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HOW CEQA HAS INFLUENCED HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS | BY WENDY L. TINSLEY BECKER

Several months ago, I attended a state preservation conference and served as a panel speaker for a session on historic preservation partnerships and the future of preservation in California. At the end of the session, our panel was asked to formulate a project goal for advancing and promoting preservation partnerships. One of the panelists suggested a combined effort to streamline CEQA in order to remove actual or perceived obstacles to new development projects throughout the state. Looking around a room full of historic preservationists and environmental (built, cultural, and natural) advocates, I couldn't help but think that the suggestion was misguided, as CEQA is often the frontline of defense—if not the only form of protection—for historical resources within the local project review process.

In a state where some jurisdictions have not yet adopted historic preservation or historical resource protection ordinances or have not crafted or adopted long-range policies or plans to identify, register, and treat historical resources, CEQA serves as the only mechanism for considering and regulating these intangible themes and

components of American social, cultural, and architectural history.

Modeled after the associative language of the National Historic Preservation Act (1966 as amended) and NEPA (1969 as amended), CEQA (1970 as amended) and the corresponding California Register of Historical Resources program mandate that historical resources be included within the comprehensive definition of the environment, and further define what constitutes a historical resource. Because historical resources are regarded as important components of the environment, many meritorious historic-era buildings, structures, objects, sites, and historic districts have been identified, retained, reused and rehabilitated, and made viable as part of new project proposals.

CEQA has had a profound effect on historic preservation throughout California. Important resources have been retained; those resources lost have been documented for future research. The loss of some resources has spurred preservation advocates to take a more active voice in the participatory

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process. The legislation has helped to establish and sustain an industry of professionals working within environmental and preservation planning. However, CEQA — a function of current planning — should not be the terminus for historic preservation. Incorporating preservation into the comprehensive long-range urban planning process will help to ensure that preservation concerns are addressed outside the mechanisms of discretionary project review, and to define discretionary activities at the local level. Instead, there are additional tools to further historic preservation within the urban and environmental planning process.

A General Plan Historic Preservation Element can serve as a visioning document for local heritage conservation. It should include specific goals, policies, objectives, and implementation measures for developing and sustaining a local built and cultural environment preservation program.

An *Implementation Program* includes the provision of trained staff, an appointed board or commission with authoritative duties, and a comprehensive ordinance that

includes Local Register designation, delisting, and project review.

A Historic Preservation Ordinance should include how the municipality defines ministerial and discretionary projects. This is tied directly to advanced preservation planning concerns, including whether demolition, remodel of, or additions to existing buildings is allowable without preliminary project review.

An *active historical resource survey and documentation program* should be maintained in order to identify properties that appear to be eligible for local designation or inclusion on the California Register of Historical Resources.

A Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) should be established to receive donations and fees paid from penalties at historic-era or historically designated properties. The HPF may fund improvements and repairs for existing buildings via grants and loans, support technical studies and historical resource surveys, and provide for technical training for City Staff.

An *incentives and benefits program for historic property owners or*

occupants should be developed and implemented. These incentives may be direct financial benefits such as grants or loans, or indirect financial benefits such as permit streamlining, tool lending library (for self-directed building repairs), density bonus (for inclusion of and redesign around a historical resource).

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings should be adopted.

Using these established design guidelines referenced in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 helps to ensure that all projects at historic-era properties (even those that are not technically significant) will be completed in a manner that is sensitive to the context and character-defining features of the property.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD | BY BETTY DEHONEY, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

In the final days of a legislative session, the “gut and amend” process is when the entire contents of a bill are stripped out (“gut”) and replaced with something new (“amend”). During this year’s legislative session, the theme was gut, gut, and amend.

This year, the California Legislature focused on the economy and jobs with the dominant message that regulations are impeding the economy. During the last week of the legislative session, the legislature approved three important CEQA bills: AB 900, SB 226, and SB 292.

From a substantive perspective, AB 900 and SB 292 did not even exist at the beginning of the week! Multiple sets of amendments for each bill were also in play. SB 226 was revised significantly during the last few days of the session and does not look a lot like the drafts posted earlier in the session.

During the recent conference call of the Legislative Committee, one member noted that it would be a good idea to shorten the legislative session to a few weeks since all of the work was conducted during the final days of the session. The following is a short description of the major

environmental actions for the session.

