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# Letter from the PRESIDENT

by Jeri Ram, AICP, CCAPA President



Since my last column, a lot has happened. CCAPA held an extremely successful press conference; I attended my first National Chapter Presidents' Council, and California (Northern Section) hosted the incredibly successful National APA Conference in San Francisco.

The press conference in Sacramento was held in February and was well attended by newspaper, radio, and television media. We made the 6:00 p.m. news on some television stations, and I received comments from members on radio spots and newspaper articles that aired or were printed all over California! CCAPA is going to continue its commitment to being active in promoting good legislation and making our voices heard in the media. Policy and legislation are a key focus of the Board of Directors of CCAPA.

In May, I will be attending the Policy & Legislation Conference in Washington, D.C., along with **Collette Morse, AICP, Past President**, and **Vince Bertoni, AICP, Vice President for Policy & Legislation**. At that conference, we will have the opportunity to speak with our elected representatives on Capitol Hill regarding policy and legislation issues that are important to California. CCAPA intends to keep its

presence and stance on important issues known, so that when key policy and legislation issues arise, we will continue to be consulted.

I attended the Chapter Presidents' Council prior to the National Conference in San Francisco. The Chapter Presidents' Council serves as an advisory board to the National APA Board. This was my first official meeting on the Council. It was extremely interesting to meet with presidents from all over the country. We

exchanged ideas for positive changes that should be made to APA and AICP policies.

Additionally, I attended the Delegate Assembly, and we discussed national policies being considered by APA. I also spent an afternoon at the Diversity Summit 2005 (see <http://www.planning.org/conferencecoverage/2005/monday/diversitysummit.htm>) as a follow-up to the Washington, D.C. 2004 Summit. The purpose of both summits was to develop concrete ways for APA to attract, retain, and better serve minority members. Following the 2004 Summit, APA prepared a report entitled "**Integrating Diversity in the Planning Profession.**" Implementation strategies of the report were presented at this year's summit.

*It has been a long time since we have held a conference in a National Park. What a wonderful environment to spend some time learning from each other.*



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## The 2005 National APA Conference *Planners Help Make San Francisco Sparkle*

by Hing Wong

***While the Local Host Committee can't take full responsibility for the success of the National Conference, two years of background work is not chopped liver. Even San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome got on board the APA bus!***

Almost 400 members of the Northern Section and the California Chapter of APA supplied time, creativity, negotiating skills, fundraising, and sheer hard work to help organize one of the best-attended National Planning Conferences ever. Over 100,000 volunteer hours (who's counting?) were involved in planning the events and functions for the 6,000+ planners who came to the City by the Bay for the week-long APA National Conference in March.

Although some stormy weather during the conference produced periods

of rain, the Local Host Committee – and all CCAPA members – can be justifiably proud of just how smoothly the conference ran and how much genuine hospitality was shown to visitors and friends alike.

From the Local Host Party at The City Club of San Francisco to the Opening Reception at Fort Mason; from the three special evening events (Beach Blanket Babylon, Wine Tasting Extravaganza, and Evening at the Empress), to the various conference sessions and mobile workshops, planners had their fill of things to do as well as

opportunities to learn. There was no shortage of networking that included meeting acquaintances from the past and making new contacts for the future.

The Local Host Party at The City Club of San Francisco on Friday evening was a terrific venue to start the celebration and open the conference.

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The City Club is considered to have one of the best Art Deco interiors in California. It even includes a Diego Rivera mural gracing the grand staircase between the two floors where hundreds of APA leaders and local volunteers mingled.

The Opening Reception at the Fort Mason piers supplied views to the downtown San Francisco skyline, Alcatraz Island, and Golden Gate Bridge. There was plenty of great food and drink to satisfy the hungriest and thirstiest planner in attendance. In an attempt to be all things to all planners, one pier was quiet enough to enable partiers to actually have conversations, while the other pier offered a band and flowing margarita bars. A few planners – and even some APA staff members – jumped up on stage and rocked with the band!

