

The Northwest Environmental Training Center presents:



Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Course ID: CPOL-303

November 2, 2005, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30P.M. (1 Day)

East Meeting Room, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, Sacramento Central Library
828 I Street (9th and I Street), Sacramento, CA

Instructor: J. William Yeates, Esq.

Description: This one-day workshop provides a thorough and understandable overview of California's most prominent environmental protection law: CEQA. Through presentation and discussion, Bill Yeates, a lawyer with extensive experience working with CEQA, explains the regulatory context, requirements and practical implications of CEQA. The public process mandated by CEQA is examined step-by-step, with exploration of the diverse perspectives commonly held by regulators, applicants, and consultants.

Intended Audience: All those who need a basic understanding of the scope, requirements and process of CEQA, especially: staff from government agencies at all levels; members of board and commissions at the state, regional and local levels whose duties include CEQA compliance and/or oversight; staff from environmental consulting firms; industry professionals; and members of citizen's organizations involved with the CEQA process.

Prerequisites: None

Course Topics:

Overview of the CEQA Statute

- Projects subject to CEQA review
- How CEQA fits with other regulations
- How CEQA impacts public decision making

How to Make CEQA Work for You

- CEQA's Tools for the Citizen
- CEQA's Tools for the Public Agency Decision-maker
- Responsible, lead, and trustee agencies
- Making Sense of the CEQA Public Process
 - Initial studies, exemptions, negative declarations, environmental impact reports (EIRs), notices of preparation (NOP), final environmental impact reports (FEIRs), and more!
 - What every draft EIR (DEIR) must have and why
 - Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting
 - Notice of Determination

Legal Challenges, Judicial Review, and Defensibility

- "Fair argument" standard
- "Substantial evidence" test
- Consequences of failure to follow CEQA's mandatory procedures

What's New with CEQA (*interspersed throughout workshop topics*)

- Recent changes to CEQA guidelines
- Proposed or expected future changes

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Explain how CEQA applies to projects with environmental impact
- Explain CEQA's public review process
- Understand terms and acronyms used in the CEQA process
- Know the roles and responsibilities of public agencies in the CEQA process
- Understand the importance of fulfilling CEQA's requirements to avoid public relations or judicial mishaps

About the Instructor: **J. William Yeates** is an attorney at law focusing on environmental and planning and zoning law and policies. With 27 years of experience in California environmental regulation, his current practice emphasizes litigation and consultation in areas of land use, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Endangered Species Act (CESA), and election law. He has been the attorney of record on several published CEQA cases and was recently invited by California Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman to serve on a CEQA Improvement Advisory Group. In addition to his litigation practice, Mr. Yeates provides extensive consultation and facilitation on environmental conservation strategies for organizations such as the National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation. He wrote the Planning and Conservation Leagues' Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, a popular handbook which is available in both English and Spanish, and frequently conducts educational workshops for diverse audiences throughout California.

What to Bring: Pen or pencil and a water bottle (to reduce waste). Please wear comfortable clothing appropriate for the prevailing weather. Lunch will be on your own at nearby restaurants.

Credit: 0.7 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Tuition: \$190. (\$150 if registering before October 17, 2005.)

Registration includes proceedings, reference materials, and a copy of the Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act. Also includes coffee, drinks, and snacks throughout the day.

Registration: Three ways to register: online, via Fax, or via phone.

Online: you may fill out our online form available from <http://www.nwetc.org/training.htm>

Fax: you may fill out the attached registration form and fax it to (206) 762-1979.

Phone: you may register by phone at (206) 762-1976.

To request further information, call us at (206) 762-1976 or send email to cal_training@nwetc.org.

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Directions to:
East Meeting Room, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, Sacramento Central Library
828 I Street (9th and I Street), Sacramento, CA

The Tsakopoulos Library Galleria is located in downtown Sacramento, just a few blocks from the State Capitol. See below for driving directions, parking information, and maps.