Major CEQA Bills Signed by the Governor

AB 900 *Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011* – Establishes expedited administrative and judicial review procedures for CEQA review of various types of urban infill projects, clean energy projects, and clean manufacturing projects.

SB 226 *CEQA exemptions, infill development, desert power plants* – Exempts roof-top solar photovoltaic (PV) and hot water system projects from CEQA (including connections to the grid); establishes abbreviated CEQA review for urban infill projects (i.e., refinements to CEQA tiering); requires CEQA guideline amendments including statewide standards to promote smart growth, reduction of GHG emissions, reductions in water use, energy efficiency, and public health; provides that a project’s GHG emissions alone shall not cause the project to be ineligible for a categorical exemption; tinkers with CEQA-required scoping



meetings for General Plan amendments; and authorizes the Energy Commission to allow power plant projects in the desert (BLM lands) to convert from solar thermal technology to solar PV technology without the need to file entirely new applications,

provided the CEC prepares supplemental environmental review documentation.

SB 292 *CEQA, L.A. Stadium* – Establishes expedited administrative and judicial review procedures for CEQA review of the proposed Convention Center Modernization and Farmers Field Project located in the Central City planning area in downtown Los Angeles.

Other legislation sent to the governor includes: **AB 320** Prevents CEQA legal action from being dismissed for not naming indispensable parties; **AB 892** Caltrans retains NEPA responsibility for highways; **SB 16** Renewable energy projects, expedited California Endangered Species Act (CESA) review. Establishes procedural steps for CDFG regarding applications for certain renewable

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energy projects within specified time frames; [SB 469](#) Economic impact report for “superstores”; and [SB 618](#) Williamson Act, solar-use easements. Also makes modifications to fully protected species.

On another note, AEP and American Planning Association California recently released legislative proposals to enhance five key areas of CEQA. This collaboration was named the ECAT-Enhanced CEQA Action Team. The full document can be found at www.califaep.org. ECAT will continue to work with the legislature during the next session.

Betty Dehoney is the legislative liaison for the San Diego Chapter of AEP and a Vice President at HDR.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER WELCOMES
NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

The San Diego Board would like to thank Monica Kling for three years of dedicated service and leadership to the San Diego Chapter of AEP as Vice President of Programs. Monica worked tirelessly to bring quality programs and events to the membership and will always be greatly appreciated. Her positive attitude was constantly valued. Monica currently works at RBF as an associate environmental analyst. Thank you, Monica, and we wish you well on all your endeavors!

The San Diego Board would like to welcome Vanessa Brice as the new Vice President of Programs. Vanessa served as the USD Student Chapter Liaison for one year and brought together an active group of students into the San Diego Chapter. She currently works at HELIX Environmental Planning as an environmental planner. Vanessa brings great enthusiasm and leadership to the San Diego Chapter and we look forward to having Vanessa as the new Vice President of Programs. If you have any suggestions, questions, or thoughts on future programs and events, please contact Vanessa at vanessab@helixepi.com. Welcome and congratulations, Vanessa!

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MEET A MEMBER: 2012 AWARDS COMMITTEE



2012 Awards Committee

The Awards Committee works hard every year to bring an exciting and meaningful event to the local community of environmental professionals. The Awards Banquet is a time for celebration and recognition. This month, we meet the members of the 2012 Awards Committee. We asked them about their role in making the event successful, what they enjoy about being on the Awards Committee, and why the awards are a valuable event for AEP.

Becky Malone, Senior Associate, ESA – 5th year on the committee: “The Awards Banquet is a valuable event because it is a great gathering for the industry. It is an opportunity for both private and public agencies and students to celebrate the best work and to reward the next generation of planners with scholarships. Volunteering for AEP is a great way to feel connected to the field in San Diego. I enjoy the interaction with other environmental professionals throughout San Diego. I also like seeing the wide variety of

projects coming in as nominations. I am a co-chair of the event, so I have my hand in a little bit of everything. Specifically, I organize the collection of submissions, the dispersal to the jury, and the tallying of points awarded by the jury. It feels good to have a role in a successful event!”

Sarah Champion, Environmental Specialist, URS Corporation – 1st year on the committee: “Being on the awards committee has been a great experience. I love knowing that I am helping to gather such a brilliant group of environmental professionals together to honor them at such an exciting event.”

