



Association of
Environmental
Professionals

2025 AEP San Diego Awards & Scholarship Banquet

Purposeful Growth Through Reuse and Resiliency

Program

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
5:00 - 9:30 PM

Del Mar Social
3444 Tripp Ct.
San Diego, CA 92121



2025 AEP San Diego Awards & Scholarship Banquet

Schedule of Events

- 5:00 Networking and Cocktail Hour**
- 6:00 Dinner**
- 7:00 Opening Remarks & Program**
- 7:30 Presentation of Scholarships**
- 8:00 Presentation of Awards**
- 8:30 Photo and Raffle Contest Winners**



2025 AEP Awards Committee

CO-CHAIRS

Kelsey Hawkins
Harris & Associates

Lorrie Bradley
County of San Diego
DPR

Brent Burmeister
ASM Affiliates

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Avneet Sidhu
AKS Land Law

Melanie Tylke
County of San Diego

Shelby Bocks
Helix Environmental

Liz Herlihy
ASM Affiliates

Jordan Werkmeister
PSOMAS

Melissa Whittemore
Michael Baker Intl

Sydney Wells
Helix Environmental

Annie Cadiz
ESA

Alexandra Doyle
SWCA



2025 AEP Awards Sponsors

Level 1 - Visionary Steward

Harris & Associates
Helix Environmental

Level 2 - Sustainable Designer

Parametrix

Level 3 - Resilience Planner

ASM Affiliates
Kimley-Horn
LLG Engineers

Level 4 - Systems Engineer

Ascent
Rocks Biological
Placeworks
LSA

Level 5 - Eco-Builder

Sophia Mitchell & Associates
Kittleson & Associates, Inc.

Thank You!



2025 AEP Awards

Presentation Speakers



Anna Millar

Anna Millar is an environmental planner with six years of experience working across both private and public sectors. She has contributed to a range of CEQA and NEPA documents, bringing expertise in environmental review and regulatory compliance. Passionate about public transportation and regional collaboration, Anna is a dedicated team member at SANDAG helping to advance sustainable and resilient infrastructure solutions in the San Diego region.



Peter Casellini

Peter Casellini, AICP is a Senior Rail Transportation Planner and acting Manager of Rail Project Delivery with the Megaprojects, Border, and Goods Movement group of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), currently leading the Environmental Clearance and Advanced Conceptual Engineering phase of the San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment project. Peter has over a dozen years of public and private sector experience in rail and transit planning, including past oversight of transit planning for central San Diego with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and management of transit projects for agency clients across North America.



2025 AEP Awards

Outstanding Contribution to the Environmental Field



Donna Beddow, RPA

Donna, a proud San Diego native, began her career in 2000 with the County's Department of Planning and Land Use. Over 20 years, she became a leading voice in archaeology, historic preservation, and CEQA environmental review. She helped develop the County's 2007 cultural resources guidelines and led tribal consultations under SB-18 and AB-52. Donna chaired the Historic Site Board and collaborated across departments. After retiring, she joined Harris & Associates in 2022 as Principal Archaeologist, founding and growing their cultural resources team. Her passion for archaeology is evident in her work, mentorship, and even during bird banding, where she identified cultural shell piles. Donna's dedication has strengthened countless projects and supported the San Diego Chapter of AEP through volunteer service. Her insight, leadership, and resilience have made lasting impacts on her clients, colleagues, and the profession.



2025 AEP Awards

Scholarship Award Recipients



Vivian Mosqueda

Vivian Mosqueda is a fourth-year student at UC San Diego majoring in Urban Studies and Planning with minors in Political Science and Environmental Studies. Born and raised in San Diego, California she has always been inspired by the intersection of community, environment, and policy. Her career aspirations are to serve the underrepresented communities as a sustainable consultant, ensuring that equity and accessibility remain central in urban development. She is particularly passionate about advancing sustainable agriculture and developing water filtration systems to mitigate environmental hazards. With a commitment to sustainable and social equity, she strives to create solutions that address both environmental and community needs. Outside of her academic and professional goals, Vivian enjoys camping, stargazing, and baking, which allow her to connect with nature, explore creativity, and find balance in my life.



Katelyn Chen

Katelyn Chen is a senior Urban Studies & Planning and Environmental Studies undergraduate student at UC San Diego. She grew up in Santa Clarita, California and has always been interested in the ways the built environment impacts the natural world. Her career goal is to enter the field of urban planning with a focus on environmentalism. Last year, she was a Climate Action Fellow at UC San Diego, leading community engagement activities and conducting a personal research project related to climate resilience. This project looked into how individuals with disabilities are able to navigate the campus during climate hazards. Through this experience, she learned that she is incredibly passionate about working towards sustainability while equitably engaging with local communities. As she wraps up her senior year, Katelyn looks forward to learning more about what role she can play in building resilience in the professional world!



