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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE | BY MICHAEL D'ALESSANDRO

On May 11, 2011, the City of San Diego's Code Monitoring Team met to discuss amendments to the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Regulations contained in the San Diego Municipal Code (Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 13). Representatives of the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) explained that changes in the Affordable Housing Regulations are proposed to simplify the code language and to revise the ordinance to avoid any possible conflicts with the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act.

The Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act was enacted in response to rent control issues and requires that an owner of residential property be allowed to establish the initial rental rate for a dwelling or unit. In *Palmer/Sixth Street Properties v. City of Los Angeles* (October 2009), the California Court of Appeals interpreted the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act as prohibiting the application of certain "in-lieu" affordable housing fees to a Los Angeles development since the fees served to regulate the initial rents of newly-constructed dwelling units.

The Court's ruling in the Palmer case had the effect of narrowly defining the city's police power when it is used to enacting inclusionary zoning measures. The ruling reaffirmed an earlier court holding in *Building Industry Association of Central California v. City of Patterson* (June 2009), in which the court ruled that below-market rate housing fees imposed on a project may be invalidated unless there is a clear nexus between the development fee and justification for such housing.

Under the City of San Diego's current Inclusionary Affordable Housing Regulations, applicants for the development of residential property that are subject to said regulations may choose to: 1) provide 10 percent of the total dwelling units as affordable for-sale units; 2) provide 10 percent of the total dwelling units as affordable rental units; or 3) pay an in-lieu fee. Amendments to the regulations would require all qualifying applicants to pay an "Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee" or provide affordable for-sale units as currently allowed. Under the amended regulations, an applicant intending to

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3755 Alabama Street offers affordable housing in City Council District No. 3  
(Photo by Michael D'Alessandro)

than based on the number of units proposed by the development. Thus, two projects with the same number of units could pay a slightly different fee if the square footage of the two projects is different. The Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee would be payable on or before the issuance of a building permit, similar to current practice.

or below 100 percent of the area median income. Amendments to the ordinance also clarify provisions for a variance, waiver, adjustment, or reduction of the regulations.

The Code Monitoring Team voted 5 to 4 in favor of the proposed code amendments with three members abstaining. The proposed amendments will be heard by the City of San Diego Planning Commission and City Council. For more information, visit the San Diego Housing Commission website at [www.sdhc.net](http://www.sdhc.net).

construct affordable rental housing for targeted rental households or households earning at or below 65 percent of the area median income, would apply to the San Diego Housing Commission for an exemption from the payment of the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee.

A separate Condominium Conversion Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee would be created under the proposed code amendment. Condominium conversions would be subject to one-half the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee payable at the close of escrow of the first condominium unit sold in the development. Rather than pay the Condominium Conversion Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee, the applicant for a condominium conversion may elect to provide 5 percent of the total dwelling units in the development as affordable to and occupied by targeted ownership households, which are households earning at

Code Monitoring Team meetings are open to the public. The Code Monitoring Team meets the second Wednesday of each month from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room 5C located at 1222 First Avenue, Fifth Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-4155. Meetings are chaired by Development Services Department Land Development Code Team staff.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD | BY CORINNE LYTLE BONINE, 2011 AWARDS EVENT COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



AEP Co-Chairs Corinne Lytle Bonine and Becky Malone having some (serious) fun at the 2010 Awards Event

San Diego Chapter's Annual Awards Event and Scholarship Presentation is THE event of the year! It is a great way to celebrate the achievements of fellow environmental professionals and welcome our student scholarship recipients into our community of environmental professionals. Last year's event celebrated its 10-year anniversary, and this year's committee is up for the challenge of trying to top it!

**About the Event**

During the fall of 2011, the San Diego Chapter of AEP will present the 11th Annual Awards Event and Scholarship Presentation. The San Diego Chapter AEP will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to students from local universities pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees related to the environmental field. Since its establishment in 2004, the San Diego Chapter Scholarship has awarded more than \$24,000 to deserving students. This event also provides an opportunity to present awards recognizing excellence in the environmental profession for outstanding contribution to the environmental profession

and outstanding community stewardship, among others.

