

# LAFCO MEMORANDUM

## *SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION*

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January 6, 2021 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater  
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Report on 2022 36<sup>th</sup> Annual UCLA Land Use Law & Planning Conference

*This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary*

### DISCUSSION

Typically, Commissioners and LAFCO's Legal Counsel attended the UCLA Planning and Land Use Conference scheduled on January 21, 2022 for both in-person and virtually.

The Conference material is attached as **Attachment A**.

The program, included practitioners from both land use law and planning disciplines providing balanced analysis of critical legal cases that affect land use decisions. The conference also focused on the actual results of laws that have been in effect for some time and provided updates on aspects of the law, like CEQA, that evolve every year. The panelists provided their insight and perspective into land use issues ranging from housing and rent control to coastal policies, cannabis land use, and development and zoning law.

Santa Barbara LAFCO conference attendees will brief the Commission on perceptions of the conference at a follow-up meeting.

### Attachments

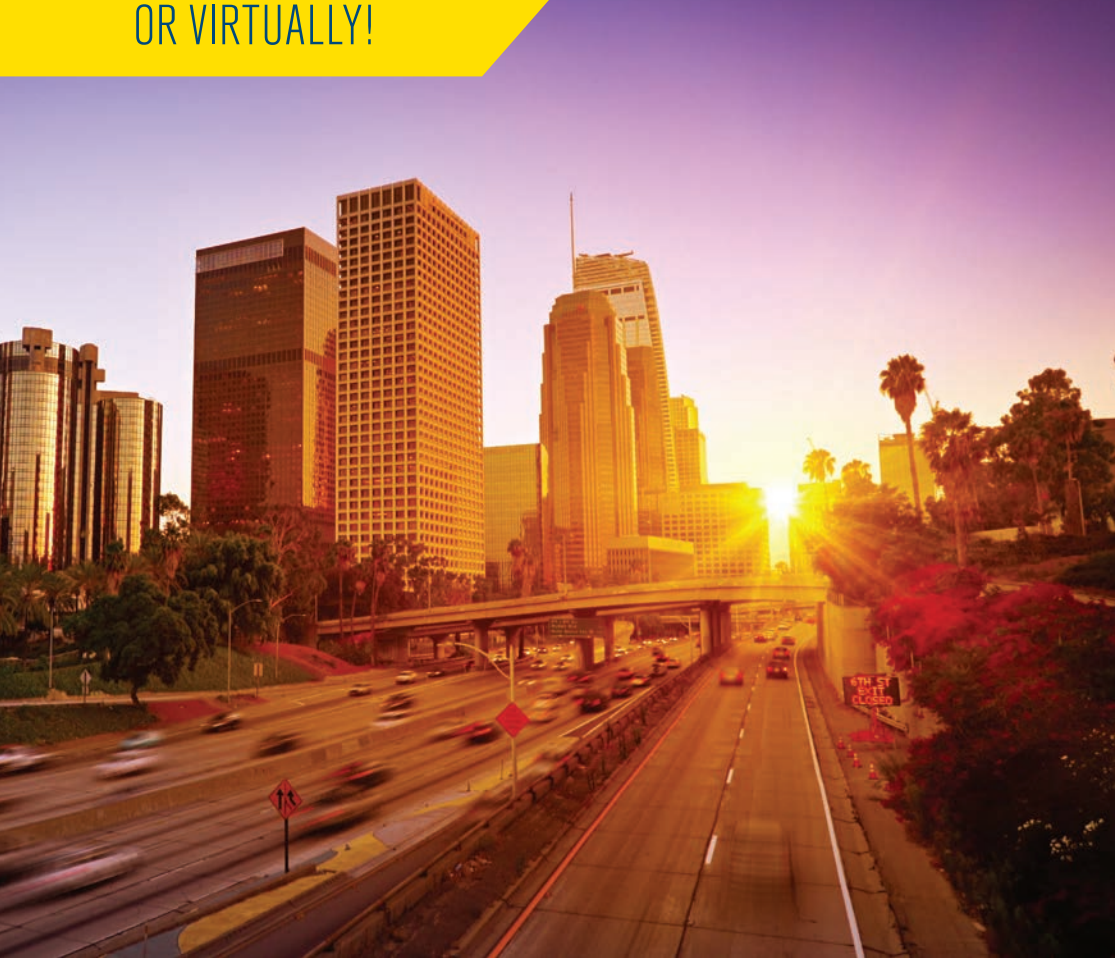
Attachment A      UCLA Conference Materials

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

**UCLA** Extension

# 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Land Use Law & Planning Conference

ATTEND IN PERSON  
OR VIRTUALLY!



## UPDATES, TRENDS & ASSESSMENTS

**UCLA EXTENSION PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM**

JANUARY 21, 2022, 8:30AM- 4:30PM

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**36<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# Land Use Law & Planning Conference

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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.

Join us on **January 21** for a review of the important issues of the past year and a look at what's ahead for 2022.

Now in its 36th 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. The conference is essential for attorneys, planners, environmentalists, and developers who need to know how land use law and planning is changing and affecting their interests.

