

About CLEANR

The mission of the Center is to promote the development and implementation of creative, practical, and effective conservation strategies in the fields of environmental and land use law. The Center strives to advance a program of educational opportunities and interdisciplinary research engaged with intractable environmental problems, to facilitate dialogue and collaboration addressing concrete conflicts among diverse stakeholders, and to shape environmental policy both locally and globally.

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▶ WORKSHOP ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Native Nations Protecting Coastal Land and Waters in California

November 19-20, 2016 This two-day convening will aim to strengthen relationships among, and government-to-government consultation between, Native Nations and the California Coastal Commission, the California Coastal Conservancy, NOAA, and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, by building the capacity of Native Nations and Indigenous leaders to advance Tribal coastal and marine protection goals. It will focus on strategies to achieve community-identified goals relating to Tribal sovereignty and environmental justice and the development of effective, up-to-date state and federal coastal marine preservation and management policies.

Tensions of Transparency: Open Government Laws in Land Use Regulation

December 9, 2016: Open government laws facilitating public access to government meetings and records can promote public participation in the democratic process. Yet, some participants in public-private land development deals contend that existing open government law can constrain productive negotiations without effectively increasing public engagement. This roundtable explores the tensions that arise in the land development process, where the goal of maintaining government transparency can conflict with the goal of effectively negotiating complex deals mingling private resources and public authority.

Promoting Ecological Integrity and Minimizing Regulatory Fragmentation in California's Marine Protected Areas

January 13, 2017: Against the backdrop of California's ongoing assessment of its MPA network, this roundtable builds on a June 2016 scoping session and convenes experts and practitioners to explore the goals of MPAs in dynamic conditions, opportunities to overcome regulatory fragmentation in water quality monitoring, and the lessons of MPA collaboratives in promoting coordination. Developed in partnership with UCI OCEANS and working with state and local entities.

Food Security and Sustainability

March 10, 2017: This roundtable brings together academics, practitioners, activists, and students to examine the relationship between food security and environmental sustainability as alternative legal frames. It will consider the extent to which those frames complement and contradict one another, setting a relatively straightforward but ambitious agenda: to identify legal reforms that advance the goals of both food security and environmental sustainability.

▶ CONFERENCE SERIES

Affordable Housing and Land Use Regulation in California

March 3, 2017: California confronts an ongoing shortage of affordable housing, with the average cost to buy a home 150% higher than the national average and the average cost to rent 50% higher than the national average. This conference will address innovative state-level and local approaches to addressing California's persistently high housing costs. Sponsored by the League of California Cities.

Recent Publication Highlights:

March 2015: Alejandro E. Camacho, Elizabeth M. Taylor & Melissa L. Kelly, *Lessons from Area-Wide, Multi-Agency Habitat Conservation Plans in California*, 46 ENVTL. L. REP. 10222 (2016).

This article aims to instruct future areawide, multiagency HCP efforts about the potential trade-offs of particular design alternatives, specifically in light of emerging challenges such as climate change. It concludes that a clear and streamlined interagency framework that engages stakeholders and encourages open participation is essential to negotiate these trade-offs and maximize the likelihood of effective, multijurisdictional, adaptive conservation planning.

February 2016: Alejandro E. Camacho, Elizabeth M. Taylor, Melissa L. Kelly & Stephanie L. Talavera, *Emerging Regulatory Experiments in Permit Process Coordination for Endangered Species and Aquatic Resources in California*, 46 ENVTL. L. REP. 10131 (2016).

This article evaluates a range of efforts to coordinate proposed California Habitat Conservation/Natural Community Conservation Plans with freshwater aquatic resource permits under federal and state laws, concluding that strong guidance and higher level support from federal and state agencies with a well-developed learning infrastructure are required to direct, manage, and improve coordination efforts.

▶ ENVIRONMENTAL LITERATURE AND FILM SERIES

Merchants of Doubt: How a Handful of Scientists Obscured the Truth on Issues from Tobacco Smoke to Global Warming

October 27, 2016 Co-Sponsored with the Environmental Law Society

Failed Promises: Evaluating the Federal Government's Response to Environmental Justice

February 3, 2017 Co-Sponsored with the Center on Law, Equality and Race and Environmental Law Society

▶ SUMMER SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

Seventh Annual Session on Empowering Sustainability on Earth

Co-Sponsored with the UCI Newkirk Center for Science and Society

July 17-21 2017: This series convenes emerging leaders from around the world to exchange experiences and ideas and to foster collaborative research and action related to sustainability. Contact nyokota@uci.edu to apply or for more information.

▶ SPEAKER SERIES

Rocky Flats: Causes of Action

November 2016: This program will explore with key participants the decades-long litigation that arose from the near meltdown and radioactive contamination at the covert Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility in Colorado.

As the Arctic Thaws: New Challenges, Remaining Issues

April 2017: Building on the successful Arctic I Symposium and Arctic II Roundtable, this program will extend discussions of the state of Arctic governance and ecosystem-based management, looking toward the next major challenges facing environmental governance in the region.

Wayne Pacelle: The Humane Economy

February, 2017: Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of Humane Society of the United States, will discuss how animal rights activists have negotiated animal wellbeing and social change in Sea World, the egg and chicken industry, animal testing and humane science, and beyond.

