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# CEQA

## The Year in Review

### December 13-14, 2018 • Hilton Union Square • San Francisco

**Dear Colleague:**

2018 has been another exceptional year for legal and policy developments! As always, California's pre-eminent attorneys, planners, and experts will provide you with the latest insights, trends, and practice advice.

Join the experts at our annual conference to learn about and understand the legal and policy changes that have taken place this past year. Major amendments to the CEQA Guidelines—the most comprehensive amendments in 20 years—are expected to be adopted by the end of 2018. Among many changes, they will modify the way that transportation, energy, greenhouse gas, and water supply impacts are analyzed in CEQA documents. Housing bills enacted in 2017 created new CEQA streamlining options that now are being implemented, and more housing bills like these are likely in 2018. In addition, the appellant courts have again published numerous CEQA opinions with major implications for environmental practice.

This 14th Annual Conference will again focus on these legal and policy matters, as well as other timely topics, with high-caliber sessions and speakers!

This year's panels and presentations will cover:

- **The latest experience with CEQA streamlining options for housing approvals**
  - **In-depth analysis of the 2018 CEQA Guidelines amendments**
  - **How best to address health impacts in CEQA documents**
  - **CEQA's role in addressing wildfire risks**
  - **Best practices for thresholds of significance**
- ... and much more!**

Whether you are an attorney, planner, consultant, agency staff, or project applicant, you will benefit greatly from the knowledge you gain, as well as the opportunity to network with expert speakers and fellow attendees.

If you're going to participate in only one CEQA conference this year, CLE International's conference is the one to attend!

Sincerely,



**Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair Principal**, Ascent Environmental  
Sacramento



**Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair Of Counsel**, The Sohagi Law Group  
Sacramento

### NEW LOCATION!



### Hilton Union Square

333 O'Farrell Street  
San Francisco, California 94102

The Hilton Union Square is a *TripAdvisor* Green Leader, close to shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues. The hotel is only two blocks from cable cars and Westfield San Francisco Center shops. The airport is less than an hour away, and the Hilton is close to MUNI and the BART public transportation (Powell Street Station), and there is public parking across the street.

Enjoy the Hilton at specially discounted rates exclusively for Conference attendees!

### Hotel Reservations

Call (415) 771-1400 and request the special rate for the CEQA Conference Group.

**Earn Legal and Ethics credits!**  
**Attorneys will earn MCLE credits, including ethics credits.**  
**Planners will earn AICP/CM credits, including legal credits.**

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair</b> Principal, Ascent Environmental, Sacramento</p> <p><b>Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair</b> Of Counsel, Sohagi Law Group, Sacramento</p>
8:45	<p><b>Case Law and Legislative Update</b></p> <p>The Year in Review</p> <p><b>Robert "Perl" Perlmutter, Esq.</b> Shute, Mihaly &amp; Weinberger, San Francisco</p> <p><b>Michael H. Zischke, Esq.</b> Cox, Castle &amp; Nicholson, San Francisco</p>
10:15	Networking Break
10:30	<p><b>Featured Presentation</b></p> <p>Perspectives on CEQA</p> <p><b>Christopher Calfee, Deputy Secretary and General Counsel</b> California Natural Resources Agency, Sacramento</p>
11:15	<p><b>Streamlining CEQA for Housing Approvals</b></p> <p>Legislation and Case Studies</p> <p><b>Ethan Elkind, Esq., Director of the Climate Program</b> UC Berkeley School of Law, Center for Law, Energy &amp; the Environment (CLEE), Berkeley</p> <p><b>Barbara E. Kautz, Esq.</b> Goldfarb Lipman, Oakland</p> <p><b>Janet Smith-Heimer, Principal</b> The Housing Workshop, Jenner</p> <p><b>David M. Snow, Esq.</b> Richards, Watson &amp; Gershon, Los Angeles</p>
12:30	Lunch Break (on your own)
1:45	<p><b>Health Impacts</b></p> <p>Case Law, Health Risk Assessments, and Practice Tips</p> <p><b>Jonathan Evans, Esq.</b> Environmental Health Legal Director and Senior Attorney Center for Biological Diversity, Oakland</p> <p><b>Eric Lu, Principal</b> Ramboll, Irvine</p> <p><b>James G. Moose, Esq.</b> Remy Moose Manley, Sacramento</p>
3:15	Networking Break
3:30	<p><b>Thresholds of Significance</b></p> <p>Case Law and Best Practices</p> <p><b>Arthur F. Coon, Esq.</b> Miller Starr Regalia, Walnut Creek</p> <p><b>Erin Efner, Principal</b> ICF, San Francisco</p> <p><b>Nicole H. Gordon, Esq.</b> Sohagi Law Group, Los Angeles</p>
4:45	Adjourn

