

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

Hello Inland Empire Chapter! After a brief hiatus, Inland Empire Chapter is back! We had to take a break from everything to find ourselves, you know, kinda like what various memes suggest America should do. Just kidding... kinda. If you've been around for a while, you know it's time for elections and we have quite a few positions that are coming to the end of their term this year. Positions open for nominations include:

1. Chapter Director
2. (1) Co-Vice President of Programs
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Newsletter Editor

If you think you've got what it takes, think you could be an asset to the Board, or you would like to talk to someone about a position, we would love to hear from you! More details on how to nominate yourself or a colleague and what each position entails is on Page 2 of this newsletter. Matthew Collins from BBK is our newly appointed Legislative Liaison. If you are interested in serving on the legislative committee, please feel free to contact him at [matthew.collins@bbklaw.com](mailto:matthew.collins@bbklaw.com) and let him know.

Also – Nancy Ferguson of The Altum Group has agreed to continue her role as our Coachella Valley Liaison! I'm sure our Coachella Valley members can attest to this, but having Nancy hosting programs in the desert has been a huge asset for the Chapter. Gone are the days where you have to travel an hour each way just to get your AICP or MCLE credits if you are based in the Coachella Valley, all thanks to Nancy. With that said, if you are based in that area, and would like to help her with hosting duties, please feel free to reach out to her at [nancy.ferguson@thealtumgroup.com](mailto:nancy.ferguson@thealtumgroup.com).

On November 8th at our CEQA Essentials

Workshop, we will be awarding our \$1,000.00 AEP Scholarship. If you've been to any of our events over the last couple years then you know that we have been selling raffle tickets and giving away some awesome (donated by our board) prizes to raise money for our scholarship and now the time has finally come to reveal who the lucky recipient of the scholarship money will be. I must add that this year, it was a tough decision since we received so many great applications, but after thoroughly weighing our options we narrowed it down to just one. Big thanks to our Member-at-Large, Darren Edgington from Michael Baker, International and his committee of dedicated reviewers, Alicia Gonzalez (also, Michael Baker) and Ann Lopez (L&L Environmental) for leading that effort and making sure everything ran smoothly. If you or your firm are looking for ways to give back, AEP is graciously accepting gifts to raffle so that we can keep awarding scholarships for years to come! Past raffle prizes have included anything from movie ticket packages to wine and chocolate gift sets. Send us an email to coordinate. Another way to give back is by becoming a sponsor of the Chapter. We have 3 packages and each have great perks including free raffle tickets, free admission to lunch programs, and recognition as a sponsor to the organization. Check out the sponsorship package details on page 3 or send me an email at [kcunningham@rcflood.org](mailto:kcunningham@rcflood.org) if you would like to purchase a package.

There are only a couple more programs planned for this year and we hope to see you at them! By now, you should have received several emails for our annual CEQA Essentials Workshop at the Hyatt in downtown Riverside that you won't want to miss. Finally, to round out the year, we will be hosting another holiday social. We may muster up another program in between those two so be on the lookout for those e-blasts (/take us off your spam list).

In 2018, Inland Empire Chapter will be hosting the State Conference! The Conference Chair is Lynn Calvert-Hayes of LSA Associates so please feel free to reach out to her if you would like to provide assistance. Currently we are working getting themes and conference tracks down and then we will be soliciting for sessions. If you have ideas, we definitely want to hear from you! Send us an email or reach out to Lynn directly at [lynn.hayes@lsa.net](mailto:lynn.hayes@lsa.net).

We have had lots of positive feedback on going back to the hard copy newsletter so we are going to keep them coming. All time sensitive updates will still come via e-blast, but our official newsletter will continue as a quarterly hard copy communication. This will allow us time to get relevant and interesting content to share such as our new "Planners on the Move" section where we highlight environmental professionals in the Inland Empire who have recently changed jobs. If you have content you would like to be considered for inclusion in our newsletter please reach out to our Communications Director, Peter Minegar at [peter.minegar@mbakerintl.com](mailto:peter.minegar@mbakerintl.com). Before I end, I want to give a big thanks to Michael Baker International in Temecula for continuing to be the official sponsor of our hard copy newspaper. Until next time...

