



AEP Climate Change and CEQA October 2010 PROGRAM



Environmental Case Law Review: Communities for a Better Environment v City of Richmond

WHAT: Please join AEP as we host a lively presentation and discussion concerning *Communities for a Better Environment v City of Richmond*, the first published appellate decision addressing the applicability of CEQA to the issue of climate change. Christopher Calfee will be presenting the court's holding on deferral of mitigation, and whether that holding sets a different standard for climate changed impacts, as well as the case's implications for climate change under CEQA generally. Bryan Chen will discuss the practical application of the court's decision.

Christopher Calfee is of Counsel at Best Best & Krieger LLP where he advises clients on compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and evolving federal and state climate change laws. In February 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Mr. Calfee as Special Counsel for the Office of Planning and Research and the California Natural Resources Agency, where he was the lead attorney responsible for the development and adoption of amendments to the CEQA Guidelines addressing analysis and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.

Bryan Chen is a Senior Engineer at ARCADIS U.S. Inc and serves as a member of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) Climate Change Committee that provides recommendations to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and other agencies on climate change issues from a California Environmental Quality Act perspective. In addition, Mr. Chen is a member of the Sustainable Silicon Valley (SSV) organization that collaborates with local agencies, businesses to help identify and address climate change issues in the Silicon Valley. He was the former Director of Air Quality Programs at Christopher A Joseph & Associates. As Director, he was responsible for the development and implementation of greenhouse gas protocols for environmental documents such as mitigated negative declarations (MNDs) and environmental impact reports (EIRs).

A boxed dinner will be provided. The event is free. A suggested donation of \$10 will be put towards AEP's Student Scholarship Program.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 27th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

WHERE: Oakland City Hall (1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA), Hearing Room 3

Please register by visiting <http://sfbayaep.org/oct272010rsvp.php>. For questions, contact AEP SF Bay Area Chapter Vice President of Programs, Geoff Danker at geoff.danker@ch2m.com.