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*Editor's Note: Although the APA National Conference is organized by National APA, a dedicated Local Host Committee (i.e., CCAPA members) spent thousands of hours giving the conference a decidedly Bay Area context. Hing Wong, one of the co-chairs of the Local Host Committee, provides this wrap-up of the two years of effort that went into planning one terrific week in San Francisco.*

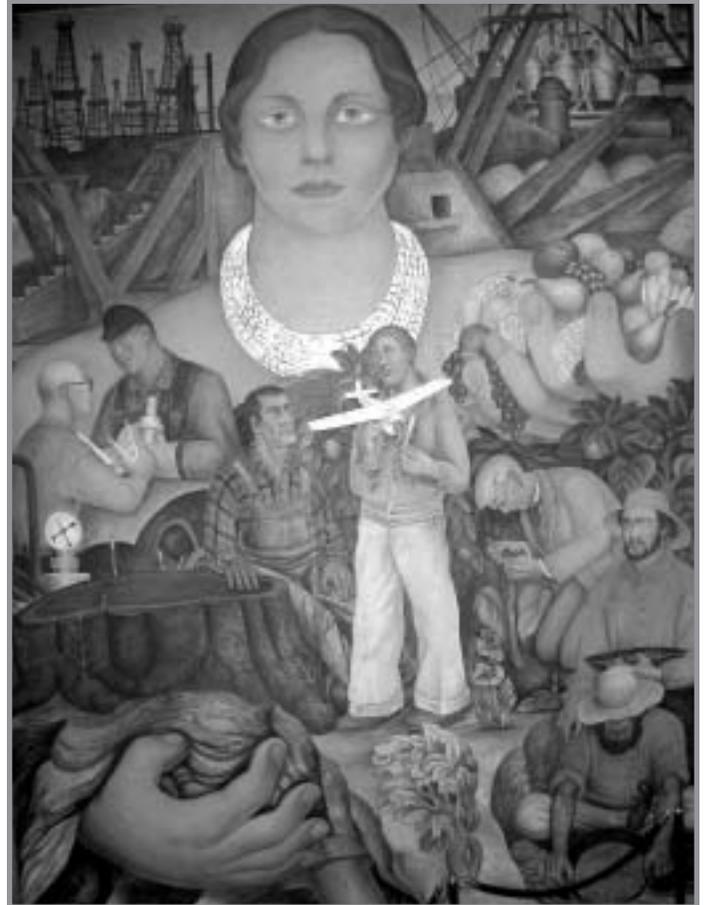
## National APA Conference Wrap-up

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Three special evening events proved to be favorites. People were literally rolling on the floor with the antics of Beach Blanket Babylon and the players wearing those zany hats. Over one dozen wineries catered the elegant wine tasting event at Pier One overlooking the Bay Bridge and Treasure Island. Finally, "Evening at the Empress" included a lion dance, a flag dance, and a wonderful Chinese dinner.

Two popular user guides were produced by the Local Host Committee for this conference. The Planner's Guide, "Four Days Around the Bay," detailed places to see, things to do, and restaurants in four distinct geographic locations (San Francisco, East Bay, North Bay, and South Bay). The Tour Guide highlighted routes and locations for the two orientation tours. These routes shuttled planners to sections of the City and/or the region to see firsthand some of the important planning issues facing the Bay Area.

The 85 mobile workshops included a little of everything in the region. During one of the mobile workshops, guides spotted **San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom** near City Hall and invited him to join their tour. Surprisingly, Mayor Newsom joined in for a short period to the delight of the group. A personal favorite was the mobile workshop to Skywalker Ranch, which is rarely open to the public. In fact, a tour of Skywalker Ranch is so special that when former President



*The Local Host Party took place under the watchful eye of this Diego Rivera mural at the City Club of San Francisco.*

Ronald Reagan requested a visit, he was turned down.

The Welcome Center (hospitality booth) provided much information on the Bay Area plus general information on how to get around town. The merchandise booth had some unique items, including Civitas silk ties that proved so popular they sold out on the first day.

We are grateful to the many sponsors who helped the Local Host Committee meet its financial goals. Still, the entire conference wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many who dedicated the thousands of hours, including those on the Steering Committee. Thanks to everyone for making the conference so successful.

*Hing Wong, Co-Chair of the Local Host Committee for the National APA Conference in San Francisco, is Director of the Northern Section of APA and a Regional Planner with the Association of Bay Area Governments. He may be reached by email at [Hingw@abag.ca.gov](mailto:Hingw@abag.ca.gov).*

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# Workshop at National Association of Regional Councils 39th Annual Conference and Exhibition

*Climate Change: A Transportation Planning Approach  
to Reducing Greenhouse Gases*

June 26, 2005 – 10:15 AM to 5:00 PM

Portola Plaza Hotel

2 Portola Plaza, Monterey, California 93940

The ramifications of climate change in the United States will be discussed. Panelists will focus on the topics of regional planning, transportation infrastructure, and the environment in relation to climate change. They will present ways Regional Councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations can educate themselves about this topic.

