250 times before state, provincial, and federal regulatory commissions in the U.S. and Canada; about 50 times in civil, criminal, and arbitration proceedings; and more than 20 times before legislative and federal agency committees. He has extensive experience in the design of, sampling, collection, and analyses of survey data. He has also written more than 20 books, more than 80 professional articles, and given more than 100 speeches over his 40-plus year career. He has started and managed three small businesses.

KIM DELFINO
CA PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE
Kim oversees the work of Defenders’ California program team in protecting and restoring the state’s imperiled wildlife and their habitat. Since 2000, she has worked on the revision of the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act, helped create the Salton Sea Coalition, and assisted in the establishment of the California Rangeland
Conservation Coalition. In addition, Delfino serves on the committees for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. Before joining Defenders of Wildlife, she worked for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group as a Staff Attorney and for CALPIRG as Legislative Director. She began her career as an associate attorney in Washington, D.C. where she specialized in cases involving the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and other environmental laws. Delfino holds a B.A. in Political Science, Public Service from the University of California, Davis and a J.D. from McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific.

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CHAIR, CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
Karen Douglas fills the attorney position on the five-member California Energy Commission where four of the five members by law are required to have professional training in specific areas—engineering or physical science, environmental protection, economics, and law. Douglas served as Director of the California Climate Initiative at Environmental Defense. Prior to this she spent four years at the Planning and Conservation League as the Natural Resources Director, General Counsel, and most recently, Acting Executive Director. She has worked on California natural resource and environmental protection issues, including the Imperial Irrigation District / San Diego water transfer, forest policy, and the California Environmental Quality Act. Douglas is a 2001 graduate of Stanford Law School. She holds a master’s degree in Public Policy from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

MIKE FEUER
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE
Mike Feuer represents California’s 42nd Assembly District and serves as Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee and the Assembly Committee to Improve State Government. Assemblymember Feuer is a leader in the areas of transportation, water conservation, environmental toxics, public safety, legal rights, and seniors’ protections. He wrote the law authorizing Los Angeles’ Measure R providing $40 billion for transportation improvements throughout L.A. County. He also authored the first law in state history targeting major reductions in urban water use. Assemblyman Feuer wrote groundbreaking chemicals policy law helping break the link between toxics and cancer by granting officials broad authority to regulate dangerous chemicals in consumer products. Prior to his Assembly service, Feuer served on the Los Angeles City Council, led Bet Tzedek Legal Services, practiced law at two of California’s leading law firms, taught law
and public policy at UCLA, and appeared regularly on National Public Radio station KPCC.

LAUREL FIRESTONE
CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY WATER CENTER
Laurel Firestone co-founded and co-directs the Community Water Center (CWC), a non-profit environmental justice organization. The CWC helps disadvantaged communities gain access to clean and affordable water. She previously served as the Director of the Rural Poverty Water Project at the Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment. In 2009 she authored the comprehensive Guide to Community Drinking Water Advocacy, and in 2010 she and Susana De Anda were co-awarded the Carla Bard Advocacy Award from the Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform, awarded to one water advocate in California each year. She currently serves on the Tulare County Water Commission. Firestone graduated with honors from Harvard Law School, where she focused on environmental poverty law. During law school she worked abroad on a variety of projects combining human rights and environmental law. She also holds a B.A. magna cum laude in Environmental Studies from Brown University.