Our event includes a no-host cocktail mixer, buffet dinner, awards and scholarship presentation, raffle, and dessert mixer at the historic Tom Ham's Lighthouse. Stay tuned for updates about this year's event. Proceeds from the event will support the San Diego Chapter Student Scholarship fund and help offset the cost of the event itself.

This year's theme will focus on historical preservation, inspired by this increasingly important aspect of CEQA practice: preserving the elements of our past through the actions we take in the present and future. We intend to celebrate and preserve what was then through our efforts now.

**Get Involved!!**

We really encourage any and everyone to join the committee!

Whether you like party planning or have been telling yourself you really should get more involved in AEP, you will have fun as a committee member. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at corinne.bonine@ch2m.com or (619) 687-0110 ext. 37265.

If serving on the committee isn't for you, there are several other opportunities for getting involved in the event. Start thinking about that extraordinary environmental document, or a professional that you know should be recognized with an award. Volunteering for the awards jury is another excellent opportunity to participate. Additionally, several different sponsorship opportunities will be made available for firms and agencies. Whatever your availability and skill set are, we have opportunities and appreciate any and all help in making the 11th annual awards the best yet!

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MEET A MEMBER | SHANNON FRATTONE, SDSU STUDENT CHAPTER LIAISON



Shannon on the Brooklyn Bridge

Shannon Frattone has worked as an environmental planner at AECOM (legacy EDAW) for the past three years. At AECOM, Shannon works with a diverse group of professionals on a variety of policy planning, environmental compliance, and public outreach projects. Shannon has most recently stepped in as the SDSU Student Chapter Liaison, and is excited to begin working with a wonderful group of motivated students who are the heart of this chapter. She has begun working closely with the faculty advisor, Professor Diana Richardson, to connect students with industry professionals for volunteering and internship opportunities.

**How did you become an environmental professional?**

As a proud SDSU geography graduate, what else would I do?

Well, maybe I could think of some other things, but really it was my experience in the geography program that brought me to the environmental profession. I have always been fascinated with cities; in particular,

how the space within them is structured, who lives there and why, how people get around. Through my coursework, I was able to learn about these things through a variety of classes as well as through volunteer experiences. I guess I wanted to get into planning to "see how it all works." I interned at SANDAG during my last year of college and after graduating, I pursued a position with EDAW, now AECOM, and have been here ever since...learning more every day about how it all works.

**What are some of your favorite San Diego activities?**

As a San Diego native, I have a lot of places I love escaping to around town. However, there is no greater escape for me than my back patio with a book and a little sunshine.

**What are some of your interests and hobbies?**

Running has become a new hobby for me. I don't think I would have ever thought that a few years ago, but I ran four half marathons over the course of the last year or so and am signed up for two more before the year is through. Running is such as great release and signing up for the road races gives me yet another reason to travel to my favorite cities as well as cities I have never been to before.

**Where have your travels taken you?**

I try to make it a point to get out of the country once a year. Last year, I made my way down to Tena, Ecuador, to visit some good friends of mine who were serving as Peace Corps volunteers. It was an amazing experience the whole way through. I had the opportunity to spend time with great people who were doing important work in their communities. It was really neat to see people giving back in a way I'm not sure I could do and observe how others adapt to their environments much different than my own.

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## NPDES GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT UPDATE | BY RYAN BIRDSEYE



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Since 1972, Section 402(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) has regulated the discharge of non-point-source pollutants to waters of the U.S. through the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. As the state agency responsible for regulating water resources within California, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has adopted one statewide General Permit that applies to most storm water discharges associated with construction activities. Established in 1990, Phase I of the NPDES stormwater program regulated discharges from construction sites that disturb 5 or more acres; Phase II, adopted in 1999, reduced the area of disturbance requiring coverage under the statewide NPDES General Construction permit to 1 acre.

NPDES compliance had typically been self administered during construction through the implementation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) and related Best Management Practices (BMPs). From 2005 to 2006, the SWRCB

evaluated the overall effectiveness of the General Construction Permit and the feasibility of incorporating methods to quantify site-specific stormwater discharge. SWRCB found that traditional erosion and sediment control performance was highly variable and the quality of storm water discharge varied based on how BMPs were implemented and site conditions such as climate, soil, and topography. Further, it was

concluded that that active treatment technologies were available that make numeric limits technically feasible.

