



## AEP NEPA WORKSHOP 2009

**Where:** Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**When:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Cost:** **Free** to AEP & NAEP Members & Federal Employees Involved in NEPA; \$140 for non-members.

**RSVP:** To guarantee seat & materials, please RSVP to ([janet.dallas@aecom.com](mailto:janet.dallas@aecom.com)), first come, first served.

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The Association of Environmental Professionals Superior California Chapter is sponsoring a workshop to provide training and NEPA practice tips on new case law, new trends, and current information on federal agency expectations and trends in NEPA analysis. Our speakers include a representative from EPA Region 9, the agency which reviews all NEPA documents for federal actions in this region; BLM California State Office; attorneys; and NEPA practitioners. Our goal is to help all attendees learn something to make their next NEPA document run smoother through the process, provide the appropriate level and focus of analysis, and be legally defensible. The bullets below list some of the specific topics to be covered by our speakers.

- 2009 Case Law Update and Practical Pointers from Recent Decisions in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Federal District Courts in California
- Emerging Trends and Case Studies in EPA's NEPA Review Process
- Developing Approaches for Climate Change Impact and Adaptation Analysis in NEPA Documents
- Overview of BLM Requirements for NEPA Documents Covering Energy and Renewable Energy Projects on BLM Land
- Addressing the Federalization Issue in NEPA Documents in Light of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Decision in *White Tanks Concerned Citizens vs. Sprock*

### Panel (Bios on next page)

Alicia Guerra, Attorney, Briscoe Ivester & Bazell LLP

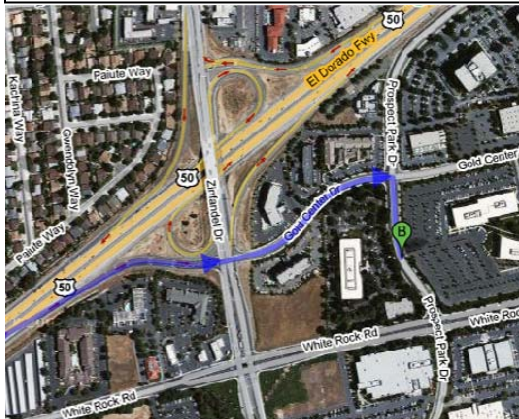
Jeanne Geselbracht, Environmental Review Office, U.S. EPA Region 9

Sandra McGinnis, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM California

Ken Bogdan, Environmental Counsel, ICF Jones & Stokes

### Directions

If coming from west, Take Highway 50 to Zinfandel Exit. Drive straight onto Gold Center Dr. Turn RIGHT onto Prospect Park Drive. Turn RIGHT into parking lot.



If coming from east, take Highway 50 to Zinfandel Exit. Turn LEFT and go over highway. Turn LEFT at second signal onto White Rock Road. Turn LEFT onto Prospect Park Drive. Turn left into parking lot.



## Speakers

### **Alicia Guerra, Attorney, Briscoe Ivester & Bazel LLP**

Alicia Guerra is a NEPA/CEQA/land use attorney with the law firm of Briscoe Ivester and Bazel LLP in San Francisco. Alicia focuses on environmental and natural resources law, including land use planning and development, wetlands and endangered species regulation, water rights and air quality, and water quality permitting. She provides assistance to commercial developers, residential developers of master planned communities, industrial companies, and public agencies in the land development, entitlement, and environmental review and natural resources permitting processes. Her expertise includes CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act (including Sections 401 and 404), federal and state flood control statutes, California's planning laws, California redevelopment law, and other state and federal laws governing the use of land, water, and other natural resources. Previously, she worked at Cox Castle & Nicholson LLP and Morrison & Foerster LLP; prior to obtaining her law degree, she was an environmental planner preparing CEQA documents with firms of Michael Brandman & Associates and David Powers & Associates.

### **Jeanne Geselbracht, Environmental Review Office, U.S. EPA Region 9**

Jeanne Dunn Geselbracht is an Environmental Scientist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 9 office in San Francisco. She has worked at U.S. EPA for 23 years, and has worked in NEPA review for 19 years. While her review experience over the years covers most types of federal projects, her work has primarily focused on mining projects and federal land management plans. She is a member of EPA's Region 9 and National Mining Teams. She has conducted international EIA training courses and is currently helping develop an EIA Guideline for Mining in Central America under U.S. EPA's Central America Free Trade Agreement commitments. Ms. Geselbracht has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Geography.

### **Sandra McGinnis, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM California**

Sandra McGinnis has been the lead planning and environmental coordinator (P&EC) for BLM in California since 2007. Prior to that, she was the P&EC for Forest Service and BLM field offices in CA and in Oregon. Sandra also has extensive time with BLM and Forest Service as a rangeland management specialist and soil scientist as well as experience in the fields of recreation and forestry. Sandra obtained her BA cum laude from Harvard University in the field of psychology and her MS in Natural Resources from Humboldt State University.

### **Ken Bogdan, Environmental Counsel, ICF Jones & Stokes**

Ken Bogdan is an environmental planner and attorney with 20 years of experience in managing projects for ICF Jones & Stokes, a consulting firm specializing in environmental planning and natural resource management. Mr. Bogdan specializes in analyzing issues regarding compliance with environmental laws and regulations, including NEPA, CEQA, Sections 404 of the Clean Water Act, the federal Endangered Species Act, and the California Endangered Species Act. As environmental counsel for ICF Jones & Stokes, Mr. Bogdan's primary function is assisting clients and in-house staff in understanding the complexities of environmental permitting requirements. He has extensive experience in analyzing land use and regulatory issues associated with the construction of bridges, pipelines, large-scale development, other large facilities, and water resource and restoration projects. As leader of the ICF Jones & Stokes environmental education program, Mr. Bogdan organizes and presents workshops on CEQA, NEPA, wetlands regulation, and endangered species issues for clients and educational institutions, including several campuses of the University of California Extension. Mr. Bogdan is coauthor of CEQA Deskbook, The NEPA Book: A Step-By-Step Guide to the National Environmental Policy Act, and Wetlands Regulation: A Complete Guide to Federal and California Programs, published by Solano Press Books. He has also authored many treatises and articles on environmental regulations.