The workshop will also include concrete examples of how to reduce greenhouse gases in regional communities and offer participants a unique opportunity to interact with climate change experts.

**Workshop Fee:** \$75.00

**Hotel Telephone:** 831.649.4511

**Conference Hotel Rate Per Day:** \$149.00

**Contact Information:**

If you have questions, call Peggy Tadej at 202.986.1032, extension 224 or e-mail [tadej@narc.org](mailto:tadej@narc.org).

For more information, visit NARC's website at: [www.narc.org](http://www.narc.org).

The workshop is sponsored by a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Association of Regional Councils.

## President's Message

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The Conference in San Francisco was just wonderful! Kudos for the Local Host Committee: **Hing Wong, AICP; Alex Amoroso, AICP; Vivian Kahn, FAICP;** and **Mark Rhodes, AICP**, as well as all the wonderful **volunteers!** I received comments on the sessions and mobile workshops, as well as the special events and marketing from folks, and they were all positive and enthusiastic. A special thanks to all who contributed to make the conference so special.

In just a few short months, we will be holding our State Conference in Yosemite. It has been a long time since we have held a conference in a National

Park. What a wonderful environment to spend some time learning from each other. I hope that you are all planning to attend. See the information included with this issue.

Finally, CCAPA is proud to announce the launch of its new website as part of our commitment to provide access to planning-related resources and additional value to our members. Our new website affords you the opportunity to view and post jobs online, to contribute to our business directory, register for events online, and to take advantage of legislative and professional development resources. Check out [www.calapa.org](http://www.calapa.org)!

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# Measuring Metropolis: The San Francisco Bay Area

## *A Census-Related Research Conference*

A free conference for the planning community is being co-sponsored by the Association of Bay Area Governments and Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

**Thursday, June 23, 2005**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort Metro Center  
101 Eighth Street, Oakland**

Designed primarily for local, regional, and state planners, its goal is to inform planners about available but sometimes less-known census data resources. ABAG and MTC will also be reporting some of their research using census data. Registration is limited to the first 100 registrants. Handouts will only be available to those in attendance.

After you register, AND if you are unable to attend, please contact the Association of Bay Area Governments at 510.464.7957 or the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at 510.464.7839.

**No Registration Fee**

Lunch on your own from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 1:00 p.m.

**For information on registration or further information, contact:**

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### Planners on the MOVE

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**David D. (Dave) Davis, AICP**, has joined Winzler & Kelly's Santa Rosa office as Senior Planner in its CEQA Group. He can be reached at [davedavis@w-and-k.com](mailto:davedavis@w-and-k.com) or 707.523.1010.

**Mike Howes, AICP and Stan Weiler, AICP** are proud to announce that they have established the firm of Howes, Weiler & Associates offering a wide variety of planning services to public and private sector clients in San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties. They can be contacted at 760.929.2288 or [mikehowes@hwplanning.com](mailto:mikehowes@hwplanning.com) and [stanweiler@hwplanning.com](mailto:stanweiler@hwplanning.com).

URS Corporation is pleased to announce the expansion of the URS Southern California Urban & Environmental Planning Group with the addition of **Bob Rusby, AICP; Brian R. Smith, AICP, and Dev Vrat, AICP**.

# Commissioner's CORNER

by Kathleen Garcia, AICP, FASLA



## New Web Page

CCAPA has just introduced the very first CCAPA Commissioner's Page on the website. Visit [www.calapa.org](http://www.calapa.org) and see the new and improved website with pages dedicated especially to Commissioners. Here, you will find items of interest, such as:

- News for Planning Commissioners
- A place for feedback
- Upcoming Events/Calendar
- Links to resources and sites of interest
- A forum for discussion (coming soon!)
- A message from yours truly, the CCAPA Planning Commission Representative

## Board Focus

The CCAPA Board is in the process of developing this year's objectives and actions to better serve Planning Commissioners and Planning Officials. Education and involvement will be a key focus. Ideas under consideration include: regional Commissioner workshops on hot topics facing planning, training tailored on regional practices, and a standard curriculum for Planning Directors to use with their new commissioners.

## Yosemite

A series of sessions of interest to Planning Commissioners is slated for this year's CCAPA conference in Yosemite. There will be a dedicated session on Tuesday afternoon that I'll be organizing, as well as others on the topics commissioners face daily. Make sure you attend, registration is now open.

## San Francisco

Being a native San Franciscan, I left my heart there, but what about the other 5,999 planners in attendance at the 2005 American Planning Association Conference?

