



# THE ENVIRONMENTOR

**SUMMER 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello, and happy end of Summer, beginning of Fall! The San Diego Chapter of AEP has had a wonderful summer, full of exciting events. We kicked off the summer with Professionals and Pints night. In order to reach all of our members, we included two locations: Pure Project and Original 40. We also hosted our annual Member Appreciation Event. The Member Appreciation Event is a free event to celebrate our San Diego Chapter members. The event took place at the Garibalidi Restaurant which offered panoramic views of the City. Members from various sectors of environmental work came together,

representing academia, government, consulting firms, and non-profit organizations. The event provided a unique opportunity to network with like-minded professionals, share experiences, and build valuable connections.

This weekend, on Sunday September 24th we are excited to be hosting our annual CEQA Practicum from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Mission Trails Regional Park. The event is free to all AEP student members and is one of the best events of the year! We are looking forward to continuing virtual and in person educational and social events throughout the year! We hope you will join us!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling all future environmental professionals!

Join San Diego AEP for our annual CEQA Practicum on September 24, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Mission Trails Regional Park – Visitor Center. Collaborate with other students and actively work with local San Diego environmental professionals to learn how to prepare California Environmental Quality Act analyses and documentation for a "project." The seminar will include an introduction to CEQA, followed by CEQA topic presentations by established environmental professionals, and end with an applicable group activity. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Free for AEP Student Members. Non-members \$25

San Diego Association of Environmental Professionals Presents

## CEQA PRACTICUM

Mission Trails Regional Park - Visitors Center  
Sunday September 24, 2023  
9:30 am - 4 pm

In this one day practicum, college students will actively work with local San Diego environmental professionals to learn how to prepare CEQA analyses for air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and transportation

### Practicum Activities Include:

- Developing a project description
- Identifying resources potentially affecting the project
- Completing fieldwork to collect data on potential impacts
- Working with a team to complete CEQA checklists for issues and drawing conclusions about project impacts



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# SAN DIEGO AEP MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT: AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

Written By: Julia Norris

On the 18th of August 2023, the San Diego Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) held the annual Membership Appreciation Event at the Garibaldi Restaurant, perched atop the InterContinental Hotel, for a night of camaraderie, breathtaking views, and gratitude. This evening served as a token of appreciation for the community of environmental professionals that make up San Diego AEP. This event not only offers an opportunity for existing members to stay engaged but also serves as an enticing incentive for prospective members considering joining this dynamic community of environmental professionals.

The panoramic views of the city, combined with the gentle breeze from the Pacific Ocean, created a backdrop that was truly special. The event was a perfect blend of relaxation and engagement. Attendees enjoyed heavy appetizers while sipping on cocktails, fostering conversations, and strengthening professional bonds. Members from various sectors of environmental work came together, representing

academia, government, consulting firms, and non-profit organizations. The event provided a unique opportunity to network with like-minded professionals, share experiences, and build valuable connections. It served as a reminder that the environmental professionals of San Diego are not just colleagues; they are a close-knit community dedicated to making a positive impact on the world.

We look forward to many more such events, where we can continue to build a vibrant and connected network of environmental professionals. Thank you to all who attended, and here's to a bright future for San Diego AEP.





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# AEP CHAPTER SUMMIT



On Saturday, August 12, 2023, the Association of Environmental professional (AEP) held the annual AEP Chapter Summit in Burbank, California. The summit included discussion between California AEP Chapters on the AEP Conference, CEQA workshops, the AEP Institute, the AEP Mentorship Program, and diversity, equity and inclusion.

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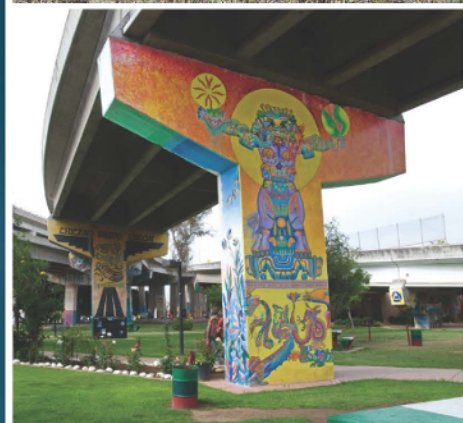
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# PROFESSIONALS & PINTS NIGHT AT PURE PROJECT AND ORIGINAL 40

Written by: Brent Burmeister

AEP San Diego hosted our first dual location Professionals & Pints night at Pure Project in Carlsbad and Original 40 in North Park on June 22nd. Familiar faces and numerous newcomers shared career stories, current project happenings, and teaming opportunities. We were especially pleased to see the student attendance trend continue with representation from Universities throughout San Diego. We look forward to continue hosting this event as a unique social opportunity for our members and other professionals in the environmental industry.



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SANDAG offers complimentary assistance to organization in the San Diego region through the Employer Commuter Program by providing commuter benefit programs that support alternatives to driving alone, including carpool, vanpool, biking, walking, transit, telework, and compressed workweek schedules.

The San Diego AEP Chapter congratulates all the 2023 Diamond Awards recipients!

See the awards recipients [here](#).





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UC San Diego Extended Studies: Fall Quarter Courses!

### Sustainability and Behavior Change Certificate:

[Conservation Psychology:](#)  
October 9 – December 9

[Co-Designing Conservation:](#)  
October 9 – December 9

[Community Engagement:](#)  
October 9 – December 9

### Sustainable Business Practices Certificate:

[Introduction to Sustainability:](#)  
October 9 – December 9

[Economics and Life Cycle Cost Analysis:](#) July 10 – September 9

### CEQA Practice Certificate:

[California Environmental Quality Act:](#)  
September 25 – November 4 and  
November 6 – December 16

[CEQA Project Management:](#)  
October 9 – December 9

[CEQA in Practice:](#)  
October 9 – November 18

[Advanced CEQA:](#)  
October 9 – December 9



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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE FOLLOWING NEW/RENEWED MEMBERS

Our local San Diego Chapter continues to see growth. We would like to recognize those who recently joined or renewed in August 2023.

Renewed Members Continued	
First Name	Last Name
Julia	Pano
Eric	Ruby
Michael	Schwerin
Nicole	Sheridan
Marc	Steele
Steven	Watson
Lisa	Woeber
Nicole	Zanchetta

New Members	
First Name	Last Name
Ashleyann	Bacay
Judith	Bross
Charles	Dare
Alexa	Fields
Daniel	Grafton
Jessica	Humes
Cassandra	Huneau
Stephanie	Hurtado
Peacelbisia	Jack
Victoria	Joya Euceda
Daniela	Loera
Bruce	Markman
Elisa	Piazza
Ian	Plascencia
Dawn	Reynolds
Molly	Ryan
Levi	Shwartz
Bridgette	Walker
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Staci	Domasco
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Lindsey	Frick
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