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## Call For Nominations

It is that time of the year again! We are looking for a few dedicated individuals who would like to help out with the Board for 2016. Elected officers will be responsible for promoting the Chapter, encouraging participation and membership, advocating the discussion of current environmental issues, and advancing professionalism within the environmental field. The Chapter officers must attend 75 percent of meetings and events per year. Each officer shall preside over their office in a manner consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. An officer shall maintain membership in AEP throughout the duration of his/her term. Below is a description of each of the available positions in the Inland Empire Chapter.

### Chapter Director

The Chapter Director acts as a liaison between the state board and local chapters. Each chapter director shall report information on chapter activities and concerns to the state board, and communicate state board activities and direction to local chapter members.

### Co-Vice President of Programs

The Vice President of Programs is responsible for coordinating chapter programs, including, but not limited to, preparing written descriptions and summaries of such programs, ensuring that program topics reflect the various interests of the interdisciplinary membership of the chapter, identifying topic speakers, securing a meeting place, coordinating refreshments for the meeting, and providing audio/visual equipment as needed.

### Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for overseeing aspects of the chapter newsletter production from the initial input to final printing.

### Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for keeping a full and complete written record of the meetings, election results, and programs of the chapter.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer keeps a full and complete record of

chapter finances; prepares the quarterly and annual financial reports for the state board; prepares and provide other financial information in accordance with the state AEP financial policies; prepares and submit to chapter officers a proposed annual budget by a specified deadline determined by the chapter board; supervises the collection of funds and chapter functions; and receives, deposits, and disburse chapter funds.

Nominating either yourself or someone else for any office is easy! Simply send us an email by October 31, 2016 at [aep.inland.empire.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:aep.inland.empire.chapter@gmail.com) and let us know who you would like to nominate and for what office and they will be added to the ballot. We will send out an email with instructions on how to vote as the time draws nearer so be on the lookout for that.



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## Planners on the Move- Stephanie Standerfer

### ***What company are you working with now, and what attracted you to your new position?***

I joined Albert A. Webb Associates back in Fall 2015 as the Vice President for the Planning and Environmental Services Department. Webb Associates has had an environmental compliance practice since 1970, and has seen its environmental practice grow stronger every decade thanks to environmental legislation and growing community sentiment over environmental concerns. After much thought, I decided to rejoin Webb Associates (was previously the Director of Planning and Environmental from 2000 to 2007) to be a part of a talented environmental compliance team with a combined vision of serving clients and community and to help grow that team further. I cherish my wonderful relationships and experiences while at my other firm (Dudek). Here at Webb, I am proud to follow many great women who have also led Webb's Planning and Environmental team, and I am proud to take the baton from them.

### ***What types of projects will you be working on?***

The Planning and Environmental Services Department serves private and public clients in all levels of environmental compliance, from CEQA, NEPA, MSHCP, to regulatory permitting requirements. For our private clients, we focus on entitlement work heavily here at Webb, so a large portion of our Department's work is to provide the expertise in entitlements and the environmental compliance requirements that go with that. We enjoy working closely with the agencies our clients'

projects need to get approvals from and strive to provide services to help make the entitlement process run as smoothly as possible. On a CEQA level we manage large-scale EIRs, programmatic documents as well as MNDs and Categorical Exemptions. Our Department is made up of talented women who have been at the forefront of the air quality and greenhouse gas emissions analysis game; we have experienced women working in the biological, hydrology and water quality fields that use that information to support our CEQA practice and regulatory permitting. My personal experience working with the Regional Conservation Authority on the MSHCP for over 8 years allows us to also provide MSHCP compliance documents and strategies to our clients.

### ***What types of projects would you like to do more of?***

My goal in coming to Webb Associates is to strengthen our client base by working on projects that provide sustainable and balanced solutions. I enjoy complicated projects that require time and focus on the interpersonal relationships with stakeholders that are needed to get to compromises so that projects can move forward. I enjoy working with people and love the environmental compliance field, so any project that lets me do that is awesome.