Even through the veil of rain, the City by the Bay showed off its finest in planning and urban development. The sessions were provocative and educational. A special breakout room for

Commissioners was the perfect setting to meet colleagues from across the country.

At one session on Ethics for Planning Commissioners, we heard about the concern for transparency and accountability across the country. At the keynote address by **Rockefeller Foundation President Judith Rodin**, we learned how town/gown cooperation revitalized decaying neighborhoods and solved planning issues. During the closing session, **Architect Peter Calthorpe** encouraged New Urbanists' thinking to switch its emphasis away from neighborhoods and towards regional transportation systems and employment centers. A number of other sessions provoked interest and dialogue among the attending Planning Commissioners.

If you were not lucky enough to hear these discussions in person, conference proceedings and commentaries are available on the APA website [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org). If you missed San Francisco or can't wait for more, start thinking about attending the 2006 San Antonio Conference.

## Planner's Institute 2005

I hope you didn't miss the League of California Cities Planner's Institute in Pasadena this April. The host city was the perfect showcase for smart growth topics. Highlighted were mixed use projects, mixed housing types, and downtown revitalization.

Attendance was one of the highest the League has ever had!

The keynote speaker for the opening session was **Paul Rosenbloom**, columnist for the *New Yorker Magazine*, speaking about the planning process for rebuilding the World Trade Center site in New York. As **Sharon Fierro**, Chair of the 2005 Planner's Institute noted,

*The events of September 11<sup>th</sup> forever changed the American public, and the redevelopment of this important site was emotional and difficult. While the problems faced by the city planners and the public were of a magnitude I hope we never face again, many of the issues were reminiscent of problems we face, but on a smaller scale.*

Next year should be equally as provocative. Mark your calendars for April 2006 when the **Planner's Institute** returns to Monterey.

## Ear to the Ground

With so many of us talking about Planning Commissioners, we are sure to increase both our opportunities and knowledge in the coming year. Make sure you participate and bring your perspective to these discussions.

*Kathy Garcia, AICP, FASLA can be contacted at 619.696.9303.*

# CCAPA WEBSITE INSIGHTS

by Dev Vrat, AICP, CCAPA Webmaster

## New CCAPA Website Advances Member Services

It may be the same old address, but it's a brand new us at the spectacularly redesigned CCAPA website, [www.calapa.org](http://www.calapa.org). With it, the Chapter begins providing state-of-the-art online membership services.

Ten years after the first CCAPA website was initiated in 1995, we're significantly expanding our online services through a new database driven website with a simple web editing tool. The new website provides *basic* online services to the broad planning community and *enhanced* online services to CCAPA members.

### Do a Test Drive

So what can planners do?

**Events** - Register for conferences and workshops and pay online using your credit card. Add planning events to the new CCAPA online calendar.

**Legislation** - Get an overview of current CCAPA legislative efforts.

**Professional Development** - Get an overview of CCAPA Professional Development initiatives and access related resources.

**Jobs** - View up to the minute job postings or post new jobs online. Payment is required to post a job.

**Resumes** - View and post online. You can even post resumes anonymously.

**CalPlanner** - Access a web version of Cal Planner online; the full print version is available to members only.

**Sections** - Find out about CCAPA local sections and affiliated organizations and contact section directors.

**CCAPA Feedback** - Send questions to CCAPA staff and Board members.

### Wait, There's More!

CCAPA members are now able to login with a pre-assigned member profile for exclusive access to the following:

**Legislative Information** - Access Members Only legislative resources such as Legislative Alerts, Hot Topics, and Hot Bills.

**Articles** - Access planning articles posted for Members Only view.



**E-mail** - Subscribe for email information about California planning and CCAPA initiatives.

**Improved Website Maintenance** - Chapter and Section Board members can now log in and easily update their sections of the website using a new simple web based editor.

### Thank You Thank You

I would like to thank Past CCAPA President Collette Morse and folks like Steve Silverman, Tom Stefan, Vince Bertoni, Sande George, and the entire CCAPA Board for working with me to negotiate the contract with InSiteLogic, Inc. for the new website. Special thanks to Sadna Samaranayake who provided outstanding service in representing the InSiteLogic team.

### How to Log in for the First Time

Click on the link "Forgot your Password?" in the lower left area of the webpage, type in the email address CCAPA has on file for you and login with the information emailed instantly to your email account.