## CONFERENCE CHAIRS



**Alisha Winterswyk**  
*Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP*



**David Smith**  
*Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP*



**Matt Burris**  
*Deputy City Manager, City of Rancho Cucamonga*

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## PROGRAM

**7:45am REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN**

**8:30am WELCOME & PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

*Dr. Stephanie Hoekstra, Public Policy Director, UCLA Extension*

**8:45am UPDATE #1 – CEQA 2021: A Year in Review**

A perennial staple and favorite at the conference, hear distinguished counsel representing all sides—petitioner, respondent, and real party in interest—survey the latest judicial, legislative, and regulatory developments in the CEQA arena, providing invaluable and strategic insights as to their implications for legal practitioners, consultants, and lead agencies.

**PANELISTS:** **Kevin Bundy**, *Of Counsel, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger*  
**Tina Thomas**, *Founding Partner, Thomas Law Group*

**10:15am MORNING BREAK**

**10:30am ASSESSMENT #1 – Wildfire, Drought, and Flooding Dynamics in California: What Can We Do on the Ground?**

It is indisputable that climate change is exacerbating wildfire, drought, and flood conditions to unprecedented magnitude and devastation. Join those on the front line of California's climate mitigation and adaptation strategies to discuss both the long-term implications for the Golden State as well as on-the-ground response strategies for today.

**MODERATOR:** **Ken Alex**, *Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research*

**PANELISTS:** **Alex Hall**, *Professor, UCLA; Director, Center for Climate Science*  
**Heather Blair**, *Senior Environmental Project Manager, Ascent*

**11:45am RECESS**

**12:00pm LUNCH**





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**12:20pm Keynote Address: State-of-the-State in Real Time**

*Lucy Dunn, President and CEO of the Orange County Business Council*  
*Jim Wunderman, President and CEO of the Bay Area Council*

Join two of California's preeminent economy-wide advocates assess and opine on the top issues impacting The Golden State at all levels, public and private. Hear essential perspectives to the statewide policy issues impacting every sector of the world's sixth largest economy—critical up-to-the minute insights on the day's top headlines!

**1:00pm RECESS**

**1:15pm UPDATE #2 – QUICK HITS**

The facts on the topics of the day—everything the Biden Administration is undoing that the Trump Administration undid from the Obama Administration; WOTUS; fuel standards; species protection; SB 9 & 10; and more.

PANELISTS: **David Smith**, *Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP*  
**Alisha Winterswyk**, *Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP*

**1:45pm ASSESSMENT #2 – Beyond ADUs: How Do We Deliver Meaningful Housing Supplies Throughout California?**

Hear directly from senior housing and development executives as well as one of the state's foremost policy experts on the opportunities, constraints, and paths forward to conquering California's housing crisis. We'll go beyond "CEQA needs reform" and "fees are too high" (both may very well be true) with those fighting the battle every day!

MODERATOR: **David Smith**, *Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP*

PANELISTS: **Bill Fulton**, *Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University*  
**Randall Lewis**, *Executive Vice President, Lewis Operating Corp*  
**Layne Marceau**, *Division President, Shea Homes*

**3:00pm AFTERNOON BREAK**

**3:15pm UPDATE #3 – Planning, Zoning, and Development Law: What's New From California's Judicial and Legislative Branches?**

Extra! Extra! Hear all about it! California courts and our state legislators worked mightily in 2021 tackling important planning, zoning, and development law issues. Join our panelists as they walk through the high points of last year's statutory and case law adventures, which will undoubtedly put you ahead of the rest on your land use trivia.

MODERATOR: **Alisha Winterswyk**, *Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP*

PANELISTS: **Matt Klopfenstein**, *Legislative and Legal Advisor, California Advisors, LLC*  
**Todd Leishman**, *Of Counsel, Best Best & Krieger LLP*

**4:25pm CLOSING COMMENTS**

**Dr. Stephanie Hoekstra**, *Public Policy Director, UCLA Extension*

# GENERAL INFORMATION

You can attend the conference either in-person or virtually via Zoom Webinar. You will have the opportunity to select between these two options when you register.

If you attend in person, the conference will take place at the Omni Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. **Sign-in will begin at 7:45am.**

Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza  
251 S. Olive St, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 617-3300

If you attend via Zoom, the Zoom Webinar registration link will be emailed to you **the day before** the conference. After you register using this link, you will receive an email from Zoom that includes your unique link to the event. Please do not share this link as it will only be active for one participant. If you need assistance, contact [humsci@uclaextension.edu](mailto:humsci@uclaextension.edu).

## Fees & Credit

Registration is required for this program. Visitors are not permitted. Fee includes conference materials sent via PDF. For participants attending in-person, a light breakfast, refreshments, and lunch will also be provided.

Regular: \$595

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\*MCLE Credit Program: 7 hours

\*\*CM credit: 7 hours

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## Enrollment

Visit [www.uclaextension.edu/LandUse](http://www.uclaextension.edu/LandUse) for information about this conference and how to enroll.

## Refunds

The refund deadline is January 20, 2022 by 11:59pm. Refunds cannot be made after this time. A service charge of \$30 is withheld from all refunds (full refund granted if course is canceled or rescheduled). For more information, call **(310) 825-9971**.

## For More Information

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