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An Introduction to CEQA and CESA Workshop
A two and half day workshop introducing the basics of the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California Endangered Species Act
(CESA)

November 12-14, 2008
(November 12-13 Full days, November 14 half day)
Lake Natoma Inn, Folsom, California

Instructors:

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Limited to 200 registrants – Walk up registration Welcome
(Late Fee will apply)

Lodging Information:

Lake Natoma Inn, Folsom, 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA 95630, Phone 916-351-1500, Fax: 916-351-0643

If staying at Natoma Inn please identify that you are attending The Wildlife Society Workshop

Other lodging accommodations may be available in area

Description:

This two and half day workshop will introduce the basic laws, regulations and project approval process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and permitting under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) for State and federal regulatory biologists, government and private wildlife biologists, natural resource specialists, environmental planners and students.

The Workshop will cover:

- ◆ Historical context and background information related to CESA as we know it today;
- ◆ An overview of the “listing” process under CESA: from submittal of the petition to the candidacy determination, and from status review to the final determination by the Fish and Game Commission; along with current trends in the arena, both in and out of court
- ◆ An overview of what constitutes “take” under CESA, as compared to the federal ESA, as well as an introduction to incidental take

- permitting under CESA and other take mechanisms available under state law.
- ◆ The workshop will provide the basics of CEQA as it pertains to a project. They will cover “What is a project?” What are and when do statutory and categorical exemptions apply.
 - ◆ Start from the Very Beginning: Basic CEQA Context, When CEQA Applies (what is a project), Statutory and Categorical Exemptions
 - ◆ How do I know what document I need? Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and Environmental Impact Reports
 - ◆ Process and the Product: What do these reports need to cover? How does a document make its way in the world?
 - ◆ Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Impacts and Mitigations. What is meant by “significant?” What makes a mitigation work?
 - ◆ CEQA and HCPs – looking at a few case studies.
 - ◆ Bumps in the road – what slows the process down?
 - ◆ What is happening in the Courts?
 - ◆ What other laws/regulations commonly interact with CESA/CEQA?

Registration:

Registration fee includes Breakfast, breaks, and lunch on Wednesday November 12.

Registration Starts: September 23, 2008

Early Registration prices end October 31, 2008. After October 31 a \$35 late fees applies.

*Early Registration fees: \$275 Western Section Members, \$300 non-Members, \$150 student members or \$175 for non-student member. Students must present proof of current university affiliation or Young Professionals (within 6 months of graduation from university or employed part-time or seasonally in a wildlife technician position).

*Maximum enrollment is 200. A minimum of 100 participants must register for the Workshop by November 5, 2008 or the workshop will be cancelled and all registration fees will be returned. Registrants will be processed in order received and successful registration will be notified via email with workshop logistics and information.

All registrants please complete online registration at www.tws-west.org starting September 23, 2008, credit cards accepted on-line. Registrants wishing to pay with check should register online and indicate that a check is method of payment. Then, send a copy of registration information by mail, accompanied by check, to:

The Western Section of The Wildlife Society attn: CEQA/CESA Workshop
Post Office Box 13543 San Luis Obispo, CA 93406 -3543

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PRINT REGISTRATION IF SENDING A CHECK BY MAIL

(Register online – all registrants must complete online form)