The SWRCB adopted the current NPDES General Construction Permit (Water Quality Order 2009-0009DWQ) in 2009. The permit became effective July 1, 2010. The permit incorporated specific BMPs, numeric action levels (NALs), and numeric effluent limitations (NELs) to achieve minimum federal water quality standards. Methods to achieve the NALs and NELs are based on a Risk Level assigned to each construction project. A Risk Level assignment is based on a risk assessment that considers the potential for water quality impact based on soil type, climate, and topography of the site and characteristics of the receiving waters (i.e., CWA 303(d) status). Requirements ranging from BMPs to additional sediment controls



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### NPDES GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT UPDATE | CONTINUED

and in some cases a bioassessment would be applied based on the Risk Level of 1 (low), 2, or 3 (high).

Compliance with the new permit requires project developers to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) and related technical documentation through the Stormwater Multi-Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS). The NOI includes general information on the site, type of construction activities, a Risk Assessment, a site-specific SWPPP (based on the Risk Level and prepared by a qualified SWPPP Developer and Practitioner), which includes steps for BMP implementation that targets sediment, erosion and construction material control, and a detailed description of (and schedule for) monitoring (if required).

The timing of implementation is a factor for some projects based on when construction is planned or when their NOI was submitted. Compliance required all NOIs issued under the 1999 permit be terminated as of July 1, 2010. Existing dischargers were required to obtain coverage under the new permit; however, they were "grandfathered" in for certain cases. Any projects subject to the new permit that will be in construction prior to September 2, 2011 and obtained a NOI prior to July 1, 2010 were classified as an existing discharger at Risk Level 1. Projects that obtained an NOI after July 1, 2010 were subject to a Risk Assessment and required to comply with the requirements for that Risk Level.

With respect to evaluation under CEQA, the General Construction

Permit and related monitoring and reporting programs are intended in part to reduce temporary water quality impacts related to construction to less than significant.

For more detail on this topic, visit the website for the SWRCB at: [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml).

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JUNE AEP LUNCHEON SHEDS LIGHT ON NEPA DELEGATION | BY VANESSA BRICE



Jamie Le Dent explains NEPA Delegation Process (Photo by Vanessa Brice)

June’s AEP luncheon featured a presentation on the NEPA delegation program by Jamie Le Dent, who has been an environmental coordinator at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 11, for the last five years. Le Dent defined NEPA delegation as the direction given by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to Caltrans to apply the NEPA decision-making process to federal nexus projects. Of the five states eligible to participate in the NEPA Delegation Pilot Program, California is the only state that has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to participate.

One major hurdle in finalizing the MOU was that the program required California to waive its 11th amendment right of sovereign immunity, wherein Caltrans would have to defend its NEPA decisions in federal court should any legal challenges arise. As Le Dent explained, the liability involved with the adoption of this legislative policy was prohibitive to two other states that were considering participating in the pilot program.

The NEPA delegation process applies to every project on the state highway system and every local assistance project going to Caltrans to receive federal funds, with the exception of sensitive projects that require greater scrutiny on the part of the FHWA (e.g., those reserved to FHWA during initial delegation, those crossing state or federal borders, or on the Executive Order Streamlining List). Le Dent explained that, as cradle-to-grave owners of NEPA process, Caltrans is subject to the same responsibilities as FHWA in NEPA decision-making practices. As an advocate of the process, Le Dent described how streamlined environmental review enables Caltrans to complete internal review while maintaining a high level of environmental protection and document quality.

During his presentation, Le Dent described the day-to-day practices that consultants and local agencies working with Caltrans should understand, including Caltrans’ organization, the statewide program used for project management and tracking, and the standard internal and external quality assurance/quality control procedures. Le Dent stressed the importance of standardizing the process and training staff to ensure compliance with the requirements of the NEPA review. Speaking to the consultants in the room, Le Dent emphasized that “good CEQA doesn’t necessarily mean good NEPA”—the ideal consultant would have in-depth experience in the practice of NEPA and an

understanding of the Caltrans standards of NEPA review.

Le Dent explained that although NEPA delegation is still a pilot program, the goal is to extend the program in perpetuity. An important factor to consider in the extension of NEPA delegation is how effective the program is at speeding up the process of NEPA review. Under NEPA delegation, time savings have been shown in every phase of project delivery; a median time savings for overall project delivery for an EIS under the pilot program is just more than 30 months compared to baseline projects.

