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California Land Use Law & Policy

“Land Use Law, Policy, and Planning 2022: California’s Housing Supply Crisis and Other Critical Land Use Issues”

Dear Land Use Practitioner,

As 2022 comes to an end, California land use law, policy, and planning continue to evolve at an amazing pace, even in the face of challenges which linger from COVID-19 and the decline in the global economy. As interest rates continue to climb, California’s housing issues have been made even more challenging. Housing, and all the challenges that come with it, is the key focus of this year’s conference.

Within the framework of housing, we address several top issues implicated in your practice: Housing Elements, Regional Housing Need Allocations, Density Bonus Law, Historic Preservation, and the Housing Accountability Act, all take center stage at this year’s important conference.

But we also recognize that your practice will necessarily involve other important and crossover areas of law, so we also provide updates in the areas of Endangered Species Act Law, “Waters of the Untied States” and, perhaps the overriding issue of them all, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

We have assembled a stellar faculty of experts in their fields whose daily practices are directly related to their speaking topics. They will present on these critical and evolving topics and give you access to their thoughts on where the issues have come from, where they are headed, and how they are being, or will be, implemented.

Where is land use law and policy heading and what do you need to stay current on to be ready in your practice? You’ll find out in one long, intense day of presentations at Argent Communications Group’s California Land Use Law, Policy, and Planning Conference 2022. This is a must-attend conference for any land use law or planning practitioner wanting to better understand these recent changes.

We invite you to join us, and interact with the faculty through live question and answer sessions after each panel presentation. Be ready, be prepared, be successful in your practice. If you attend only one California MCLE- or APA-AICP accredited land use conference this year, make it this one!

Sincerely,



Scott Birkey, Esq.
Cox, Castle & Nicholson
San Francisco



Lauren Langer, Esq.
Best, Best & Krieger
Los Angeles

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Wednesday, December 7

- 8:00 ZOOM LOG-IN
- 8:15 **Welcome Remarks with Critical Detail**
Scott Birkey, Esq., Cox, Castle & Nicholson,
San Francisco,
- 8:30 **The Science and Art of Updating Housing Elements**
• **What Is a Housing Element and Why Is It Important?**
Megan Garibaldi, Esq, Best Best & Krieger,
Irvine
- **Regional Housing Need Allocation, Preparation of a Site Inventory and Risks of Enforcement Action**
Ma'Ayn Johnson, M.A. AICP, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG),
Los Angeles
- 9:45 **Legislative Tools to Encourage Residential Development**
• **Using AB 2011 and SB 6 to Develop Residential Uses on Commercial Properties**
Travis Brooks, Esq., Miller Starr Regalia, Walnut Creek
- **How to Process a Housing Development Project—Case Law and HCD Guidance on the HAA, SB 330/HCA, Density Bonus Law, and SB 35**
Mei-Mei Cheng, City of Los Angeles Deputy City Attorney, Housing Division; Donna Wong, City of Los Angeles, Deputy City Attorney, Land Use Division
- 11:15 **BREAK**
- 11:30 **A Bee Can Be Considered a Fish under the California Endangered Species Act?**
Rachel Jones, Esq., Cox Castle & Nicholson, San Francisco
- 12:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

- 1:00 **Hot Topics In Land Use Law**
• **Historic Preservation: An Obstacle or An Amenity?**
Susan Brandt-Hawley, Esq., Brandt-Hawley Law Group, Sonoma Valley
- **Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency: The Future of “Water of the United States”**
Clark Morrison, Esq, Cox Castle & Nicholson,
San Francisco
- **The Housing Accountability Act: What Does It Take to Deny a Residential Project?**
Lisa Kolieb, Esq., Akerman Law Firm, Los Angeles
- 2:45 **BREAK**
- 3:00 **The California Environmental Quality Act: A Deeper Dive**
• **Understanding the Different Types of CEQA Documents, and How to Utilize CEQA Streamlining**
Dave Rand, Esq., Rand Paster Nelson, Los Angeles
- **Vehicle Miles Traveled: An Update on the Use of VMT and What the Future Might Have in Store**
Ron Milam, AICP, PTP, Fehr & Peers, Roseville
- **HRAs and GHGs—Analyzing the CEQA Alphabet**
Ali Tehrani, Esq., Best Best & Krieger, Irvine
- **CEQA Case Law Update**
Todd Williams, Esq., Fennemore, Oakland
- 5:15 **Putting it All Together: Concluding Remarks**
Lauren Langer, Esq., Best, Best & Krieger,
Los Angeles
- 5:30 **CONFERENCE ADJOURNMENT**

