

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

March Madness, St. Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings - there's so much to celebrate this month! What better way to kick off the rest of this month with brackets, Irish festivities, and time change...? Umm well, the first two will suffice. And things are looking a wee bit different, eh? An updated newsletter layout is long overdue and we hope you find this pleasing to the eye. If not, then let us know! We'll know where to send your opinions. Enough chatter, cheers to the rest of your month of March!



American Planning Association
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Inland Empire Section



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IES-APA AWARDS 2017 - DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 17

It's here! The 2017 IES-APA Award Nomination period is officially open. We will be accepting nomination applications now through Friday, March 17, 2017. If there is a great project, plan, distinguished individual or firm worthy of being recognized for their excellence in planning, now is the time to showcase those accomplishments. See application here:

- [2017 IES-APA Awards Application](#)
- [Program Policies and Nomination Requirements](#)
- [Student Scholarship](#)
- [Awards Criteria Spreadsheet](#)

This year, we've made the application process as simple as possible! For all the 2017 awards information, including the application, submittal information, and sponsorship, visit: [2017 Awards Page](#)

Also, please consider sponsoring the IES-APA. Sponsorships help to offset the costs of administering the organization and allow us to continue bringing quality workshops and programs to our members. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. See link here for sponsorship information:

- [2017 IES-APA Award Private Sponsorship](#)
- [2017 IES-APA Award Public / Non-Profit Sponsorship](#)

Any questions about this process or sponsorships can be directed to: Chris Gray, Vice Chair - Awards Program, at gray@wrcog.cog.ca.us.

You may also contact admin@ies-apa.org for any other questions or concerns.

2017 GREAT PLACES IN CA AWARDS

The California Chapter of the American Planning Association is pleased to announce the **3rd annual Great Places in California Awards**. A Great Place in California is one that exemplifies character, quality

and excellent planning. It can be anywhere from the beach to the mountains, from a large city to a small community. It can be a vibrant downtown, a suburban gathering place, a historic small town, a public park, or preserved open space. Most important, it must be a place where people want to be! Three awards will be selected in 2017. Please see the nomination form for additional information on the Great Place in California recognition. Nominations that did not receive a Great Places in California previously are eligible to apply again. **Nominations are due Friday, March 17, 2017.**



[Go here to submit](#)

For questions please contact: Greg Konar, AICP, VP Marketing and Membership, gregok@cox.net



SPOTLIGHT ON THE BOARD: MIGUEL ANGEL VAZQUEZ

IES-APA Board member Miguel A. Vazquez, AICP has been appointed to chair the American Planning Association's Diversity Task Force and to serve as a Committee Member of the APA's Membership Committee. The charge of the Diversity Task Force is to devise implementable ideas to increase the diversity of the members and provide insight into effective outreach strategies to diverse audiences. The charge of the

Membership Committee is to increase and retain members, while increasing the cultural and professional diversity of the membership. For the past two years, Miguel has been a member of the APA Diversity Task Force and through his involvement and leadership, the [APA Ambassador](#) program was institutionalized last year. His experience working with elementary students was featured as the first [APA Ambassador's Blog](#) post. He is looking forward to bringing the healthy communities planning lens into his work around diversity with the American Planning Association.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE BOARD: AARON PFANNENSTIEL

IES-APA Board Member, Aaron Pfannenstiel, AICP was recently appointed to the California Planning Foundation Board of Directors. The [California Chapter of the American Planning Association](#) (APA California) established the California Planning Foundation (CPF) in 1970 as a nonprofit, charitable corporation with the goal of furthering the professional practice of planning in California. The primary



focus is providing [scholarships and awards](#) to university students in financial need. The scholarship recipients come from many backgrounds and are selected because they are talented and motivated and have demonstrated academic excellence at university planning programs in California. A secondary, but vitally important function is fostering professional development through the sponsorship of workshops, publications, research studies and other continuing educational and professional programs. CPF promotes the objectives of equal opportunity and social equity in all programs supported by contributions and fund-raising activities. Aaron has been a volunteer on the IES-APA board since 2006 and will continue supporting local IES-APA initiatives and activities during his tenure on the CPF Board.

FUTURE OF CITIES CONFERENCE 2017 - IT'S A WRAP!

The Future of Cities Conference has wrapped up shop! The event was a huge success - it was well attended, well organized, and had a fantastic speaker panel. This was a great partnership for the IES-APA with WRCOG and UCR and we hope to continue this in the future.



EVENTS

JOINT IES-APA || AEP MARCH WORKSHOP - MARCH 23



OVERVIEW

Ensuring the conservation of natural lands and endangered species is an important element of community planning in the Coachella Valley and other regions of Southern California. But challenges may arise in managing the interface between natural habitats

and urban areas. The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), is the lead agency on a proposed 9.5± mile fence, along the toe of slope of the Santa Rosa Mountain foothills in the City of La Quinta. The Peninsular bighorn sheep barrier, project aims to limit the ability of endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*) to access artificial sources of food and water in urbanized lands, including golf courses and residential areas where they are exposed to urban-related hazards. They also impact golf courses, eat landscape plants and present a safety hazard as they sometimes wander onto roads. Katie Barrows, will describe the project, the Draft EIR and CEQA/NEPA process, and the concerns of residents, community members, conservation groups, and golf course communities affected by the project.