### ***What has been your professional trajectory to get where you are today?***

I started out working in the Phase I and II

Environmental Site Assessment fields in the late 1990's in Seattle after graduate school. My husband and I moved back to California in 1999 and I found my first CEQA job here at Webb Associates in 2000. I started out as a young pup working on warehouse EIRs in Mira Loma (now Eastvale and Jurupa Valley) right when diesel particulate matter was listed as a carcinogen by the Air Resources Board. So having a public health/science background was helpful as we had to figure out how to analyze impacts from the diesel trucks. Everyone knows how controversial warehousing projects are, so my formative CEQA practitioner years were spent in contentious public meetings. I saw myself in those early years as a messenger of scientific information and still see myself in that role as I have developed my breadth and depth of experience. In a time where information is all around us, I think we still need specialists that can take large quantities of complicated information and synthesize it down to what matters in terms anyone can understand.

### ***Where would you like to be in the next five to ten years?***

Getting ready for retirement!!! Ha! Ok, maybe not that soon, but definitely thinking more seriously about it. ☺ I hope that I am still able to work around great people with great minds that are all focused on providing environmental compliance solutions. In five to ten years I plan to still be helping clients find solutions as they run the environmental compliance gauntlet.

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Firm's choice of a firm advertisement/Employee Spotlight/Project Spotlight	1 Year	6 Months	3 months
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Recognition at Events	Recognized as a sponsor at all lunch programs for the year, and as a sponsor for the scholarship program.	Recognized as a sponsor at all lunch programs for the year.	Recognized as a sponsor at end of the year banquet.
Raffle Tickets	5 free raffle tickets at each event. (60 for the year)	3 free raffle tickets at each event. (36 for the year)	1 free raffle ticket at each event. (12 for the year)
Annual Awards Entry	3 complimentary	2 complimentary	1 complimentary
Price	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$300.00

## Legislative Update

Throughout the legislative session, the Inland Empire Chapter of AEP has sought to provide periodic updates on legislation relevant to the world of the California Environmental Quality Act. Now that the session has drawn to a close, we would like to highlight a few bills that were recently signed into law:

### Senate Bill 32

Building upon Assembly Bill 32—California's landmark climate change law—Governor Brown recently signed Senate Bill 32. Among other things, SB 32 adds a provision to the Health and Safety Code requiring that the California Air Resources Board ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40 percent below 1990 levels no later than December 31, 2030. This 2030 target is intended to serve as a concrete, legislative approved goal for public agencies to consider when developing thresholds of significance for GHG analysis under CEQA.

### Assembly Bill 197

AB 197 establishes a Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies, which will be comprised of members from both the Assembly and Senate. The new committee will study climate change policies, make recommendations to the Legislature and—most significantly—provide greater oversight of CARB. Specifically, AB 197 adds two members of the Legislature as non-voting members to CARB

and establishes six-year terms for all voting CARB members.

### SB 734

In 2011, the legislature passed the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act. Among other things, the bill established expedited judicial review procedures for developments certified by the Governor as “environmental leadership development projects.” To qualify for certification, the projects needed to meet certain requirements, including that they create high-wage and high-skilled jobs, cost more than \$100 million, and not result in any net additional emissions of GHGs. Under the 2011 Act, new projects were ineligible for certification after January 1, 2016, and certified projects were required to be approved by January 1, 2017. SB 734 extends these deadlines, allowing the Governor to certify projects through January 1, 2018, and giving certified projects until January 1, 2019 to be approved.

### Senate Bill 122

In an effort to expedite CEQA litigation, Governor Brown recently signed SB 122 into law. Among other things, SB 122 allows a lead agency to prepare a record of proceedings (commonly referred to as an “administrative record”) concurrently with the preparation of a CEQA document. To trigger the concurrent preparation provisions, a project applicant



## Upcoming Events

**CEQA ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP**  
November 8, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Hyatt Riverside  
Sign up at [califaep.org](http://califaep.org)

**Regulatory Permitting Lunch Seminar**  
November 30, 2016  
More Details to Come!

We also have the Inland Empire Chapter Holiday Party coming up, keep an eye out for our email blasts for further information on other upcoming events! If you are not currently signed up to receive our newsletter, sign up on the Inland Empire AEP Website, [www.ie.califaep.org](http://www.ie.califaep.org).

If you have suggestions for future events, feel free to contact Brad Perrine ([brad@ecotierraconsulting.com](mailto:brad@ecotierraconsulting.com)) or Christina McAdams ([cmcadams@rinconconsultants.com](mailto:cmcadams@rinconconsultants.com)). We are always working to provide

must submit a written request to a lead agency within 30 days of the agency determining what type of CEQA document is required for a project, and the lead agency must consent to this expedited process.