Vanessa Arent, Energy Associate, ESA – 1st year on the committee: “I have been working with a couple of other committee members to coordinate the raffle, which will raise funds for student scholarships at the event. I enjoy helping to organize an event that honors environmental professionals for their hard work and raises money to encourage and allow students to pursue an environmental profession.”

Alex Higgins, Marketing/Business Development Coordinator, AMEC – 1st year on the committee: “I enjoy working with a diverse group of



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environmental professionals, some of which are usually competitors, to join in making the event a success. The annual awards event is a fun occasion where we can share our hard work and show appreciation for the dedication that has gone into important local environmental projects.”

Kim Jones, Habitat Restoration/ Environmental Planning Intern, Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek –1st year on the committee:

“I recently graduated from SDSU and I decided to volunteer on the AEP Awards Committee in order to become more involved with AEP, and to meet people in the industry. My

role on the committee so far has been the design of the invitation for the event. I also am responsible for the development of the Event Program and management of the event registration process prior to and on the day of the event. I enjoy being part of the committee because it gives me the opportunity to work with a great group of professionals with an organization that I care about.”

Corinne Lytle Bonine, Associate Planner, CH2M Hill – 3rd year on the committee:

“The awards are valuable for AEP because it gives the entire organization a chance to come together and celebrate

successes throughout the profession — from awarding scholarships to our future environmental professions to recognizing those who have made an outstanding contribution throughout their careers. The Awards Committee is a really great opportunity to meet fellow environmental professionals, shape the most popular AEP event, and give something back to AEP. Volunteering for AEP is a really nice way to give back to an organization that does more than send a revised CEQA Statutes and Guidelines book each year. You can work at the ground level of the organization and really see the difference your work has made to the organization and its events.”

DESALINATION DRAWS A CROWD AT SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON | BY EMILY HART

On September 21, Joe Monaco addressed a packed ballroom about the status of California’s desalination projects. Mr. Monaco has managed two separate EIRs for large-scale regional seawater desalination projects proposed at Carlsbad and Huntington Beach.

from desalination projects if all currently proposed projects are built. He left the group with policy considerations to watch for the future of desalination in California such as the State Water Resources Control Board’s Once-Through Cooling Policy and Ocean Plan amendments

regarding brine disposal. The future of desalination will continue to develop as technologies are refined and regulations evolve.

Emily Hart is the Student Membership and Outreach Director on the San Diego Chapter Board and a Marketing and Business Development Associate at DUDEK.

Mr. Monaco began with the most southern project, a binational Rosarito desalination facility, and worked his way north along the California coastline to the Marin facility to brief the group on each project’s current progress. Mr. Monaco explained the basics of how a desalination facility works, how permitting affects a project, and what kind of water supply the projects will be able to provide for our communities.

Mr. Monaco focused primarily on the southern California projects, which will account for more than three-fourths of the water supplied



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AEP SAN DIEGO AWARDS – THEN AND NOW | BY CHRIS TERZICH

It has been 11 years since a few faithful, bleary-eyed professionals and I embarked on putting together the first AEP San Diego Awards Program. Despite the incredulous looks from some, skeptical guffaws of others, we persevered. I actually ran for AEP President with putting on a San Diego Awards program as part of my platform and had to keep my promise—what good motivation!

When I first thought of the awards, I had the State version to model after. So that's what I set out to do, but I wanted to add our own unique brand of the San Diego Chapter to it with some different categories: fun, music, and a reason to celebrate, well, us! The environmental process has few fans really, so who else would pat us on the back other than us? I also wanted to play a more active role in promoting the environment, in keeping with our Code of Ethics. So what better way than to use the awards to raise money for a local environmental group or cause?

That first year, thanks to a lot of helpful volunteers, including Outstanding Environmental Professional Felicia Brechtel and the always helpful and steadfast Donna Steele from RECON, we and several others, with the help of great, courageous and forward-thinking sponsors, raised \$2,500 for the San Dieguito River Park Foundation and covered all of the costs of the event, which was held at the Bahia Mission Bay. Loren Nancarrow, the Environmental Reporter for News 8 at the time, was our Master of Ceremonies. If speeches went too long, the theme from "Jaws" was played to give a hint of long-windedness. We even made a giant check for the presentation, and I was tickled to see that check sitting in the River Park Foundation headquarters several years later.

