32nd Annual Land Use Law & Planning Conference

UPDATES, TRENDS & ASSESSMENTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018, 8:30AM-5PM
MILLENIUM BILTMORE HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CA
UCLA Extension’s annual Land Use Law and Planning Conference is the leading source of information on California land use legislation, case law, and the emerging issues that frame land use and development practices in the nation’s most populous state. The program’s unique cross-disciplinary approach explores the full range of perspectives drawn from the land use planning, legal, development, and environmental communities, and demonstrates how these factors influence the day-to-day work of planners, developers, environmental regulators, and attorneys. Now in its 32nd year, the UCLA Extension conference offers a big-picture view of land use law and planning practice, with knowledgeable speakers providing succinct and provocative updates on core state and federal case law and legislation, as well as practice pointers on basic land use law and planning issues.

Join us on January 19 for a review of the important issues of the past year and a look at what’s ahead for 2018.

CONFERENCE CHAIRS
We are proud to introduce two new co-chairs this year:

DAVID SMITH has practiced land use and environmental law for over 20 years, representing large land owners, developers, and members of the regulated community. Mr. Smith has authored numerous articles on land use and environmental issues including climate change, endangered species, water quality, water supply, and the California Environmental Quality Act.

MATTHEW BURRIS is a community planner with 15 years of experience as an Associate Principal with the urban planning firm, Raimi + Associates, as well as the Planning Commissioner Chair for Jurupa Valley. He specializes in the preparation of General Plans, Climate Action Plans, neighborhood plans, and the implementation of community-scale health and sustainability principles.

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CONFERENCE SCHOLARS
Our Conference Scholars are named in commemoration of the late Donald G. Hagman, Professor of Law at UCLA, and Joanne L. Freilich, Director of the Public Policy Program at UCLA Extension. Mr. Hagman and Ms. Freilich were dedicated to bringing together attorneys and planners in the land use field, and to better unify the academic and practitioner worlds. Scholarships are awards to students and professors from law schools and graduate planning programs in Southern California, as well as to new professionals in the planning and policy field.
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7:45am  REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

8:30am  WELCOME & PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Dr. Stephanie Hoekstra, Public Policy Program, UCLA Extension

8:45am  UPDATE #1 – CEQA 2017: The Supreme Court Weighs In
As CEQA reform in the Legislature remains elusive and OPR continues efforts on Guidelines reform, the California Supreme Court continues to place its indelible fingerprints on CEQA jurisprudence. Hear front-line counsel for both petitioners and local agencies explain the latest and greatest.

MODERATOR: Margaret Sohagi, President, The Sohagi Law Group, PLC
PANELISTS: Kevin Bundy, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity
Tina Thomas, Founding Partner, Thomas Law Group

10am  MORNING BREAK

10:15am  ASSESSMENT #1 – The Housing Crisis: The More Things Change the More They Stay the Same
Heralded as the most meaningful housing legislative package in recent history, what exactly did the Legislature accomplish? Will it lead to meaningful relief to California's record housing deficit? Did special interest demands thwart what might have been more meaningful reforms? Does CEQA (or special interest exploitation thereof) remain a significant impediment to housing production? And will affordability, and not just scarcity, find some relief?

MODERATOR: David Smith, Partner, Stice & Block LLP
PANELISTS: Hon. Sen. Scott Wiener (D, 11th District)
Barbara Kautz, Partner, Goldfarb & Lipman, LLP
11:15am  ASSESSMENT #2
Transportation Infrastructure: Mobility, Choice, and VMT
From the Trump Administration and Congress to state coffers, infrastructure spending is a priority for both sides of the political spectrum. But under the guise of climate change and elsewhere, California has pronounced specific policy direction to reduce highway expansion and maintenance and to drastically reduce vehicle miles traveled. So, aside from high-speed rail, how do these competing and potentially irreconcilable policy priorities manifest themselves in California?

MODERATOR:  David Smith, Partner, Stice & Block LLP
PANELISTS:  Hasan Ikhrata, CEO, Southern California Association of Governments
Randy Iwasaki, PE, Executive Director, Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Ronald Milam, Principal, Fehr & Peers

12:15pm  RECESS TO GOLD ROOM

12:30pm  LUNCH

1:00pm   KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1:30pm  RECESS TO CRYSTAL BALLROOM

1:45pm  UPDATE #2 – Quick Hits
• Beyond Polemics: Community, Health, and Planning for Environmental Justice
• Global Warming Solutions: Scoping Updates, Adaptation Strategies, & GHG Targets
• Building Ephesus: OPR's Updated General Plan Guidelines
• Clean Water Act WOTUS Rule: Down the Drain?
• State Definition of Waters: What the Feds Giveth the State Taketh
• Water Tunnels: Delta Fix or Another High Speed Rail?
• Federal Update: Where Angels Fear to Tread
• Small Cells: Taking Pleasure in ‘Small' Victories

PANELISTS:  Susan Hori, Partner, Manatt Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Steve Preston, City Manager, City of San Gabriel
Margaret Sohagi, President, The Sohagi Law Group, PLC
2:15pm  **UPDATE #3 – Planning, Zoning, and Development Law: A Heapin’ Helping of Housing and So Much More**
This may have been the ‘Year of Housing,’ but that’s not all that happened in 2017. Join our panelists as they walk us through the most important legislative and courtroom action for 2017. From the Supreme Court’s takings decision in *Murr v. Wisconsin*, to accessory units, topics both familiar and new—including marijuana, impact fees, and that controversial “small cells bill”—will be discussed. And in concert with our housing panel, we’ll share a few practical tips for planners, developers, and attorneys dealing with the new housing bills.

**MODERATOR:**  Susan Hori, Partner, Manatt Phelps & Phillips, LLP

**PANELISTS:**  Alisha Winterswyk, Partner, Best Best & Krieger, LLP
Cassie Gilson, Partner, Sacramento Advocates

3:30pm  **AFTERNOON BREAK**

3:45pm  **ASSESSMENT #3 – Climate Actions Plans: Embracing or Retreating Post-Newhall?**
The Newhall Case upended many assumptions about how to analyze greenhouse gas and climate change-related impacts under CEQA. However, the case did not just cast doubt on which targets and thresholds should be used to assess impacts, it also shone new light on how climate action plans could be used to establish a framework for assessing impacts. In this assessment, panelists will share their perspectives on how to proceed in the post-Newhall environment, discussing the purpose of climate action plans, appropriate thresholds, and tiering pathways. Join us for a discussion on the future of climate change impact analysis in California.

**MODERATOR:**  Matt Burris, AICP, LEED AP, Associate Principal, Raimi + Associates

**PANELISTS:**  Terry Watt, Owner, Terrell Watt Planning Consultants
Honey Walters, Principal, Ascent Environmental

4:45pm  **CLOSING COMMENTS**
Dr. Stephanie Hoekstra, Public Policy Program, UCLA Extension

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