SPEAKER

Katie Barrows, Director of Environmental Resources, CVAG

Katie Barrows is the Director of Environmental Resources for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), She has been involved with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan since its inception in the 1990s. At CVAG, she also directs regional environmental programs on energy efficiency, recycling, water conservation, greenhouse gas reduction, and sustainability. She has lived in La Quinta since 1986 and currently serves on the La Quinta Planning Commission.

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017

Time: 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Location: CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Cost: \$20 for APA/AEP members, \$25 for non-members (lunch included)

EVENT FLYER: [03-23-17 Joint AEP-APA March 2017 Workshop](#)

[Register Here](#)



NATIONAL APA CONFERENCE 2017: NYC

Location. Learning. Connections. #NPC17 more than satisfies the big three reasons to attend a professional conference.

1. Location: New York City (enough said).
2. Learning: Get excited by new trends, challenges, and solutions that are shaping planning. Go home smarter and full of ideas to plan better at home.
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NPC17 will be held from May 6-9. Reserve your place today!

[Register Here](#)

CA APA CONFERENCE 2017: SACRAMENTO

The [2017 Chapter APA Conference](#) will be held in Sacramento, September 23 - 26. Connect with the 2017 APA California Conference! The Sacramento Valley Section conference host committee has been busy behind the scenes getting things ready for planners from all over California to come to Sacramento in September. To keep up with what is

going on for the conference, please connect on social media and utilize the hashtag #APACA2017



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OPPORTUNITIES / TRAINING



AICP EXAM STUDY SESSION

APA Los Angeles & USC Sol Price School of Public Policy Present: AICP Exam Study Session

Date: Saturday, April 8

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Location: University of Southern California
650 Childs Way, Los Angeles, CA 90089

Cost: \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members, \$10 for students (free for USC students) (lunch included)

Prepare for the AICP exam in May or November with APA Los Angeles' annual AICP Study Session. Distinguished faculty and planning professionals will give targeted lectures on a variety of exam topics, including: history, theory, planning law, emerging trends, and planning ethics. An overview of the new exam format will also be provided. This event is intended for people who are already signed up to take the exam, and those considering it in the near future. Speakers will include:

- Carol Barrett, FAICP, Assistant Director of Planning and Transportation (retired), City of Burbank
- Kathy Kolnick, Ph.D., Adjunct Assistant Professor, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California
- Diana Varat, Attorney, Richards, Watson & Gershon
- Melani Smith, AICP, Adjunct Faculty, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California
- Marissa Aho, AICP, Region VI AICP Commissioner

There is ample bike parking on campus, as well as several transit options, including the Expo Line. Arrivals by car should use Gate 3 on Figueroa and park in structure PS-X. Parking is \$10.

<https://web-app.usc.edu/maps/map.pdf>

<http://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/metro/routes-serving-usc/>

POP-UP PHOTO EXHIBIT

Immerse yourself in the beauty of three national monuments by joining us at Division 9 Gallery. The show will be exhibiting the beautiful photography of Jack Thompson, David Lamfrom, Mark Lundquist, Mariana Maguire and Frazier Haney. Their work captures the essence of the Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountain National Monuments, ensuring that you will personally want to visit this magnificent wild lands, and the best part - they are just beyond our own backyard. More info [HERE](#).



Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Time: 6PM-9PM

Location: 3850 Lemon St., Riverside, CA 92501

Hosted by: Division 9 Gallery, Hispanic Access Foundation



CA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: REVIEW OF SCHOOL SITING AND DESIGN STANDARDS

The California Department of Education and the Office of Planning and Research are hosting four listening sessions across California on the Title V Update. Title V informs school siting and design standards. More info [here](#).

To join one of the sessions please [register here](#).

The sessions are:

Wednesday, March 22nd 1pm-4pm Oakland

Tuesday, March 28 1pm-4pm Sacramento

Tuesday, April 4 9am-12pm Fresno

Thursday, April 6 1pm-4pm Riverside

RESOURCES

CM CREDITS

Earn CM credits while viewing video recordings from recent APA California conference sessions. Receive all information from the live session. No need to download PowerPoints. View anytime on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. Sessions from the 2016 Pasadena Conference and additional 2015 Oakland Conference are now available here at:

For questions, please contact **Francine Farrell** at ategoresources@live.com or **Greg Konar** at gregok@cox.net.

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JOBS / RFPs / RFQs

NEW JOBS

- Senior Planner & Transportation Planner with KTU+A
- Senior / Associate / Assistant Planners with Civic Solutions
- Senior / Associate / Assistant Planners with MIG
- Environmental Planner/Analyst with Kimley-Horn
- Safe Routes to School Planning and Programs Specialist with Alta Planning + Design
- Planning and Environmental Review Director with City of Goleta
- Planning Group Leader/Senior Associate Planner with Alta Planning + Design

IES-APA Jobs

RFPs / RFQs

- The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) requests proposals for the CVMSHCP Biological Monitoring Program. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available at: www.cvmshcp.org. The RFP can be requested via email at kbrundige@cvag.org. Proposals must be received via email by 5 pm (PST) on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Late proposals will not be accepted. More info [HERE](#).

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