S. DAVID FREEMAN
S. David Freeman is an engineer, attorney, and author who has had many key roles in energy policy. He currently heads The Hydrogen Car Company and was a member of the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners. Freeman has been termed an “eco-pioneer” for his environmentally friendly leadership of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. He had done a similar job at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), after President Jimmy Carter appointed him to head the TVA board in 1977, changing the TVA focus from growth to conservation. He has also headed other major energy organizations, including the New York Power Authority and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Freeman has authored several books, including Energy: The New Era (1974) and Winning Our Energy Independence (2007). Other books that contain his works include Oral History of the Tennessee Valley Authority: Interview with S. David Freeman (1984) and Speeches by S. David Freeman (1997).
JOSEPH HORWEDEL
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, BUILDING AND CODE
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Joseph Horwedel is responsible for all private
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becoming its Director in November 2006, the
department has embarked on a number of forward
looking initiatives, the most current being the Envision
2040 General Plan Update which is setting a new direction for San Jose.
This effort reshapes the City from ‘60s suburbia to a collection of vibrant
urban villages, each with its own identity. During his 27-year tenure with the
Department, Horwedel has led significant technology initiatives, negotiated
complex redevelopment projects, and collaborated with countless
stakeholders to achieve major policy initiatives. Horwedel is the Vice Chair
of the American Planning Association’s City Planning and Management
Division and has spoken around the state on a variety of topics related to
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JARED HUFFMAN
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE
Elected in November 2006, Assemblymember Jared
Huffman has earned respect as a legislator who
tackles complex public policy challenges and gets
results. In his first three years, he was among the state’s
most prolific lawmakers passing 30 pieces of
legislation. As Chair of the Assembly’s Water, Parks,
and Wildlife Committee, he was instrumental in
crafting and passing an historic package of water reforms in 2009. Prior to
his election, he was a Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense
Council (NRDC). One of his proudest accomplishments at NRDC was
helping forge an agreement for one of the largest river restoration projects
in our nation’s history. Prior to joining NRDC, Huffman was a public interest
attorney in private practice. His court victories included several major jury
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magna cum laude from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and
cum laude from Boston College Law School.
KEVIN HUNTING
CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Kevin Hunting is responsible for overseeing the Department's program, law enforcement, administrative, and legislative divisions. In addition, he oversees the recently formed Department Renewable Energy Support and Climate Change branch focused on integrating renewable energy development into planning, regulatory, and regional operations functions. Prior to his appointment as Chief Deputy Director, he was the Deputy Director of the Ecosystem Conservation Division where he was responsible for the Department’s regulatory and planning, conservation incentive, water resources planning, and assessment programs. Prior to his current position, Hunting was the Deputy Director of Regional Operations responsible for policy and program delivery in the six Department terrestrial and marine regions. He has also served as the Regional Manager for the South Coast Region and Chief of the Habitat Conservation Branch. He holds a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Humboldt State University and has worked in wildlife management, conservation planning, and resource assessment for over 20 years.

PHIL ISENBERG
CHAIR, DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Phil Isenberg has served as President of Isenberg/O’Haren Government Relations since 2005. He is also a member of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy Advisory Board and was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Isenberg was the Mayor of Sacramento from 1975 to 1982. From 1977 to 2004, he was counsel for Miller, Owens, and Trost, Attorneys at Law. He also served as a member of the California State Assembly from 1982 to 1996. Isenberg served as Chair of the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force from 2004 to 2006 and Chair of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force from 2007 to 2008, now the Delta Vision Foundation, a private association, where Isenberg has been Chair since 2009. Isenberg holds a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law and a B.A. in Social Science and Government from California State University, Sacramento.
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Tom Jacobson received a J.D. from Hastings College of Law and a Master in City Planning from UC Berkeley. He is Chair of the Department of Environmental Studies and Planning at Sonoma State University, where he is Director of the Institute for Community Planning Assistance. He was formerly an attorney with the Land Use Group at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown, and Enersen and Adjunct Professor of law at the University of San Francisco. He co-authored Exactions and Impact Fees in California (Solano Press Books), contributed the chapters on growth management and aesthetic regulation and design review to California Land Use Practice (California Continuing Education of the Bar), and co-authored Tribal Gaming and Community Planning in California (California Planning Roundtable). He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the California Planning Roundtable and Of Counsel to the Sohagi Law Group, an environmental and land use law firm representing public agencies throughout California.

MEEA KANG
PRESIDENT, DOMUS DEVELOPMENT, LLC
Meea Kang’s career has given rise to nearly 2,000 units of affordable and market rate housing in California. Her company produces socially and environmentally conscious ventures by revitalizing underutilized properties, eliciting community participation, creating public-private partnerships, and assembling complex layered financing. For her achievements, Kang was recently honored with a Visionary 2020 Award from the Sierra Business Council. This award is presented to “leaders and visionaries who have made remarkable contributions in the areas of conservation, energy efficiency, smart planning and growth, sustainable development and affordable housing.” Kang earned a Master of Architecture from UC Berkeley and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Cornell University. She is a Founding Board Member and President of the California Infill Builders Association, a not for profit organization representing the interests of infill developers.
ADAM KEATS
SENIOR COUNSEL AND URBAN WILDLANDS PROGRAM
DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR BIOLOGY DIVERSITY
Adam Keats works to halt urban sprawl and destructive land development in important endangered and threatened species habitat areas. As part of these efforts, he heads the Center’s California Water Law Project started this year to tackle some of the more intractable long-term problems related to freshwater delivery in California. The Project filed litigation earlier this year over the approval of the Monterey Plus amendments to the State Water Project long-term contracts as well as the transfer of the Kern Water Bank to a privately controlled joint powers authority. Keats has practiced environmental law in California and Massachusetts since graduating from UC Davis School of Law in 1997.