I did the awards the first three years and passed the



Jerry Schad speaking at the 2003 awards event at Mission Trails.

torch off to Devon Muto, the new Chapter President at the time, and to a new committee. The awards improved with the scholarship program that, from then on, became an integral part of the awards. It has been very gratifying to see the awards morph and grow into the premiere San Diego Chapter event of the year, which was always one of its main intents. I have volunteered this year for the awards committee after a long absence and I must say the enthusiasm, creativity, and fun have not waned in 11 years. It's just amazing and I am so proud to see folks working so hard on this event. I will tell you that volunteering has been reinvigorating.

I highly recommend all AEP members to help out on this or any of the Chapter events, or volunteer/run for a Board position. It has been very rewarding and has given back so much more than I have put in.

If you cannot volunteer, then encourage your firm's participation as a sponsor and at least be sure to attend this year's event on October 20. I will see you there!

Chris Terzich is an Environmental Project Manager at SDG&E and a member of the Awards Committee.



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DOWNTOWN SOUND BITES FEATURE RTP | BY STEPHANIE MORGAN WHITMORE

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of SANDAG, presented an overview of the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) at the Centre City Development Corporation’s (CCDC) free monthly series “Downtown Sound Bites,” held at its Sheila R. Hardin Downtown Information Center on September 13, 2011. Gallegos explained that the Draft 2050 RTP is unique because it extends through 2050 (whereas previous RTPs have had a shorter horizon) in order to better align itself with Transnet, the voter-approved half-cent sales-tax for local transportation projects that will be in effect through 2040. According to Gallegos, the biggest change proposed under the Draft 2050 RTP, as compared to previous RTPs, is a substantial increase in investment in public transit.

One-hundred and fifty miles of new light/commuter rail lines are proposed by the plan, including four new trolley lines: the extension to UTC and Mira Mesa, which is currently in the planning process; a line to

Pacific Beach; a line through Mid-City, which is currently served by bus rapid transit; and a line connecting I-5 to I-805 and into the South Bay. Double tracking the Coaster and Sprinter Lines is also contemplated, along with undergrounding the existing trolley lines through downtown in order to alleviate continuing vehicular conflicts. Downtown trolley improvements would not occur until the final phases of the RTP.

The Draft 2050 RTP, if approved, would allocate \$213 billion in revenue towards phased transportation improvements with the majority of funding (60 percent) obtained from local sources (Transnet). Other funds are anticipated from federal (18 percent) and state (22 percent) sources. The Draft 2050 RTP, along with the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Draft 2050 RTP’s EIR, is slated to go before the SANDAG Board of Directors for approval.

Stephanie Morgan Whitmore is a senior analyst and project manager at RECON Environmental.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Mojave desert tortoise
(*Gopherus agassizii*)

By Andrew Fisher,
AECOM

The Mojave desert tortoise is a federally threatened species native to areas in the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts in California, southern Nevada, southwestern Utah, and Arizona. This iconic desert species, which has survived for so long without human interference, may now depend upon human decisions to continue its existence.

Andrew Fisher is a wildlife biologist with AECOM and photo enthusiast who brings his camera with him whenever he is in the field to capture the beauty and diversity of southern California.



Desert tortoises in the Mojave Desert emerge from their burrows in the fall following rains.

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2011 A SUCCESS | BY NATALIE RODERICK

On September 17, thousands of volunteers came together at San Diego’s beaches, canyons, and parks as part of the 27th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. The purpose of this annual event is to educate the general public about the impacts trash can have on the marine environment.

As part of the International Coastal Cleanup Day, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, the annual cleanup is the state’s largest volunteer event. Volunteers used data cards to record the types and amount of trash removed during the event. Reports listed a wide range of materials, from cigarette butts to Disney figurines. Removal of trash and debris from shoreline and salt marsh areas



AMEC teamed with the Port of San Diego at National City’s D Street Fill and Sweetwater Marsh site. Photo: Dave King

prevents these pollutants from making their way into our bays and oceans and onto our beaches.

This annual event is extremely important for protecting the health of our beaches and waterways and

the ecosystems they support. To see how you can lend your support in the future, visit <http://www.cleanupday.org/>.

Natalie Roderick is an environmental planner at AMEC.

