

LAFCO MEMORANDUM

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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April 3, 2025 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Report on 2025 2nd Annual CLE Land Use Law 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 in January/February. This year the UCLA Conference was cancelled. However, you can now attend the California Land Use Law Conference in San Francisco, CA. There is no virtual attendance option.

The Conference material is attached as **Attachment A**. Registration can be found online at <https://web.cvent.com/event/b37f86a7-461d-402a-909d-1ac81ff07bd1/regProcessStep1?i=nfR2H25ls0uRlSsvuyiCMg&locale=en-US>

The program, includes a deep dive into the hottest topics, including:

- New State Housing Legislation
- Case Law Update
- CEQA Update
- State Housing Law Enforcement and Technical Assistance
- Builders Remedy Update
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Novel Technologies and Land Use
- Competence Issues

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

Attachments

Attachment A CLE Conference Materials

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM No. 4

June 2-3, 2025 • InterContinental • San Francisco

Monday, June 2

- 8:00 Registration and Networking Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Overview of Day One
- Alan Murphy, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
Perkins Coie, San Francisco
- Michael Guina, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
City Attorney
City of Burlingame
- 8:45 **Case Law Update**
Housing, General Land Use Cases, and More!
- Arielle Harris, Esq.**
Cox Castle, San Francisco
- 9:30 **New State Housing Legislation**
Major Changes and Modest Refinements
- Louis Mirante, Vice President of Public Policy**
Bay Area Council, Sacramento
- Alan Murphy, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
Perkins Coie, San Francisco
- 10:30 Networking Break
- 10:45 **Builders Remedy Update**
The Latest in this Rapidly Evolving Area
- Nira Doherty, Esq.**
Burke, Williams & Sorensen, San Rafael
- Christopher Elmendorf, Esq., Martin Luther King Jr.**
Professor of Law
University of California-Davis School of Law, Davis
- Barbara Kautz, Esq.**
Goldfarb & Lipman, Oakland
- Chelsea Maclean, Esq.**
Holland & Knight, San Francisco
- 12:15 Lunch Break (on your own)

- 1:30 **Climate Change Adaptation**
Sea Level Rise; Drought; Flooding; Wildfires;
Challenges and Opportunities for Local Agencies and
Developers
- Peter Banzhaf, MBA, PMP, LEED AP, Co-Founder**
Helios Real Estate Partners, San Francisco
- Molly Curley O'Brien, MPP, MBA, Senior**
Community Resilience Planner
WRA Environmental Consultants, Santa Rosa
- Len Materman, CEO**
OneShoreline, San Mateo
- 2:45 Networking Break
- 3:00 **Novel Technologies and Land Use**
Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Vehicles, and
Increased Energy Demand
- Matthew Gray, Esq.**
Perkins Coie, San Francisco
- Lesley Lowe, Executive Director, Transportation**
Stanford University, Redwood City
- 4:00 **State Housing Law Enforcement and**
Technical Assistance
Attorney General and California Department of Housing
and Community Development (HCD) Enforcement;
Housing Element Implementation; Accessory Dwelling
Unit (ADU) Law; Resources for Local Agencies
- Aaron Aknin, AICP, Principal**
Good City Company, Redwood City
- Dolores Dalton, Esq.**
Goldfarb & Lipman, Oakland
- Eric Phillips, Esq.**
Burke, Williams & Sorensen, San Francisco
- 5:15 Adjourn to Private Networking Reception Sponsored by:

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LAND USE LAW

Development in an Era of Rapid Change



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Tuesday, June 3

- 8:00 Sign-In and Networking Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome Back**
Overview of Day Two
- Michael Guina, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
City Attorney
City of Burlingame
- Alan Murphy, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
Perkins Coie, San Francisco
- 8:45 **Changing Times in DC**
How Federal Law, Policy, and Regulation Affect California Land Use Law
- Sean Herman, Esq.**
Hanson Bridgett, San Francisco
- Allison Schutte, Esq.**
Hanson Bridgett, San Rafael
- 10:00 Networking Break
- 10:15 **CEQA Update**
Current Trends and Issues Arising from the Crossover of Land Use and Zoning Law and CEQA, plus Appellate Decisions and Judicial Outcomes from the Past 10 Years
- Jennifer Hernandez, Esq.**
Holland & Knight, San Francisco
- Christian Marsh, Esq.**
Downey Brand, San Francisco
- 11:30 **Water Law for Land Use Professionals**
What You Need to Know About State Water Law, Water Supply Under CEQA, and More!
- Richard Frank, Professor of Environmental Practice**
Co-Director, California Environmental Law & Policy Center
University of Davis School of Law, Davis
- Dave Owen, Associate Dean for Research and Harry Sunderland '61 Professor of Law**
University of California College of Law, San Francisco
- 12:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

- 1:45 **Warehouse and Logistics Facility Development**
New Legislation; Planning Challenges and Opportunities; Environmental Impacts; Economic Development
- Lakshmi Jayaram, PhD, Principal**
Ramboll, Irvine
- Sean Marciniak, Esq.**
Hanson Bridgett, San Francisco
- 2:45 **Competence Issues**
Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession: Prevention, Detection, and Treatment
- David Mann, Northern California Consultant**
The Other Bar, San Francisco
- 3:45 Evaluations and Adjourn