



The Superior California Chapter of the

**Association of Environmental Professionals
Presents:**

**Proper CEQA Baseline - Is It Always Existing
Conditions?**

Wednesday August 31, 2011, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

SPEAKERS:

Amanda Olekszulín, Principal, Ascent Environmental, Inc.

Ms. Olekszulín has more than 13 years of experience in environmental and community planning. She has focused her work on managing a variety of complex urban, municipal, and industrial projects as well as serving as project director/manager for CEQA and NEPA documents prepared for many controversial public and private development projects. Her practice is focused primarily on water, wastewater, public works, and urban development projects. She regularly conducts public and agency outreach meetings, workshops, community education, and other public presentations for a variety of projects, and regularly teaches CEQA courses for AEP and client agencies.

Tiffany Wright, Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, LLP

Ms. Wright is a partner at Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, LLP. The firm's practice emphasizes CEQA, land use and planning law, wildlife law, water law, initiative and referendum law, and administrative law generally. Ms. Wright provides litigation and consulting services to public and private clients including: cities, counties, transportation planning agencies, environmental consultants, project applicants, and non-profit organizations. Her firm publishes the "Guide to CEQA," which is recognized as an authoritative source by the California Supreme Court.

Christopher Calfee, Senior Counsel, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Mr. Calfee previously served as Special Counsel for both OPR and the California Natural Resources Agency, where he was the lead attorney responsible for development and adoption of amendments to the CEQA Guidelines addressing greenhouse gas emissions. In private practice, Mr. Calfee has represented both local governments and private applicants in matters involving the California Environmental Quality Act and related environmental and planning laws in association with the law firm of Remy Thomas Moose & Manley LLP, and later with Best Best & Krieger LLP.

TOPIC: For decades, environmental professionals have wrestled with one of the trickier challenges in CEQA - properly defining the all-important point of comparison for determining impact significance, i.e., the "baseline." CEQA Guidelines Section 15125(a) indicates that existing physical conditions at the time of an NOP or commencement of environmental analysis will "normally" be the baseline. How much flexibility does "normally" provide? Can the baseline reflect adopted plans, authorized permits, or illegal activities? Learn about CEQA baseline requirements, latest case law guidance, and practical tips.

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WHERE: Embassy Suites, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. Parking is available at the City garage across the street at the corner of Capitol Mall and Front Street for \$3 per hour.

COST: \$10 for students, recent grads, and people between jobs; \$20 for AEP/NAEP members; \$25 for non-members

MEAL CHOICES: 1) Tavern Hamburger; 2) Vegetarian Wrap; 3) Chilled Roast Beef Sandwich; 4) Chicken Wrap

RSVP: PLEASE Register with meal choice by August 25 at <http://superioraep.org/aug312011rsvp.php>. You may pay in advance by credit card or make check payable to AEP. Payment will be accepted at the door by check or cash only. For questions, contact Janet Dallas at Janet.Dallas@aecom.com.