2025 AEP Awards

Scholarship Award Recipients



Valeria Landeros

Valeria Landeros is a proud UCLA alumna and current graduate student at San Diego State University, pursuing her Master's in City Planning. Originally from the small city of El Centro, California, she is passionate about fostering sustainable and equitable community development in the Imperial Valley and beyond. Valeria currently works as an Assistant Planner, where she contributes to projects that promote community development and well-being. Her long-term goal is to work across different sectors of urban and regional planning, with a particular focus on developing resilient local food systems and green infrastructure. Outside of her professional and academic pursuits, Valeria enjoys traveling, reading, and trying out local coffee shops and small businesses. Her diverse interests and commitment to community-centered planning reflect her dedication to creating healthier, more sustainable, and connected places for all.



Jasper Gough

Jasper Gough is a senior attending Patrick Henry High School. He plans to study environmental science at college. He hopes to use this degree to study entomology, inspired by his experience working with Professor Kulikowski at UC Santa Cruz studying the impact of local pollinators and his time in the Mission Trails Regional Park Eco Ambassadors program, where he learned about the impact of preserving native habitat. He particularly enjoys engaging with the environment directly, and he hikes at Mission Trails at every chance he gets, as well as doing cleanups with his AP Environmental Science class. At school he competes as a sprinter for the track and field team and in trivia competitions with the Academic League. In his free time, he loves listening to jazz and watching classic movies.



2025 AEP Awards

Scholarship Award Recipients



Miles Marsh

Miles Marsh is a San Diego native and a senior at Helix Charter High School. He is the varsity captain of the Academic League and is a member of the San Diego Fencing League. In his free time Miles enjoys hiking in Mission Trails with his dog and watching Jeopardy. This past summer Miles was the youngest camp counselor at Mission Trails and educated children on the flora and fauna of San Diego. He plans on attending college for Wildlife Biology and working for the National Parks Service.



2025 AEP Awards Finalists

MND/ EA

Riverford Road Roundabouts Project

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works,
Environmental Services Unit

Planning Document - Plan, Policy, or Ordinance

Fallbrook Sub-Area Plan

County of San Diego, Planning and Development Services

Least Tern Nesting Sites Monitoring and Maintenance Program

22nd District Agricultural Association, Harris & Associates,
and the San Diego Natural History Museum



2025 AEP Awards Finalists

Outstanding Innovation in Resilient or Sustainable Planning and Design

City of San Diego Coastal Resilience Master Plan

City of San Diego and Harris & Associates

City of Carlsbad's Climate Action Plan Update

City of Carlsbad and Ascent

CEQA Streamlining Document

Midway Rising Subsequent EIR

City of San Diego and Harris & Associates

University of California, San Diego's Update to the La Jolla Campus 2018 Long Range Development Plan SEIR

University of California, San Diego, and HELIX Environmental Planning



2025 AEP Awards Finalists

Outstanding Environmental Analysis Document - EIR or EIS

Nakano Project EIR

City of Chula Vista, City of San Diego, and RECON
Environmental

Santee Town Center Specific Plan Update EIR

City of Santee and Helix Environmental Planning

Technical Report

Midway Rising Project Cultural Resources Technical Report

City of San Diego and Harris & Associates

Noise Impact Best Practices and Zoning Ordinance Recommendations

County of San Diego and Michael Baker International

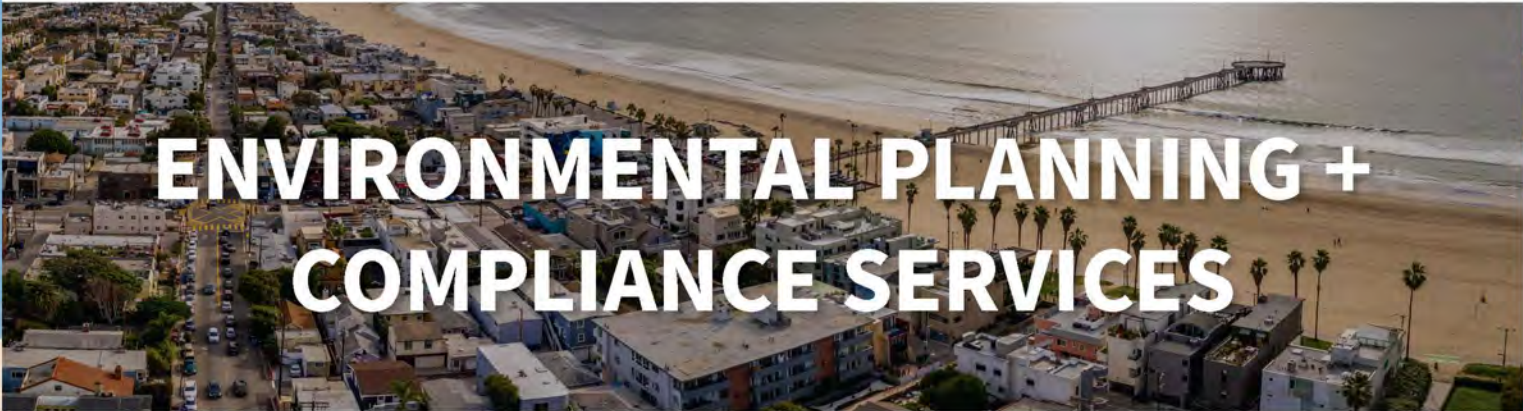
Subsequent GHG Emissions Analysis

UC San Diego and Helix Environmental Planning





Harris & Associates



ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING + COMPLIANCE SERVICES

- CEQA + NEPA Compliance
- Community + Master Planning
- CEQA Training
- Air Quality + Climate Change
- Biological Resources
- Cultural + Tribal Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Climate Adaptation + Resiliency Planning
- Permitting + Regulatory Compliance
- Municipal + District Financing