Le Dent concluded his presentation with a discussion of the upcoming focus areas for NEPA delegation. He emphasized the need for improvement with regard to the timing and completion of Section 7 review and the process and documentation of Section 4(f) analyses. Two important goals will be to extend the waiver of sovereign immunity beyond January 2012, and to seek a permanent NEPA delegation program or long-term extension, as the program expires in August 2012. Additionally, the inclusion of transit and rail projects is also being considered for the NEPA delegation process. Caltrans will continue the ongoing program evaluations in order to further improve efficiency and maintain the success of the program.

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CASE WATCH: THE LA JOLLA FIREWORKS DECISION | BY LORI SPAR



Fireworks Show Overlooking San Diego (Photo source: Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/portofsandiego/5906039608/>)

As many lined the parks, streets, and seashore, the 2011 July 4th fireworks display at the La Jolla Cove went on as scheduled. What most did not know was that as a precursor to the show, an environmental group had brought a lawsuit against the City of San Diego and the organizers of the July 4th fireworks. Coastal Environmental Rights Foundations brought the suit forward claiming that in issuing the permit allowing

the July 4th fireworks display, the City failed to adhere to CEQA. The lawsuit contended that by requiring a Parks Use Permit, a ministerial action, for the allowance of the fireworks display rather than the discretionary issuance of a Special Events Permit, the City avoided state mandated environmental scrutiny the discretionary action would have triggered. The City argued that this type of event falls

under the category of a Parks Use Permit and that it had no discretion to “shape an event and the permit must issue.” The judge’s decision analyzed the City’s Municipal Code and the administrative proceedings, concluding that the City did, in fact, have the discretion to determine whether the Parks Use Permit was proper for the event. The judge ruled in favor of the petitioners, ordering the City to follow state environmental laws when issuing permits for fireworks shows and other special events. Although the ruling was stayed to allow the fireworks to go on as scheduled this year, a new hearing date of August 31st has been set when a final ruling will be issued.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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Mountain Springs Bush Lupine

By Anna Bennett, RECON Environmental

Anna Bennett is a biologist at RECON Environmental and a contributor to CalPhotos, a collection of more than 300,000 photos of plants, animals, fossils, people, and landscapes from around the world. The Mountain Springs Bush Lupine (*Lupinus excubitus* var. *medius*) is a rare native species known for its silver leaves and sweet scented lavender flowers. Anna was hiking at Mortero Palms near Anza Borrego in eastern San Diego County when she captured this photo.

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## JULY-AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JULY LUNCHEON WITH BRIAN SMITH - JULY 20TH

The AEP San Diego Chapter's next luncheon event is scheduled from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 20, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley Stadium. Archaeologist Brian Smith will be presenting on "Atomic Archaeology and the Study of the Hanford Construction Camp: A National Register Site Associated with the Construction of the Atomic Bomb During World War II." AICP credits are pending. For more information, visit: <http://www.sandiegoaep.org/events.html>.

### SAN DIEGO AEP AWARDS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Annual Awards Event Committee is planned for fall 2011 and volunteers are still needed. Experience with event planning/coordination, fund-raising, or material layout/design is helpful but not required. Time commitment will be an average of 1 to 2 hours a week and committee meetings will be held every other week on Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. at the ESA office. Interested volunteers should meet at 9191 Towne Center Drive, Suite 340 in San Diego, with increased commitment expected within a month of the event. The next meeting will be held on July 28th. Please contact Corinne Lytle Bonine at (619) 687-0110, ext: 37265 or [corinne.bonine@ch2m.com](mailto:corinne.bonine@ch2m.com) to participate.

### ARCGIS 10 TRAINING OFFERED IN JULY

GeomorphIS is once again offering a two-day, hands-on course for those who want to learn ESRI's new ArcGIS 10 geographic information system (GIS) software. Explore how to visualize and map data and apply spatial analysis tools. This ESRI-certified course is designed specifically for those who are new to the ArcGIS version 10 software or are new to GIS in general. The training will be held on July 25th and 26th from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the San Diego Training and Conference Center in downtown San Diego. The cost per student of \$635 includes a training manual, data, and ESRI certificate. For more information, contact Eileen Goff at (619) 218-6463 or [info@geomorphis.com](mailto:info@geomorphis.com).

### PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

SANDAG has crafted a visionary plan calling for \$196 billion to be invested during the next 40 years in the San Diego region that will integrate the transportation system, transform the transit network, and create sustainable communities. San Diego is the first metropolitan area in California to develop a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) under new state laws to better connect transportation, housing, and land use plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Draft 2050 RTP and SCS meet state greenhouse gas reduction targets while proposing to preserve more than half of the region's land as open space, create 156 new miles of trolley service, add 130 miles of managed lanes to facilitate carpools, vanpools, and premium bus service, and dedicate \$3.4 billion for bicycle and pedestrian projects. For more information on the Draft 2050 RTP and SCS, visit [www.sandag.org/2050rtp](http://www.sandag.org/2050rtp).

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## JULY-AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS | CONTINUED

### MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT TO STONE BREWERY

Join fellow members of the San Diego Chapter of AEP on Friday, August 12, 2011 for a visit to Stone Brewing Company in Escondido. AEP Members will have the opportunity to go on a private tour of Stone Brewery and then enjoy a selection of hand-crafted local beers at Stone World Bistro & Gardens. AEP is encouraging members to join us at Stone for a happy hour from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Happy hour will include two drink tickets. Heavy appetizers will be provided. AEP will provide transportation to and from Stone from the LLG offices (4542 Ruffner Street in San Diego). A bus will leave from the LLG parking lot at 4:00 P.M. for the tour and happy hour. A second bus will leave at 5:00 P.M. for the happy hour. The event is open to all current AEP members at no cost with advance registration. Guests of members are encouraged to attend at a cost of \$45 per person with advance registration. Please note that the tour will be limited to the first 34 people to register.



## Member Appreciation Event: Stone Brewery Tour & Happy Hour

Join fellow members of the San Diego Chapter of AEP on Friday, August 12, 2011, for a visit to Stone Brewing Company in Escondido. AEP Members will have the opportunity to go on a private tour of Stone Brewery, starting promptly at 5:00 P.M. Following the tour, AEP is encouraging members to join us for a happy hour from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Stone World Bistro & Gardens. Happy hour will include two drink tickets, redeemable for any Stone draft beer or house wine. Heavy appetizers will be provided.

This event is FREE to members of the San Diego Chapter of AEP. Guests are welcome, but will be required to pay \$45/per person (which includes the brewery tour, heavy appetizers and two drink tickets). As an added benefit and to encourage carpooling, AEP will provide transportation to and from Stone from the LLG offices (located at 4542 Ruffner Street in San Diego). A bus will leave from the LLG parking lot at 4:00 P.M. for the tour and happy hour. A second bus will leave at 5:00 P.M. for the happy hour. Members who pre-register will have their choice of which bus to take there and back, pending available space and interest\*. Bus rides will be \$6 each way for Non-members.

**Location:** Stone Brewing Company  
1999 Citracado Parkway  
Escondido, CA 92029

**Date/Time:** Friday, August 12, 2011  
Stone Brewery Tour – 5:00 P.M.  
Happy Hour – 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.



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Please submit the provided RSVP form to Monica Kling at [mkling@rbf.com](mailto:mkling@rbf.com) no later than **Friday, July 29**. No walk-ins will be permitted. Please note that the tour will be limited to the first 34 people to register. It is AEP's policy to invoice all persons who do not cancel their reservation within 72 hours of the event.

\*The scheduling of buses is pending based on the number of members who sign up.

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Board Meetings are typically held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. All members are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please contact the Chapter Secretary, Seth Torma, for more information. Minutes from each meeting are posted on the Chapter website.