Program Co-Chairs:

Scott Birkey is a land use and natural resources lawyer who handles entitlement, compliance, and litigation matters for residential and commercial developers, educational and health-care institutions, and public agencies throughout California.

Lauren Langer serves as city attorney and as land use counsel for several cities. Her practice focuses on all aspects of the land use entitlement process and on zoning, state housing laws, and the California Environmental Quality Act.

Program Faculty:

Susan Brandt-Hawley represents public-interest groups on preservation land use issues statewide, focusing on the California Environmental Quality Act.

Travis Brooks represents private and public entity clients in a wide range of land use and environmental matters throughout the state and on issues related to school site development, construction law, and public bidding and contracting.

Mei-Mei Cheng serves as a Deputy City Attorney in the Housing Division of the City of Los Angeles.

Megan Garibaldi is an attorney and city attorney and advises private clients and public agencies on local government law, with an emphasis on land use and entitlement, planning, zoning, affordable housing, and state environmental laws.

Ma'Ayn Johnson is a Housing Program Manager at an association of governments where she has specialized in housing policy and sustainable land use planning since 2006.

Rachel Jones focuses on land use development and renewable energy projects and on all stages of project development on public and private land and under CEQA, NEPA and Planning and Zoning Law.

Tuition:

Conference tuition for live participation or self-study is \$695. A discount of \$50 is available for individuals from government agencies, public interest groups, or academia; for current subscribers to the *California Land Use Law & Policy Reporter*; or for each attendee when two or more people from one firm or organization register together.

Tuition includes attendance, program materials, and a three-month electronic subscription to the *California Land Use Law & Policy Reporter* (a \$225 value).

MCLE and AICP Credit:

MCLE accreditation has been requested by the State Bar of California for 8 hours, and for APA-AICP CM credits of 8 hours, which includes up to 4 hours law CM credits TBD.



Lisa Kolieb focuses on land use and real estate development matters including the land use entitlement process from initial site diligence to project approval, construction and operation, and environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Ronald Milam is a Planner and Professional Transportation Planner who advises clients on big data research, VMT analysis, multi-modal performance measures, and land use/transportation interactions. He is currently developing new forecasting and planning operations models.

Clark Morrison has over 40 years of experience in the land use permitting process and on the development of large and complex development projects under all State and Federal laws.

David Rand specializes in land use law and governmental regulatory matters including various aspects of the planning and entitlement process including land use approval and the CEQA compliance process.

Ali Tehrani advises private developer and public agency clients on issues relating to the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Coastal Act and related environmental laws.

Todd Williams chairs his firm's land use and real estate practice groups where he represents clients in the broad spectrum of land use, real estate and environmental issues in both litigation and administrative proceedings.

Donna Wong serves as a Deputy City Attorney in the Land Use Division of the City of Los Angeles.

Four Ways to Register:

Early registration is encouraged. To register: (1) [Go to the online registration registration form](#); (2) Mail the completed registration form on the reverse to: Argent Communications Group, PO Box 1135, Batavia, IL 60510-1135; (3) Complete the registration form and email to register@argentco.com; or (4) Call 800-419-2741. Full payment or purchase order is due with registration.

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 - Landowners and Developers
- Land Use and Environmental Consultants
- City Council and County Board of Supervisors Members and Staff
 - State and Local Agency Representatives
- Public Interest Group and Advocacy Personnel

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