Driving Directions

From I-5 North or South bound: Take the J STREET exit toward DOWNTOWN and get onto J Street. Turn LEFT onto 10TH Street. Turn LEFT onto I Street. The Central Library is at 9th and I Street.

From I-80 East bound, take CAPITAL CITY FREEWAY (US-50 E) toward SACRAMENTO / SOUTH LAKE TAHOE. Merge onto I-5 North. Take the J STREET exit toward DOWNTOWN. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto J Street. Turn LEFT onto 10TH Street. Turn LEFT onto I Street. The Central Library is at 9th and I Street.

From I-80 West bound: Take the I-80-BUSINESS LOOP / CAPITAL CITY FREEWAY exit (EXIT 95 - toward CA-99 S / SACRAMENTO). Take the I-80-BUSINESS ROUTE exit (EXIT 14A - on the LEFT toward SACRAMENTO / AUBURN BLVD). Merge onto CAPITAL CITY FREEWAY. Merge onto CA-160 South toward DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO. Turn LEFT onto N. 12TH Street / CA-160 South Continue to follow N. 12TH Street. Turn RIGHT onto I Street. The Central Library is at 9th and I Street.

Parking

Several public parking garages are within a short walking distance of the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria.

1. Republic/U.S. Bank Plaza Parking Garage - 917 J St. (entrance is off J St. between 8th & 9th St.). Early bird special: in before 9:30 am \$11 all day
2. City Hall Garage - Public Parking Lot -10th and I Streets, entrance on 10th Street between J and I Streets. \$16 maximum per day.
3. Renaissance Tower - 8th Street entrance, between J and K Streets.
4. Newport Parks - J Street entrance between 7th and 8th Streets, 8th Street entrance between J Street and K Street Mall.

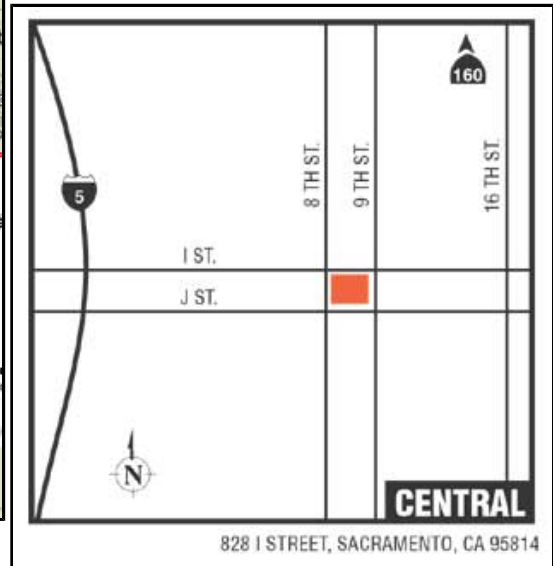
Metered street parking is also available.

Via Bus - Sacramento Regional Transit

The Central Library is served by Bus Routes: 2, 5, 6, 7, 15, 30, 34, 36, 51, 56, 61, 62, 87, 88

If using Sacramento's Light Rail system, exit at the St. Rose of Lima Park station.

Bus/Light Rail Route and Schedule information is available online at: <http://www.sacrt.com/> or call (916) 321-BUSS (2877).



Additional information about the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria is online at: <http://www.saclibrary.org/galleria/galleria.html>.

Please feel free to call us at (206) 762-1976, if you have any questions regarding directions to the workshop.

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(916) 447-1700

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1100 H Street

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<http://www.bestwestern.com/>

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<http://www.choicehotels.com/>

Holiday Inn

300 J Street

(916) 446-0100

<http://www.sacramentohotels.holiday-inn.com/>

For Additional Accommodations & Visitor's Information: please see the Sacramento Visitor's Bureau web page at:

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Notes and Refund Policy:

Please make checks payable to NWETC. Registration fees are fully refundable up to 30 days prior to the event and 50 percent refundable thereafter up to the day prior to the event. Registration may occur up to the day prior to the event provided that space is available.