## JULY-AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS | CONTINUED

### ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION PROJECT OPEN FOR TOURS

The City of San Diego opens the doors this summer to its Advanced Water Purification Facility. The public is invited to tour the test facility to see how state-of-the-art technology can transform wastewater into one of the purest sources of water in San Diego. Located at the North City Water Reclamation Plant, this facility is part of the Water Purification Demonstration Project, which is examining the use of water purification technology for San Diego's future water supply. Guests will see up close the membrane filtration, reverse osmosis and UV disinfection/advanced oxidation processes. At the end of the tour, guests can view the purified water produced at the facility. The Advanced Water Purification Facility will operate for one year and will produce approximately one million gallons of purified water every day. Purified water will not be added to the drinking water supply during this demonstration phase. To register for a tour, visit [www.purewatersd.org/tours.shtml](http://www.purewatersd.org/tours.shtml). For a presentation to your organization, email [purewatersd@sandiego.gov](mailto:purewatersd@sandiego.gov) or call (619) 533-6638.

### JULY-AUGUST JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### NATURAL RESOURCE LEADER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ARCADIS is an international company providing consultancy, design, engineering, and management services in infrastructure, water, environment, and buildings has an opening for a Natural Resource Leader in Southern California. Duties include: develop and maintain professional business relationships with existing and target clients; identify and pursue leads, prepare proposals; collaborate with others in ARCADIS' natural resources group to develop and expand the natural resources practice in southern California. Requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Botany, Environmental Sciences, or related and five years experience. For more information about requirements and to apply on-line, visit [www.arcadis-us.com](http://www.arcadis-us.com) using Job ID arca-00007644.

#### SENIOR BIOLOGIST, SAN DIEGO

URS Corporation is a leading provider of engineering, construction, and technical services for public agencies and private sector companies around the world. The Infrastructure and Environment Southern California Region of URS is actively seeking a creative, highly talented Senior Biologist for immediate employment in the San Diego office as part of its Biological Resources Team. The appropriately qualified applicant will be able to demonstrate an established career in biological consulting specific to a wide variety of project types and in southern California. The successful applicant will be responsible for working on complex and challenging projects with moderate senior guidance. A full job announcement is available at: <http://www.sandiegoaep.org/prospects.html>.

### THANK YOU TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Shawna Anderson  
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## CAMPUS CONNECTION

### SAN DIEGO AEP SEEKS INTERNS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTOR

We are looking for energetic undergraduate or graduate students at local universities who have demonstrated research and writing skills. Interns are needed to develop story ideas, conduct background research on environmental topics, and write short articles about environmental trends affecting our region and campus activities sponsored by AEP. As an intern for the newsletter, students will have an opportunity to contribute ideas, interview professionals, and be an active member in the AEP community. Interested student members are asked to submit a letter of interest and a writing sample (approximately 500 words) on an environmental issue. The writing sample may be taken from a project or recent coursework. For more information about working on the volunteer staff for The Environmentor, please email us at [sdaepnews@gmail.com](mailto:sdaepnews@gmail.com). Student chapters and faculty are encouraged to post this position and promote these internship opportunities to interested students.

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline for applications for this year's student scholarships is July 31st. The San Diego Chapter of AEP supports students who are actively engaged in the pursuit of a career in a field with an environmental emphasis. Undergraduate or graduate students with an environmental emphasis attending any of the major universities in San Diego County are eligible for monetary awards up to \$2,000 per recipient. The award can be used for any educational pursuit including tuition, books, housing, research, etc. Application forms are available on the San Diego Chapter website: [www.sandiegoaep.org/students.html](http://www.sandiegoaep.org/students.html). For any questions on the application process, please contact Vanessa Brice at (169) 462-1515, or [VanessaB@helixepi.com](mailto:VanessaB@helixepi.com).

### CEQA/NEPA INTERN POSITIONS OPEN

GEPermit is seeking CEQA/NEPA interns to produce environmental review documents for renewable energy and Housing Urban Development (HUD) projects. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in Planning, Public Administration, Environmental Science, or related field. Requirements include exceptional writing and grammar skills; attention to detail, excellent communications skills; and highly organized self-starter with the ability to handle and prioritize multiple assignments. The job description for a paid intern at 8-10 hours per week includes tasks such as: performing research for technical studies; attending occasional meetings and site visits; preparing basic environmental assessments; editing for grammar, content, consistency, and organization of technical reports and letters; preparing graphics/maps, tables and figures; preparation of progress reports; delivery and/or mailing transmittal forms; coordinating meetings/schedules/project deadlines; and reception duties as required. E-mail resume to [Gulsum Rustemoglu@gepermit.com](mailto:Gulsum.Rustemoglu@gepermit.com).

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