JOHN LAIRD
SECRETARY, NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
John Laird was recently appointed California Secretary for Natural Resources by Governor Jerry Brown. Laird has spent 35 years in public service, including 23 years as an elected official. He served on the Santa Cruz City Council, and has been a Mayor and an Assemblymember. While serving the maximum three terms in the Assembly, Laird authored 82 bills that were signed into law. These bills established the landmark Sierra Nevada Conservancy, restored community college health services, expanded and clarified state civil rights protections, reformed the state mandates system, and significantly expanded water conservation. Laird was the Executive Director of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project from 1991 to 1994 and an elected member of the Cabrillo College Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2002. He was a member of the State Integrated Waste Management Board from 2008 to 2009. Most recently, he taught state environmental policy at University of California Santa Cruz.

LISA LYREN
SUPERVISORY ECOLOGIST, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Lisa Lyren earned her master's degree in Biology from Cal Poly Pomona for studying coyote and bobcat movements relative to roads in Southern California. For 14 years she has been researching free-ranging carnivores and has conducted numerous wildlife surveys using track stations, camera traps, and other detection techniques. She has contributed to the Missing Linkages program in Southern California, helping to plan for habitat connectivity for carnivores at identified landscape linkages and
choke points. In her work, she has collaborated with colleagues from USFWS, CDFG, Caltrans, California State Parks, The Nature Conservancy, and various other agencies and NGOs. Lyren has co-authored over 40 research papers, reports, and abstracts and has presented her research at national and international conferences. She has also co-authored a book chapter on bobcats in urban environments. Her current research is focused on evaluating road mitigation strategies and assessing functional connectivity through monitoring carnivore movement and behavior.

JONAS MINTON
WATER POLICY ADVISOR,
PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Jonas Minton is serving as a Water Policy Advisor to the Planning and Conservation League and was hired in March 2004. He is working on issues surrounding water use and water policy issues. Jonas is the former Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). As Deputy Director of DWR, he was responsible for overseeing the Divisions of Planning, Local Assistance, Flood Management, Dam Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Transfers. Minton managed the update to the State Water Plan, the Floodplain Management Task Force, the Recycled Water Task Force, and the Desalination Task Force. He previously has served as Executive Director of the Sacramento Water Forum and General Manager of the El Dorado County Water Agency. In the 1980s, he served on the team that secured Federal Wild and Scenic River protection for more than 1,200 miles of California rivers.

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PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & WATER COMMITTEE

Dennis O’Connor is a Principal Consultant to the California Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, and has been with the Senate since January 2003. Before coming to the Committee, Mr. O’Connor spent 10 years at the California Research Bureau (CRB), a non-partisan policy research branch of the California State Library, serving for six of those years as the Assistant Director for the Environment and Natural Resources. He is the author of a number of CRB report’s, including reports on the governance of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the financing of the State Water Project. Mr. O’Connor did his undergraduate and master’s studies in Economics at CSU Sacramento.
AMY PETTLER
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, CALTRANS
Amy Pettler is currently a Senior Wildlife Biologist for the California Department of Transportation Division of Environmental Analysis. She acts as a liaison to Caltrans district biologists by providing technical assistance, guidance on policy and regulations, and tool and handbook development. This includes overseeing and setting guidelines for endangered species coordination and wildlife biology as they pertain to transportation project development and implementation process. A more recent focus has been on finding ways to integrate statewide and regional planning efforts as they related to natural resources per SAFETEA-LU. Prior to her current position, Amy has had experience in planning with city, state, and federal entities and is a certified planner. She graduated from University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in Environmental Studies and Business Economics.