We're hiring!

www.WeAreHarris.com/careers

Concord / Salinas / Sacramento / Irvine / San Diego

www.WeAreHarris.com

Diane.Sandman@WeAreHarris.com | Ryan.Binns@WeAreHarris.com | Kelsey.Hawkins@WeAreHarris.com
Donna.Beddo@WeAreHarris.com | Emily.Mastrelli@WeAreHarris.com

HELIX

Environmental Planning



- *CEQA/NEPA Compliance*
- *Biological Resources*
- *Cultural Resources*
- *Historical Resources*
- *Paleontological Resources*
- *Compliance Monitoring*
- *Regulatory Permitting*
- *Habitat Restoration*
- *Landscape Architecture*
- *Acoustics/Noise*
- *Air Quality/GHG*
- *Other Technical Studies*

Learn more about life at HELIX and our exciting career opportunities!

www.helixepi.com/careers

SAN DIEGO | LOS ANGELES | ORANGE | RIVERSIDE
SACRAMENTO | PLACER | BAY AREA

Parametrix

let's create tomorrow, *together*

CORE SERVICES

- ✓ TRAFFIC STUDIES
- ✓ TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING
- ✓ VMT ANALYSIS
- ✓ COMPLETE STREETS/ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
- ✓ TRANSIT
- ✓ ROAD, HIGHWAY, BRIDGE
- ✓ MOBILITY AND DATA TECHNOLOGIES
- ✓ 4D VISUALIZATION

HELPING OUR CLIENTS
IMAGINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE

CALIFORNIA

- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Marin County

FOUNDED
IN
1969

(56 YEARS OF
SERVICE)

100%
Employee
Owned

ENR TOP 500
DESIGN FIRM
2025 RANKED
138

PLANNING
ENGINEERING
PLANGINEERING

20
Offices
800+
Staff

Join our team!



SCAN ME

12555 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE, SUITE 225, SAN DIEGO, CA 92130



COMMITTED LEADER IN CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT



ARCHAEOLOGY

SURVEYS | ASSESSMENTS | MONITORING

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

RESEARCH | SURVEYS | EVALUATIONS | IMPACTS

NATIVE ENGAGEMENT

COORDINATION | LANDSCAPE & PROPERTY EVALUATIONS

*** CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS ***

12 OFFICES | 120+ EMPLOYEES | DEDICATED EXPERTS

WWW.ASMAFFILIATES.COM

Kimley»Horn

Expect More. Experience Better.

As one of the nation's top engineering and consulting firms, **Kimley-Horn** has been providing exemplary services to the **San Diego area** for more than **35 years.**



Environmental
Review Services



Planning Services



Specialty Environmental Services

Air Quality &
Greenhouse Gas

Transportation

Cultural
Resources

Visual Sims

Noise

Permitting

And More!

With Kimley-Horn, clients and employees can
Expect More and Experience Better.



At our company, work-life
balance includes the fun times we
share outside of work.

Come join our team!



LLG Transportation
Engineers &
Planners

LINSCOTT, LAW & GREENSPAN, ENGINEERS

LLGENGINEERS.COM

SAN DIEGO | IRVINE | PASADENA





PLANNING
DESIGN
SCIENCE
KINDNESS
NT

ascent.inc



PLACEWORKS

50
1975-2025

PLACEWORKS.COM

Offices throughout California

ROCKS BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING




A reputable team with high-quality standards, attention to detail, and excellent customer service.

We Can Help.

- Protocol Surveys
- Biological Studies/Reporting
- Environmental Compliance
- Permitting Support
- Habitat Management/Monitoring

Expertise.
Experience.
Partnership.

www.rocksbio.com



LSA

SMA

 **KITTELSON**
& ASSOCIATES



2025 AEP Awards Committee

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VENUE!

**Del Mar
Social**



2025 AEP Awards Committee

AWARD JURORS

Nicole Marotz, Michael Baker International

Gulsum Rustemoglu, Environmental Compliance Senior Permitting Advisor
Small BIZ

Clare Alfano, Dudek

Molly Ryan, HELIX Environmental Planning

Janelle Firoozi, Harris & Associates

Jordan Werkmeister, PSOMAS

Sydney Margallo, Harris & Associates

Lorrie Bradley, County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation

Melissa Whittemore, Michael Baker International