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:30	<p><b>Welcome Back</b></p> <p>Summary of Day One and Overview of Day Two</p> <p><b>Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair</b></p> <p><b>Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair</b></p>
8:45	<p><b>CEQA Guidelines 2018 Amendments I</b></p> <p>Transportation Impact Analysis</p> <p><b>Ellison Folk, Esq.</b> Shute, Mihaly &amp; Weinberger, San Francisco</p> <p><b>Chris Ganson, Senior Planner</b> Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Sacramento</p> <p><b>Gary D. Jakobs, AICP, Principal</b> Ascent Environmental, Sacramento</p> <p><b>Ronald T. Milam, AICP</b> Fehr &amp; Peers, Sacramento</p>
10:30	Networking Break
10:45	<p><b>Wildfire Crisis and Forest Management</b></p> <p>CEQA's Role</p> <p><b>Chris Browder, Deputy Chief, Environmental Protection</b> CAL FIRE Resource Management, Sacramento</p> <p><b>Michael W. Graf, Esq.</b> Law Offices, El Cerrito</p> <p><b>Bob Kingman, Assistant Executive Director</b> Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Auburn</p> <p><b>Pete Parkinson, AICP, President</b> APA California Chapter, Sacramento</p>
12:15	Lunch Break (on your own)
1:30	<p><b>Ethics</b></p> <p>Considerations for CEQA Practitioners</p> <p><b>Joshua Nelson, Esq.</b> Best Best &amp; Krieger, Sacramento</p>
2:30	<p><b>CEQA Guidelines 2018 Amendments II</b></p> <p>Appendix G revisions, GHG and Energy Analysis, General Plan Guidelines, and Much More</p> <p><b>Heather King, Air Pollution Specialist</b> California Air Resources Board, Sacramento</p> <p><b>Jeannie Lee, AICP, Esq., Senior Counsel</b> Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Sacramento</p> <p><b>Michael McCormick, Senior Planner</b> Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Sacramento</p>
4:00	<p><b>Conference Review, Closing Remarks, and Evaluations</b></p> <p><b>Curtis E. Alling, AICP, Program Co-Chair</b></p> <p><b>Al Herson, Esq., FAICP, Program Co-Chair</b></p>
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**PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS**

**Curtis E. Alling, AICP**, is a CEQA and NEPA expert with over 35 years of experience. He specializes in natural resources management, climate change issues, transportation, park and recreation projects, and water resources. He is a founding principal of Ascent Environmental, Inc., an environmental, climate change, and natural resources consultancy established in 2010. Mr. Alling is a leader in CEQA practice approaches for public agencies' most complex or "first-time" situations, such as innovative use of Program EIRs, CEQA-equivalent documents for regulatory processes, and incorporation of climate-change issues into environmental analysis.

**Al Herson, Esq., FAICP**, is an environmental attorney and planner with over 35 years of experience. He is a recognized authority on CEQA, NEPA, and natural resources law. He serves as Sohagi Law Group's Sacramento presence, and advises public agencies on complex environmental and land use law matters. Mr. Herson is co-author of *California Environmental Law and Policy: A Practical Guide, the CEQA Deskbook* (2nd edition), and *The NEPA Book*, as well as CEQA chapters in Matthew Bender's *California Environmental Law* treatise. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP).

**FEATURED PRESENTER**

**Christopher Calfee**  
**Deputy Secretary and General Counsel**  
 California Natural Resources Agency, Sacramento

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### Featured Presentation

#### Perspectives on CEQA



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Christopher Calfee was appointed general counsel at the California Natural Resources Agency in 2017. Mr. Calfee was senior counsel at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research since

2011. He was of counsel at Best Best and Krieger LLP from 2010 to 2011. Calfee was special counsel at the California Natural Resources Agency from 2009 to 2010.

**"Every panel was of interest. The breadth of information and discussion was stimulating from the first session on Thursday morning through late Friday afternoon. Thank you for your ongoing investment in providing such a high quality workshop."**

- Kathie Lowrey, Prunuske Chatham, Sebastopol

**"Great conference. Lots of new and timely information."**

- Robert Sawyer, Esq., Remy Moose Manley, Sacramento

**"CLE International did an excellent job of bringing together panelists and speakers from a variety of professional backgrounds and roles in the practice of CEQA. Very well balanced discussion. Great organization, starting with case law from the year prior and (nearly) ending with the future of CEQA."**

- Rachel Schuett, San Francisco Planning Department

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