Please Register Early - Space is limited. Early Registration Deadline: July 15, 2005

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



#### Royal Robbins

Royal Robbins is an internationally famous climber and adventure traveler. His climbing career spans 100+ years in North America and in the Alps. In 1905, he made the first ascent of the Northwest Face of Half Dome, and his next first ascent of the mountain in 1914 was El Capitan in Yosemite Valley.

Royal joined Modesto Rotary in 1988 and was its first chairman of the Preserve Planet Earth Committee. He is also an honorary member of the American Alpine Club. His biography, *Royal Robbins - Spirit Of The Age*, by climbing author Pat Ament, was published in October 1992. In 1993 he received an Outstanding Leadership Award from the Outdoor Industry. He is on the board of directors of Stanislaus Partners In Education, a business/education coalition in Stanislaus County, California. In 1997 he was honored with the Sam Walton Business Leader award, and in 1998 he received the Citizen Of The Year award from the Modesto Chamber of Commerce.



#### John Muir & President Theodore Roosevelt

A list of his highly acclaimed 30+ film productions opened in Yosemite National Park in 1993, and have been presented in Scotland, and in Japan, as well as throughout the United States and Canada. His most recent creation, *The Tramp and the Roughrider*, is a two person show based on the three day camping trip in Yosemite experienced by the naturalist John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903.

Lee Sheldon (John Muir) lectures frequently on the arts and the environment, and spends a considerable portion of his time promoting the performing arts in the national park.



#### Carol Whiteside

Carol Whiteside, President of the Great Valley Center, an organization she founded in August 1997 to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of California's Central Valley. Whiteside served as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Governor Pete Wilson on issues of land use, finance and restructuring and economic development. She was Assistant Secretary at the California Resources Agency and specialized in resource conservation, land use and growth management issues. Whiteside also served on the Modesto City Schools' Board of Education, the Modesto City Council, and was elected Mayor in 1987. Whiteside is a graduate of the University of California at Davis.



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2005

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Conference Registration	Yosemite Lodge
2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Setup	Curry Pavilion
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	CCAPA Board Meeting	
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Special Student Session	
6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Transportation Shuttles to the Ahwahnee Hotel	
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Opening Reception	Ahwahnee Hotel
8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.	Transportation Shuttles to Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge	

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2005

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Transportation shuttles to Camp Curry	
7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Conference Registration	Yosemite Lodge
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Exhibits Open	Curry Pavilion
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Opening Plenary Session, Opening Speakers - Jan Ram, President - CCAPA, Michael Tolleson - Yosemite Park Superintendent & Bob Pickard - Mariposa County Board of Supervisors	Curry Pavilion
10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Mobile Workshop #1, Story Behind the Scenery (Geology) Mobile Workshop #2, Sustainable Housing	
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Transportation shuttles to breakout sessions at Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	
11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Annual CDEA Update - What You Don't Know Can Hurt You	Curry Pavilion
	Impact and Implementation of Legislation Effective 2005 Pertaining to Housing and Land Use	
	Design Review Ordinances, Aesthetics and the Courts: Who decides what the Neighborhood is going to look like and why?	
	Planning and the Sierras: Innovations in the Range of Light	Yosemite Lodge
	Affordable Places, Not Projects	
	The Reality Makeover (professional development)	
12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Partnering for Agricultural Preservation	Ahwahnee Hotel
	Historic Preservation - A Most Excellent Tool for Smart Growth	
12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Transportation shuttles to Curry Pavilion	
12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Exhibits Open, Curry Pavilion	
1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Mobile Workshop #3, Early Days of Land Use	
	Mobile Workshop #4, Downtown Yosemite Walking Tour	
1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	Transportation shuttles to breakout sessions at Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	
2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Housing Californians: The State's Response to the Housing Crisis	Curry Pavilion
	Everything Begins with Planning - Keeping a Positive and Professional Attitude when your Professionalism is Questioned	
	Bridging the Gap Between Tribes and Local Government	
	Riding the Noodle in the Housing Haystack: AB2348 and the New reality	Yosemite Lodge
	Comprehensive Planning Using New Urbanist Principles	
	Environ Domain Takings Law and Ethics	
	Specific Plans in California - Raising the Bar	Ahwahnee Hotel
Exploring Reform in California Municipal Finance		
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Transportation shuttles to breakout sessions at Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge and Curry Pavilion	
4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Broke and Bewildered in Paradise - The Fiscal Crisis in Local Government and its Effect on Community Planning	Curry Pavilion
	When the Public gets Angry, What do you do next?	
	Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Practice Tips for California Planners and Yosemite Examples	Yosemite Lodge
	Tribal Gaming and Community Planning: A Primer for Policymakers, the Public, and the Press	
	Creating the New Yosemite Lodge Environment	
	California Mining: Community Issues, SMARA Compliance, and State-of-the-Art Reclamation Planning	Ahwahnee Hotel
	Deconstructing Jobs Housing Balance	
Gaining Public Support for High Density		
5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	Transportation Shuttles to Curry Pavilion, Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Transportation Shuttles to Curry Pavilion	
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Consultants Reception, CFP Silent & Live Auction	Curry Pavilion
8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.	Transportation Shuttles to Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	



## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Transportation shuttles to Curry Pavilion	
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Conference Registration	Yosemite Lodge
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Exhibits Open	Curry Pavilion
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Plenary Session, Keynote Speakers - Carol Whiteside, President-Great Valley Center and Royal Robbins-Hall Dome Climber	Curry Pavilion
10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Mobile Workshop #5, Merced River Plan	
	Mobile Workshop #6, Outdoor Workshop: Writing	
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Transportation shuttles to breakout sessions at Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	
11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	CEQA Update - What Planners Need to Know	Curry Pavilion
	Finding Water for Growth: New Sources, New Tools, New Challenges	
	Narrow Streets and Emergency Response	
	Wireless Tower Siting 2005: A Sea of Change for Planners	
	Debunking Downtown's Urban Myths	Yosemite Lodge
	Review of the Best Practices of Bicycle Infrastructure	
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	Inclusionary Housing: The Top Ten Best Practices in Adapting and Implementing Inclusionary Ordinances	Ahwahnee Hotel
12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Transportation shuttles to Curry Pavilion	
12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Lunch, Exhibits Open, Curry Pavilion	
1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Mobile Workshop #7, Tour of Yosemite Fall Project	
	Mobile Workshop #8, Bike Trails for Planners	
1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	Transportation shuttles to breakout sessions at Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	
2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Impacts of Big Box Retail - Economic Studies in Response to Recent CEQA Challenges	Curry Pavilion
	Property Rights, Takings and Eminent Domain: A Legal and Practical Update for Planners	
	Tune Up Your Historic Preservation Ordinance	
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	Planning Jeopardy (a.k.a. College Bowl)	
	How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love High Density High-Rise Living in Southern California	
	Sex (and God) in the City: Cautionary Advice for Planners Facing First Amendment Issues	Ahwahnee Hotel
	Water Supply Assessments: Lessons from the Front	
How You Can Participate in Shaping the Future of Planning in the United States		
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Transportation shuttles to breakout sessions at Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge and Curry Pavilion	
4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Navigating the Assessment Maze: LAFCO requirements for Municipal Services, Water and Housing	Curry Pavilion
	Introduction to Form-Based Codes	
	What Every Planner Should Know About Multi-Family Housing Laws	Yosemite Lodge
	Streamlining CEQA: How to Make the Most of Available Tools	
	Moving It, Dairy Siting Issues in the San Joaquin Valley	
	Regional Partnerships Cape with Growth	Ahwahnee Hotel
	New Twists of Transfer Development Rights	
	The Shopping Center as American Icon: Its History and Future Form	
5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	Transportation Shuttles to Curry Pavilion, Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Transportation shuttles to Curry Pavilion	
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	CCAPA Awards Reception (Exhibits Open)	Curry Pavilion

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7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Conference Registration	Yosemite Lodge
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Closing Plenary Session, Keynote Speaker - John Mair and Teddy Roosevelt	Curry Pavilion
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Transportation Shuttles to Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge	
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Exhibitor Teardown - Departures	Ahwahnee Hotel

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# Legislative UPDATE

by Sande George, Stefan/George Associates, CCAPA Legislative Advocate



## CCAPA Legislation 2005 Hot Bill Summary

As of April 11, 2005

### AB 549 (Salinas) - Affordable housing.

League production based housing element/self-certification bill.

*Support. Not yet heard.*

### AB 597 (Montanez) - Response actions: brownfield sites.

Revises public participation, notice and hearing procedures of the brownfield cleanup bill passed last year.

*Oppose unless Amended. Not yet heard.*

### AB 648 (Jones) - CEQA: disclosure requirements.

Requires identification of EIR applicant vs. use.

*Oppose. To be heard in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.*

### AB 712 (Canciamilla) - Land use: density.

Prohibits lowering of residential densities, on land not needed to meet RHNA requirements, to no lower than 80% of the maximum density specified for the property.