THE CEQA TOOL BOX: EIR/ND ADDENDA | BY RYAN BIRDSEYE

This installment of the CEQA Tool Box looks at the Addendum as one method for quickly and simply (within the context of CEQA of course) demonstrating CEQA compliance for a new or subsequent discretionary action. An Addendum is an option only when a certified CEQA document already exists (usually an EIR, but addenda can be prepared for adopted Mitigated/Negative Declarations). The Addendum to the existing document allows for CEQA coverage of the proposed project with the addition of minor changes and new information. CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 provides general guidance regarding Addenda; however, it defers to Section 15162 to determine whether circumstances warrant preparation of a Subsequent EIR. In other words, if the project fails to meet Section 15162 criteria, an Addendum may be appropriate. This finding must consider factors such as changes in the scope of the proposed project relative to the previously-approved project, changes in surrounding circumstances that have occurred since the existing EIR was certified, and the discovery of new information that was not known at the time the previous EIR was prepared.

The Addendum test is the ability to provide substantial evidence showing that the proposed project would not create new significant adverse impacts or increase the

severity of a significant adverse impact identified in the previous EIR. While no specific Addendum format is provided in the CEQA Guidelines, a convenient method is to use an Initial Study format to present a description of the proposed project, relevant background material and a summary of impacts identified in the previous EIR. Analysis for each threshold of significance then provides a comparative evaluation of the proposed versus approved project, and lists applicable mitigation measures from the previous EIR as well as project-specific mitigation. A findings statement is provided for each issue area stating how the Subsequent EIR criteria are not met. A helpful trick is to add a column to the Appendix G checklist allowing the preparer to indicate whether the impact finding was also identified in the previous EIR. This document can serve as the Addendum itself if the findings support that approach.

Addenda are an excellent tool in the right circumstances. Keep in mind that while noticing or circulation is not required, the Notice of Determination stipulations provided in Sections 15075 and 15094 apply.

Ryan Birdseye is a senior project manager and oversees the California Environmental Planning and Sciences practice for Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

We heard from several members about changes in staff and promotions for our AEP Members. We start with the exciting news about the wedding of San Diego AEP Chapter Past-President Diane Catalano, now Diane Sandman. By all accounts, a wonderful and joyous day. Congratulations, Diane!

Monica Kling was recently promoted to associate environmental analyst at **RBF Consulting**. Monica has been working at RBF since 2005 with a focus on the preparation of NEPA/CEQA documents.

Bill Graham has joined **CH2M HILL**'s San Diego office as a Senior Program Manager in the Environmental Resources Group, concentrating on Energy and Transportation infrastructure projects. Bill previously worked the City of San Diego Planning Department, and several consulting firms.

Sophia Habl Mitchell is pleased to announce the opening of **Sophia Mitchell & Associates**, an environmental consulting firm serving clients throughout California. The firm focus will be CEQA/NEPA services as well as project management for a variety of public- and private-sector projects.

RECON has added team members to the firm's San Diego office. Stephanie Morgan Whitmore joined RECON as a senior environmental analyst and project manager with experience preparing environmental and planning documents. Scott Gallic is an associate environmental analyst with a background in environmental policy and sustainability. Dawna DeMars joins RECON as an environmental analyst with extensive experience in the preparation of environmental documents. Brian Parker is a new associate biologist with a strong background in preparing biological documents. Finally, Lisa Lind, has been promoted to principal and leader of RECON's Agency Team, where she focuses on projects, staff, and initiatives geared to the needs of public agency clients.

Chandra Krout brings experience in green building, climate change analysis, public policy planning, and CEQA compliance to the newly-created **Krout & Associates**. Krout & Associates is a woman-owned strategic consulting firm, whose services include climate action plans, economic and public health impact assessments, and third-party verification in green building.

On August 8th, Christina Schaefer, Rosanne Humphrey, and Kelsey Stricker joined **ESA**'s San Diego office as the newest additions to the firm's growing Biological Resources and Land Management group.

Melissa Whittemore joined **HNTB Corporation** on August 1st as an Environmental Planner Project Manager. Her tasks at HNTB will include managing and preparing CEQA and NEPA compliance documents.

LSA's Carlsbad Office introduces Mona DeLeon, Principal, as the latest addition to the office. Mona has been working in the LSA Irvine office since 1999 and has been supporting the Carlsbad Environmental Planning Group since the office opened in 2005. Mona's primary responsibilities

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as a Principal for the Environmental Planning Group in the San Diego office include managing and preparing EIRs, EISs, Initial Studies, Negative Declarations, Specific Plans, and land planning documents.

