

Sixth Annual Conference

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California Land Use Law & Policy

“Land Use 2020: The Housing Crisis, CEQA, and Endangered Species Take Center Stage”

Dear Land Use Practitioner,

We're pleased to invite you to the sixth annual California Land Use Law & Policy Conference, this year in Northern California! This comprehensive, practice-oriented conference is an intensive, streamlined, one-day excursion through some of the most important issues facing land use practitioners today.

California's housing supply and affordability crisis arguably represents the biggest land use challenge for California, relevant for nearly all land use practitioners, planners and other land use professionals. This year we have devoted a good portion of our program on the most relevant aspects of diverse housing issues to get your practice ready for the changes ahead. Toward that goal, we are pleased to announce our **Keynote Speaker, Assemblymember David Chiu, Chair of the Assembly Housing & Community Development Committee.**

In 2020 the California Environmental Quality Act turns 50. Much has occurred over those years and much more change is expected. Our experts will address these changes and put it all within the context of where we have been, and where we are heading.

We also address many other pressing land use issues: Endangered species law and regulation at both the federal and state levels; California's new Wetlands Permitting Program; and the impacts of climate change-caused sea level rise on coastal land use and development, where the question is: Will the state's policy of Coastal Managed Retreat be a workable and legal solution?

To guide you through these issues, we've assembled some of the best and most knowledgeable faculty in the state. This conference will allow you to learn from in-the-trenches attorneys and policy-makers who are involved in the cutting-edge issues and cases affecting land use change in the state.

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

Sincerely,



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



Michelle Ouellette, Esq.
Best, Best & Krieger
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Monday, March 30

- 7:15 **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:15 **Welcome Remarks with Critical Detail**
Michelle Ouellette, Esq., Best, Best & Krieger, Riverside
- 8:30 **Housing in the Next Decade: Land Use Tools to Address Housing Shortages**
- **Transit Oriented Development: Taking Advantage of Rail Stations, Ferry Terminals, and Transit Nodes**
Todd Leishman, Esq., Best, Best & Krieger, Ontario
 - **Working with Developers to Achieve Attainable Housing**
Nedda Mahrou, Esq., Jackson Tidus, Irvine
- 9:30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Legislative Fixes for California's Housing Supply Problems**
Hon. David Chiu, California Assembly, Sacramento
- 10:15 **BREAK**
- 10:30 **Addressing California's Housing Needs One Back Yard at a Time—Accessory Dwelling Units**
Peter Miljanich, Esq., City Attorney's Office, San Francisco
- 11:00 **Sea Level Rise Adaptations: Is Managed Retreat a Taking of Private Property?**
- **Private Property Rights: The View from the Regulated Community**
Stan Lamport, Esq., Cox Castle & Nicholson, Los Angeles
 - **The Public Trust Doctrine and the Protection of Our Coastline**
Molly Melius, Program Manager, Environmental and Natural Resources Law & Policy Program, Stanford Law School
- 12:00 **LUNCH (On Your Own)**

- 1:15 **The Land Use-Water Connection—The New State Wetlands Permitting Program**
Clark Morrison, Esq., Cox, Castle & Nicholson, San Francisco
- 1:45 **Recent Developments in Federal and State Endangered Species Regulation**
- **What the Regulations Mean for Development in California**
Scott Birkey, Esq., Cox, Castle & Nicholson, San Francisco
 - **The New Regulations' Impacts on Endangered Species Protection**
Lisa T. Belenky, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity, Oakland
- 2:45 **BREAK**
- 3:00 **CEQA, Vehicle Miles Traveled, Level of Service, and Traffic Analyses**
Jonathan Shardlow, Esq., Gresham Savage, San Bernardino
- 3:30 **The California Environmental Quality Act Turns 50: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Heading?**
- **A Trip Down Memory Lane**
Alisha Winterswyk, Esq., Best, Best & Krieger, Irvine
 - **CEQA's Track Record**
Jennifer Hernandez, Esq., Holland & Knight, San Francisco
 - **What's on the Horizon for CEQA?**
Arthur Coon, Esq., Miller Starr Regalia, Walnut Creek
- 5:00 **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.

Michelle Ouellette is a land use attorney and helps cities, counties, special districts, developers and private sector clients navigate the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and state and federal endangered species laws.

Keynote Speaker:

The Hon. Assemblymember David Chiu is a California State Assemblymember representing the 17th Assembly District, which encompasses the eastern half of San Francisco. Assemblymember Chiu was first elected to the Assembly in November 2014 and has served as Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore. He is the current Chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development and Chair of the API Legislative Caucus.

Conference Faculty:

Lisa T. Belenky is a Senior Attorney at a species advocacy organization, where she works to protect rare and endangered species and their habitats under state and federal law.

Arthur Coon co-chairs the firm's land use practice group and chair of its appellate practice group where he represents clients in the areas of CEQA, environmental, and land use law.

Jennifer Hernandez chairs the firm's West Coast Land Use and Environmental law practice group and represents the private sector, public agencies and nonprofit clients on a broad range of projects including infill and master-planned mixed-use housing and commercial projects, university and research facilities, transportation and infrastructure projects.

Location and Lodging:

The site of the program is the Marriott City Center Hotel, 1001 Broadway, Oakland, California 94607. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special negotiated rate of \$165. [Register for your room here](#), or call 510-451-4000 and ask for the "Argent Communications Land Use Conference" discount. Space is limited, so register by the March 2, 2020 cut-off date!

Tuition:

Conference tuition 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, continental breakfast, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, and a three-month electronic subscription to the *California Land Use Law & Policy Reporter* (a \$215 value).



Stanley Lampert is a land use and real estate development attorney whose practice includes representing clients with project acquisition, entitlement strategy, transactional issues, project processing and advocacy, CEQA compliance, and litigation.

Todd Leishman represents both public agencies and private clients as general and special counsel on a range of land use issues, including planning, development and housing issues.

Molly Melius is a Fellow at Stanford Law School where she runs the school's Environmental and Natural Resources Law & Policy Program and oversees the school's Environmental Law Clinic.

Nedda Mahrou represents commercial and residential real estate developers, businesses, and other entities in transactional land use matters and related litigation, including complex environmental litigation.

Peter Miljanich has served as a Deputy County Counsel for Solano County and currently serves as Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Francisco.

Clark Morrision is a partner in the firm's land use practice group, and represents developers and public agencies in the areas of wetlands, endangered species, and in all aspects of the permitting and development of large development projects.

Jonathan Shardlow is chair of the firm's land use practice group where he represents landowners, developers and businesses in a wide array of land use litigation and transactional matters, including CEQA compliance and litigation.

Alisha Winterswyk advises public and private clients on state and federal environmental laws, with a specific focus on the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Five 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 fax to 530-852-0360; (4) email to register@argentco.com; or (5) Call 800-419-2741. Full payment or purchase order is due with registration.

MCLE and AICP Credit:

MCLE accreditation has been requested for this program by the State Bar of California for 7 hours. For planners, this program will correspond to AICP CM credits of 7 hours.

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Full refunds (less a \$50 processing fee) will be made only if notice is received by March 20, 2020. Substitutions are encouraged. Argent Communications Group reserves the right to cancel any program and assumes no responsibility for personal loss.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Land Use, Environmental and Municipal Attorneys
- Municipal and Private Land Use Planners
- 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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