*Oppose unless Amended. To be heard in Assembly Local Government Committee.*

### AB 802 (Wolk) - Land use: water supply.

Requires the land use element of the general plan to consider any urban water management plan prepared and adopted by an urban water supplier that affects the land covered by the general plan.

*Review Amendment. To be heard in Assembly Local Government Committee.*

### AB 890 (Cogdill) - Housing.

Spot bill regarding the lack, supply, and cost of housing.

*Watch. Not yet heard.*

### AB 901 (Ridley-Thomas) - Community telecommunication plans.

Requires that local municipalities develop a community telecommunication plan.

*Oppose unless Amended. Not yet heard.*

### AB 906 (Houston) - Income taxes, credits, construction costs, qualified developments.

Authorizes a tax credit in an amount equal to 15% of the costs paid or incurred during the taxable year for the construction or rehabilitation of a mixed use development, transit oriented development, and affordable housing projects.

*Support. To be heard in Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee.*

### AB 986 (Torrico) - Housing.

Spot bill to address California's severe housing shortage.

*Watch. Not yet heard.*

### AB 1192 (Villines) - Public works, prevailing wages, affordable housing.

Exempts from the definition of "public work" and the prevailing wage requirements the construction, expansion, or rehabilitation of affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income persons performed by a nonprofit organization.

*Support. To be heard in Assembly Labor and Employment Committee.*

### AB 1201 (Laird) - Groundwater management.

Spot bill to encourage state and local agencies to work cooperatively to manage groundwater resources.

*Watch. Not yet heard.*

### AB 1233 (Jones) - Housing element: regional housing need.

Requires that the inventory of sites include the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need in the current planning period and any portion of the share that remains unmet from the planning period for all income levels.

*Oppose unless Amended. To be heard in Assembly Local Government Committee.*

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**AB 1259 (Daucher) - Property tax revenue allocation.**

Requires the county auditor to increase the total amount of ad valorem property tax revenue otherwise required to be allocated to a qualified city, qualified county, and qualified city and county, by a housing bonus amount. Also requires the county auditor to commensurately reduce the total amount of ad valorem property tax revenue otherwise required to be allocated to all other local agencies, in the county by the countywide housing bonus amount. Defines a qualified entity as an entity that has exceeded 80% of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation established for the entity as certified by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

*Oppose. To be heard in Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**AB 1360 (Hancock) - Institutional control sites.**

Changes land use controls for "public health priority site" defined as a hazardous substance release site that is proposed to be used for certain residential, school, or other specified uses and as to which the department determines that a hazardous substance release on a site presents a potential human health risk to future residents or workers on the site or on adjacent sites but for the ongoing engineering or land use controls.

*Oppose unless Amended. Not yet heard.*

**AB 1367 (Evans) - General plans: regional housing needs.**

Declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would direct state and regional agencies to take into account locally passed land use initiatives when calculating the fair share of regional housing for cities and counties.

*Oppose. Not yet heard.*

**AB 1387 (Jones) - CEQA: residential infill projects.**

Eliminates requirement for mitigation of identified traffic impacts in infill areas.

*Oppose unless Amended. To be heard in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.*

**AB 1450 (Evans) - Land use: density bonus.**

Permits cities under existing density bonus law to put resale restrictions on moderate income units rather than requiring the equity-sharing specified now.

*Support if Amended. To be heard in Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**AB 1464 (McCarthy) - CEQA: environmental impact reports: review.**

Provides that the review period established by the State Clearinghouse shall be known as the state review period, and that the state review period and the public review period may, but are not required to, run concurrently. The bill would require that day one of the state review period be the date that the State Clearinghouse distributes the document to state agencies.

*Support if Amended. To be heard in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.*

**ACA 4 (Plescia) - Transportation Investment Fund**

Deletes the provision authorizing the Governor and the Legislature to suspend the transfer of revenues from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund under Prop 42 for a fiscal year during a fiscal emergency.

*Support. Not yet heard.*

**ACA 7 (Nation) - Local governmental taxation: special taxes: voter approval.**

Changes the 2/3 voter-approval requirement for special taxes to instead authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the tax.

*Support. Not yet heard.*

**ACA 9 (Bogh) - Motor vehicle fuel sales tax revenue.**

Changes the vote requirement to 4/5 of the membership of each house of the Legislature in order to enact a statute suspending in whole or in part the transfer of this particular revenue from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund under Prop 42.

*Support. Not yet heard.*

**ACA 10 (Nunez) - Transportation Investment Fund.**

Spot bill to deal with backfilling funding under Prop 42.

