



The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of AEP

## January 2008 PROGRAM



Association of Environmental Professionals

### **2007 CEQA Case Law Update**

A CEQA legal presentation focusing on cases and legislative updates which have resulted from the cases highlighting the global climate change and flood protection arenas

**Wednesday, January 30, 2008, 6:30 P.M.**

**WHERE:** Cox, Castle, Nicholson LLP  
555 California Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco

**BART** - The office is located four blocks from the Montgomery BART station. Exit BART on Montgomery Street and head north for about four blocks and make a left on California. The office entrance for 555 California Street is on the corner of California and Kearny.

**Parking** - 555 California Street has a 24 hour attended parking garage. There are two entrances to the parking garage accessible from California Street or Pine Street, between Kearny and Montgomery.

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**WHO:** **Alicia Guerra** is a partner in the San Francisco office of Cox, Castle, Nicholson LLP, where she practices land use and environmental law. She received her bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Stanford University in 1988 and her law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1996. Ms. Guerra has broad experience in all types of land use and natural resource matters, including land use planning and development, wetlands and endangered species regulation, water rights and air quality, and water quality permitting. Ms. Guerra provides assistance to commercial developers, residential developers of master planned communities, industrial companies, and public agencies in the land development, entitlement, and environmental review and natural resources permitting processes. Her expertise includes the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Clean Water Act (including Sections 401 and 404), federal and state flood control statutes, California's planning laws, California redevelopment law, and other state and federal laws governing the use of land, water, and other natural resources.

**Sarah Owsowitz** is a senior associate at Cox Castle & Nicholson, where her practice focuses on CEQA advice and litigation. She is currently working on the preparation or litigation defense of EIRs addressing topics ranging from urban decay impacts, sufficiency of water supply analyses, analysis of climate change, and consideration of air quality and agricultural resource impacts. Ms. Owsowitz also advises residential and commercial developers and public agencies on obtaining land use approvals. Prior to joining Cox Castle & Nicholson, Ms. Owsowitz was, for nearly seven years, a Deputy City Attorney with the City of San Francisco litigating CEQA challenges, serving as counsel to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, and advising the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Department on CEQA issues. She received her B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1995 and her Masters of Planning and J.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1999.

**WHAT:** Please join the Bay Area Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals for a timely and relevant update on CEQA case law. This is a free event open to AEP members and prospective members and includes a complimentary buffet dinner.

**SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP BY January 28th by visiting our website [www.sfbayaep.org](http://www.sfbayaep.org) or clicking here – [RSVP](#). For questions, please contact Leann Taagepera at [leanntaagepera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leanntaagepera@sbcglobal.net) .**