To accommodate a significant increase in clients and projects, AMEC has more than doubled the size of its environmental planning staff in San Diego. AMEC's Environmental Planning Practice now includes environmental specialists Crystal Gerrity, as well as new hires Natalie Roderick and Marina Som. Crystal Gerrity, a Certified Environmental Professional with 11 years of expertise, joins the San Diego office from the AMEC Denver office.

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BIOLOGY TEAM LEAD, SAN DIEGO

ICF is currently looking for a Biology Team Lead to manage the San Diego Biology Team to oversee/direct, coordinate, and conduct biological resources work in San Diego and Imperial Counties and throughout Southern California; prepare and review reports and other deliverables; and respond to client needs. The chosen candidate will have a strong technical background and an established network within the environmental consulting marketplace. For a listing of other career opportunities at ICF, please visit our Career Center at www.icfi.com/careers/.

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Atkins seeks an energetic, highly motivated, detail-oriented, self-starter to join our San Diego, CA staff as a Scientist specializing in Environmental Planning. The candidate will be involved on a variety of projects ranging from infrastructure facilitates (sewer, water highways) and university development to redevelopment plans and planned communities. The typical role will involve supporting environmental document project managers by conducting research and writing environmental documents along with related task management. To apply, please send resume to Kim Howlett at Kim.Howlett@atkinsglobal.com.

SCIENTIST – BIOLOGIST, SAN DIEGO

Atkins also seeks an energetic, highly motivated, detail-oriented, self-starter to join our San Diego, CA staff as a Biological Scientist. The typical role will involve supporting environmental document project managers and senior biologists by conducting habitat field work and assessment, research and writing biological resource reports that include impact analyses and the development of mitigation measures, along with related task management. To apply, please send resume to Kim Howlett at Kim.Howlett@atkinsglobal.com.

BIOLOGIST, SAN DIEGO

RECON Environmental, Inc. has a position for a biologist. The ideal candidate will have a degree in wildlife, biology, ecology or related science with at least five years of experience in the identification of southern California fauna, and hold a USFWS permit to survey for quino checkerspot and/or coastal California gnatcatcher. Experience with land management and/or habitat restoration desired. To apply, please send resumes to ads@reconenvironmental.com.

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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.



CAMPUS CONNECTION

CAMPUS CHAPTER UPDATES

San Diego has three active student chapters (USD, UCSD, SDSU) and one chapter we would like to encourage (PLNU). Currently, the chapters are gearing up for another busy year. Future events for the spring include a professionalism workshop focused on resume building.

The student chapter leaders and liaisons are also planning to meet as one group with the student outreach director at least once a semester. This kind of group meeting would give our student chapters a chance to exchange ideas and get to know each other. The students are looking forward to playing a more active role in AEP luncheons and workshops. Their attendance and participation in the 2012 conference in Sacramento is welcomed and encouraged.

Two student chapter liaison positions are now open. A student liaison is an environmental professional who supports the student chapter of one local university by interacting with student leaders, facilitating events, and working with the Board to enhance our student participation in AEP. If you have the interest and wish to learn more, please contact Emily Hart at (760) 479-4232 or ehart@dudek.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are planning a fall outreach director meeting for San Diego area student leaders and board liaisons to bring together all of our local student leaders and board members to discuss what is going on at the area schools, what is working, what has not worked, and where we are headed collectively.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

If you ever thought about volunteering to be on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Chapter of AEP, now is the time! We are looking for fresh ideas and new perspectives and we are asking for nominations for the 2012 Board. Please submit your nomination by November 4 to Seth Torma, Secretary, at storma@koacorp.com. Don't be shy...it is perfectly acceptable to nominate yourself. A description for each Chapter Board position is posted on the chapter website at <http://www.sandiegoaep.org/members.html>. Once all nominations have been submitted, the current Chapter Board will establish a slate of candidates and present it to the membership. Voting will be held via the internet between November 7 and November 18. Please contact Seth Torma if you have any questions.

There are also many ways you can actively participate in SDAEP outside of the Chapter Board, including volunteering at events, presenting at luncheons or at CEQA trainings, serving on a committee, and contributing to the newsletter. We also need photographers at luncheons and other events, or someone to help at the door.

Whether it's a one-time commitment to an ad hoc committee or a more permanent position, there is room for active participation by each of our members.

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