*Watch. Not yet heard.*

**ACA 11 (Oropeza) - Transportation funds: loans.**

Lengthens the time the state under recently passed Prop 1A has to pay back cities and counties any revenue it takes to balance the budget.

*Support. Not yet heard.*

**SB 17 (Escutia) - Property Tax: Change in Ownership.**

Imposes a split roll property tax on commercial property, substantially increasing that property tax.

*Support. To be heard in Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.*

**SB 44 (Kehoe) - General plans: air quality element.**

Requires General Plan to include air pollution reduction strategies throughout the elements of the General Plan or in a separate Air Element.

*Support if Amended. Passed policy committee; to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 223 (Torlakson) - Infill housing.**

Establishes the Job-Center Housing Planning Program to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing loans, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose, to cities and counties to adopt specific plans or equivalent planning documents that provide for additional infill housing opportunities.

*SUPP AS AM. Passed policy committee; to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

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**SB 253 (Torlakson) - Housing: fees and enforcement.**

Authorizes COGs to charge a fee to cities and counties for determining shares of the RHNA for cities and counties.

*Watch. Passed policy committee; to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 321 (Morrow) - Development fees: rough proportionality**

Requires that the local agency determine how there is a rough proportionality between a fee's use and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed or the amount of the fee and the cost of the public facility or port of the public facility attributable to the development on which the fee is imposed.

*Oppose. To be heard in Senate Local Government Committee.*

**SB 326 (Dunn) - Housing approval without use permits.**

Prohibits use permits for any housing (not just multifamily as now required) in urban areas that meet specific criteria including development standards.

*Watch. To be heard in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 427 (Hollingsworth) - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: CAL-TRANS: right-of-ways.**

Exempts from CEQA the construction of any overpass, onramp, or offramp that is built on an existing State Department of Transportation (CAL-TRANS) right-of-way.

*Oppose. To be heard in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.*

**SB 435 (Hollingsworth) - Housing: density bonuses.**

Another density bonus bill.

*Oppose. To be heard in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 521 (Torlakson) - Local planning: transit village plans.**

Encourages transit village plans and requires a transit village plan to include a transit station and parcels at least a portion of which are within not more than a 1/4 mile of the exterior boundary of the parcel on which the transit station is located, or parcels located in an area equal to the area encompassed by a one-1/4 mile radius from the exterior boundary of the parcel on which the station is located.

*Support. Passed policy committee; to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 575 (Torlakson) - Housing development projects.**

Spot bill that will revise Anti-NIMBY law and the conditions upon which a disapproval or a conditional approval of the housing development project is based.

*Neutral as amended Passed policy committee; to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 673 (Denham) - CEQA: legislative intent: housing projects.**

Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would revise the requirements of CEQA governing the environmental review of proposed residential housing projects in urban areas that have demonstrated housing shortages.

*Watch. Not yet heard.*

**SB 725 (Morrow) - Land use regulation: compensation.**

Provides for a taking and compensation if a state or local public entity enacts or enforces a new land use regulation that restricts the use of private property or any interest therein and has the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property or interest by 25%.

*Oppose. To be heard in Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB 785 (McClintock) - CEQA: procedure.**

Changes the process for challenging EIRs and the process for petitioners in CEQA proceedings.

*Watch. Not yet heard.*

**SB 820 (Kuehl) - Water.**

Requires the Department of Water Resources to prepare and deliver to State Water Project contractors, city, and county planning departments, and regional and metropolitan planning departments a report that accurately sets forth, under a range of hydrologic conditions, the then existing overall delivery capability of the project facilities and the allocation of that capacity to each contractor.

*Watch. Not yet heard.*

**SB 832 (Perata) - CEQA: infill development.**

Expands the CEQA infill exemption if the site is located in a city with a population of more than 200,000 persons by increasing the exempted site size to 10 acres and the maximum number of residential units to 300. To be the CEQA streamlining proposal for the Senate.

*Support. Not yet heard.*

**SB 948 (Murray) - CEQA: environmental impact reports: short form.**

Authorizes a new "short form" EIR.

*Oppose unless Amended. Not yet heard.*

**SB 968 (Torlakson) - Land use planning: general plans.**

Requires the land use element to identify sufficient land for housing at appropriate densities to accommodate the jurisdiction's housing needs through the end of the general plan's planning period. Placeholder for League/BIA housing agreement.

*Watch. In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1087 (Florez) - Water to meet needs of RHNA**

Requires water to be reserved to meet the needs of all affordable housing units for low and very low as specified in the RHNA.

*Oppose. Not yet heard.*

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