*Legislative Update written by  
Matt Collins, IE AEP Legislative Liaison*

## Want up to date bill information?

For a thorough analysis of current legislation, or up-to-date status of a bill in the California State Legislature, refer to the California Legislative Information Site at the following address:

[www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)



*Desert Tortoise  
(Via Arizona Dept of Fish and Game)*

## Meet a Chapter Member: Lynn Calvert-Hayes



Lynn Calvert-Hayes, AICP is a Principal with LSA Associates, Inc. in Riverside. Lynn manages the Environmental Planning Division and has just shy of 30 years' experience in environmental planning. Her expertise is in CEQA and NEPA compliance. Lynn has been working at LSA for 19 years and prior to LSA she worked for Chambers Group and J.F Davidson Associates as an environmental planner/project manager, the City of Banning as an Associate Planner, and with the County of San Bernardino as an environmental technician.

Some of the notable environmental documents she has managed or has been responsible for as Principal in Charge include the World Logistics Center EIR, Victoria Gardens Mall EIR and subsequent environmental documents, Western Riverside County MSHCP EIR/EIS, Riverside County General Plan EIR, Loma Linda General Plan EIR, and numerous Caltrans projects in the IE.

Lynn has been involved with AEP for over 28 years. She is currently AEP's Financial Vice President/CFO (she loves numbers) a position she has held for the last four years. Other positions she has held at AEP include:

- Executive Vice President 1994–1999.
- Southern California Regional Director 1993–1995.
- Inland Empire Chapter Director 1991–1993.
- Inland Empire Chapter Treasurer 1990–1991.
- State Legislative Committee 1992–1993.
- AEP 2002 State Conference Committee.

Lynn has a BS in Geology from San Diego State University and has also taught Geology for the Redlands Unified School District gifted student program. In addition, Lynn has been a guest CEQA lecturer at the University of California, Riverside and is a past Board member of the Riverside Land Conservancy.

She is a native of Connecticut and has lived in California for 40 years. Lynn is married and has one son, two stepsons and 4 grandchildren with another on the way. She and her husband Steve love to travel having recently visited Alaska and the Canadian Klondike Gold region. Gardening is also her passion and she has won awards for her flowers from the Redlands Horticultural Society. She is not relishing the drought since it has put a crimp in the type of gardening she likes to pursue.



## 5 Random Interview Questions

### If you could only keep 5 possessions, what would they be?

My two dogs, oh wait I do not possess them they own me! My car so I could get from point A to point B. My jewelry, a girl has to have her bling. I would definitely keep old pictures of my family that are irreplaceable. My box of memorabilia from the time I lived in Australia during high school.

### What is a skill you would like to learn and why?

I would like to learn how to blow glass and throw pottery. I have always been artistic and I have never has the opportunity to hone those skills. They are both on my bucket list!

### If you could do any profession but your own, what would it be and why?

I would obtain a Ph.D. in Criminal Psychology. I am fascinated by the criminal mind and what makes them tick. I would love to work at Patton State Hospital with the criminally insane. My husband catches me watching shows like "Wives with Knives" on TV and wonders if I am plotting his demise! Never!

### What profession would you not like to do and why?

Could not be a crab fisherman off the coast of Alaska. First of all the profession is extremely dangerous, second the frigid cold water scares me, third I do not want to die by drowning, and lastly everyone you work with stinks like fish!

### If you could travel back in time, what time period would you travel to and why?

This sounds rather nostalgic, but I would love to go back to the 1950's. Most women stayed home and raised their children, hot meals on the table, help with homework, Sunday drives, played outside all day until you were called for dinner, a vacation every year to the beach, walk to the corner store on your own, etc. Men were responsible for bringing home the paycheck and women were responsible for the home. It sounds old fashioned, but I think our priorities have gotten skewed and only the "well off" can afford a one working parent household. Working Moms are stressed to the limit, stay-at-home Moms are expected to raise "super kids" so they are not happy either. Everyone is stressed out and there are too many failed marriages. I would like to go back to a calmer time even if is my clouded perception of life in the 1950's.