Grassroots Guide to CEQA's Purpose, Power, and Process

Saturday, June 6, 2015
10AM to 4PM
Napa Valley College, Community Room
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The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is California's preeminent environmental law, and has helped safeguard the state's lands, air, waters and communities for more than four decades. The law requires state and local agencies to assess and disclose environmental impacts of proposed projects, and to minimize or mitigate those impacts to the greatest extent possible. It is an environmental 'bill of rights' that ensures the public is engaged in the decisions that impact them most directly. And it is a law that has fostered more environmentally sound projects in virtually every community throughout California.

This workshop will be an introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) with a focus on its purpose and implementation. An emphasis will be placed on practical use and application to give attendees an understanding of the law and CEQA process. It is especially intended to empower local residents and local environmental and social justice groups with the ability to affect decisions at the local level.

This course with case studies will cover the following topics. Question and answer sessions will follow each segment:

- Definition of a project under CEQA
- CEQA's 3-step evaluation process
- Use of exemptions to CEQA
- Negative declaration / Mitigated negative declaration
- Contents of an Environmental Impact Report
- Public review of and commenting on an Environmental Impact Report
- Final Environmental Impact Report
- Statement of Overriding Considerations
- What CEQA can and cannot do
- Legal challenge of an agency's decision

Speakers:

Amy Minteer, Esq., Partner at Chatten-Brown and Carsten Environmental Law, Hermosa Beach
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