PETE PRICE
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SPEAKER, OFFICE OF SPEAKER JOHN A. PÉREZ
Pete Price advises Speaker John A. Pérez and the Assembly Democratic caucus on environmental policy, staffs the Speaker’s legislation related to environmental and natural resource issues, and works closely with Assemblymembers and Assembly committee staff to coordinate environmental policy and legislation. From 1995 until joining Speaker Pérez’s staff in April 2010, he owned Price Consulting, a lobbying and consulting firm that represented environmental organizations and companies with environmental technologies and services. As lobbyist for the California League of Conservation Voters, he led Green California, which promoted a unified voice for more than 60 environmental organizations in the State Capitol. From 1988 to 1995 he served on the staff of Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, covering environmental and natural resources issues.

MARC ROBERTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, CITY OF LIVERMORE
Marc Roberts has worked on a variety of planning and development projects during the past 20 years. He has held his current position since 2000. The Department provides services that relate to code enforcement, land use, redevelopment, building construction, providing public infrastructure, and providing
affordable housing. Roberts was a speaker on urban growth management at the statewide conference of the Association of Environmental Professionals, presented information on Smart Growth tools and programs at recent state conferences of the American Planning Association (APA), was a panelist on how to effectively address NIMBY concerns at a recent League of California Cities conference, led a mobile workshop at a recent APA National Conference, and was a panelist on the use of Transfer of Development Credits at the 2010 APA National Conference. Roberts has a B.S. with honors in Landscape Architecture from UC Davis, and an M.B.A. with an emphasis on Real Estate Development from UC Berkeley.

TIFFANY ROBERTS
ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ANALYST,
LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S OFFICE
In Tiffany Roberts’ role as legislative staff, she makes recommendations to the California Legislature regarding the budgets and policies of the California Energy Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, the Air Resources Board, State Lands Commission, the Department of Conservation, and the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority. During her time at the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO), she has focused primarily on the state’s renewable energy policies and the implementation of the state’s climate change legislation, AB 32. Prior to joining the LAO, Roberts worked on the development of a Climate Action Plan for the City of Hayward. As a Peace Corps volunteer in Turkmenistan, she fostered sustainability and environmental program development. Roberts has a master’s degree in Economics from Cal State University and a bachelor’s degree in International Studies, French, and Spanish from the University of Southern MS.

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Antonio Rossmann has served in the past 35 years as counsel in some of California’s and the West’s leading water and land-use proceedings, including the Owens Valley groundwater war, the Mono Lake public trust litigation, South Pasadena’s resistance to the 710 freeway, Nevada’s opposition to the MX missile and the Yucca Mountain nuclear repository, the State Water Project Monterey Amendments challenge, the Imperial-to-San Diego Colorado River water transfer, and protection of California groundwater regulation against constitutional attacks. In 2010 the Los Angeles Daily Journal named him as one of the Top 100 California Attorneys. Rossmann, an honors graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School and former editor of the Harvard Law Review, has taught water resources, land
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Dr. Ray Sauvajot provides leadership and oversight for the Pacific West Region, including California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, and the Pacific Islands in natural resource programs. He supports and guides parks on complex natural resource issues and represents the National Park Service in broad-scale conservation science and natural resource initiatives. Previously, he worked at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and held faculty positions in the biology departments at UCLA and California State University, Northridge. Dr. Sauvajot’s expertise includes the effects of development encroachment and habitat fragmentation on wildlife. He is also interested in facilitating connections between science and on-the-ground conservation and resource management solutions. Currently, he is involved in efforts to identify and protect landscape-scale habitat linkages and wildlife corridors, and to develop design recommendations to reduce wildlife impacts from roads. He obtained a B.A. in Biology from UC San Diego and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Ecology from UC Davis.

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Mary Scruggs is the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Project Manager for the implementation of SB X7 6, one of the water bills enacted in November 2009. The program is named the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) and it requires monitoring of seasonal groundwater elevations in the state’s groundwater basins. Scruggs has been with DWR since 2003 working on groundwater and integrated regional water management programs. Prior to joining DWR, she worked in both the public and private sector including the California Geological Survey, Board for Geologists and Geophysicists, Department of Toxic Substances Control, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and consulting firms. She is a California licensed Professional Geologist and Certified Engineering Geologist. Scruggs received her B.S. in Geology from UC Davis and an M.S. in Business Administration from Boston University.
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Jim Wheaton has litigated at all levels of the state and federal courts in cases involving civil rights, consumer rights, and environmental and First Amendment law. He currently serves as a City of Oakland Public Ethics Commissioner, teaches Mass Communication Law at the Stanford University Graduate School of Communications, is President of the Board of Friends of the River, serves on the California Bar’s Environmental Section Executive Committee, and is Co-Founder and Senior Counsel of the The First Amendment Project. Wheaton has also been involved in the passage of and amendments to California’s pioneering anti-SLAPP law, Code of Civil Procedure §425.16, and has successfully used these laws in venues throughout the state for a wide variety of clients. In 1993 he received the NC-SPJ’s James Madison award for Pro Bono Counsel for his work and leadership on behalf of Freedom of Information. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Brown University.
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Since 1984 Steve Wilensky has been the owner and operator of Humbug Creek Farm and Cider Mill in Glencoe. For 23 years he worked for, and is now retired from, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) as a union organizer, chief negotiator, regional coordinator, and staff director. In 2003, Steve was elected as a County Supervisor, where he continues to serve the people of Calaveras County.

LOIS WOLK
STATE SENATOR, CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE
During her many years of public service, Senator Lois Wolk has earned a reputation as a problem solver by successfully tackling difficult issue areas including water policy, flood management, political reform, transportation, health, education, public safety, elder abuse, and environmental protection. Senator Wolk is currently a member of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water and is the Chair of the Select Committee on Delta Stewardship and Sustainability. She is also the Senate representative on the Delta Protection Commission and Delta Conservancy. From 2002 to 2008, Wolk served as the representative for the 8th Assembly District. She was the first woman to head the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, and used her four-year chairmanship to bring heightened attention to important topics including flood protection, the crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, water management, and climate change.

GREG ZELDER
DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP, CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS FOUNDATION
Greg Zelder is Director of Membership for the California State Parks Foundation—a statewide non-profit that works on behalf of California’s 278 state parks. He has worked at the Foundation for over six years helping to orchestrate an increase in membership from 50,000 when he started to over 120,000 in 2010. His responsibilities include the Foundation’s vigorous direct mail, telemarketing, and online fundraising campaigns, as well managing the organization’s website (www.CalParks.org) and social media presence.
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Since the Community Guide’s original publication, there have been statutory changes and court decisions that have modified CEQA necessitating revisions to the Guide. The full color revised Community Guide also now features “What To Do” call outs with helpful tips.

The Community Guide to CEQA will help you understand the CEQA process and empower you to participate. You can purchase a Guide today near the registration desk or online at www.PCLFoundation.org.

For more information on the CEQA Workshops, please contact Melanie Schlotterbeck at MSchlotterbeck@pcl.org or by phone at 714-779-7561.

Book Signing by Coke Hallowell

For ten years, Coke Hallowell and her daughter Joell asked people with deep connections to the San Joaquin, “What was your life like along the river?” With candor and enthusiasm, people responded. Fishermen, miners, immigrants, Native Americans, hunters, farmers, and environmentalists all clamored to be heard. The result is Take Me to the River—a collection of thirty-three deeply personal accounts of life along the San Joaquin.

These are stories that capture rare snapshots of river history: childhoods spent swimming in the river’s ice-cold waters, rafting downstream in a rickety boat with friends, spearing fifty-pound chinook salmon year after year, eating fresh figs picked right from a huge tree on the river-bank, dredging for gold during the Depression, building a coalition to restore the river’s health, sharing the very last meal before Friant Dam was built and the salmon runs stopped, and many, many fish stories.
This year the League is launching a PCL Ambassador program that allows conference attendees to get answers to important environmental questions by asking experts affiliated with PCL and the PCL Foundation.

Below is a list of the table numbers, topics, and experts that will be seated at that table. If you have a burning list of questions you need answers to, see if we have an expert available and sit at that table.

If you want to participate in this “Ask the Expert” opportunity be sure to find the correct table at lunch and arrive early. If not, please sit at an unnumbered table.

Note: seats are first come, first served and there are only eight seats available including the expert.

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In 2010 the League and Foundation’s milestone accomplishments included:

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