

The Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources



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University of
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About CLEANR

The mission of the Center is to promote innovative thinking and action in the fields of environmental and land use law. The Center strives to create educational opportunities about environmental issues, support interdisciplinary research aimed at addressing intractable environmental problems, involve UCI Law students in these activities, and promote dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders about concrete conflicts over local and global environmental issues.

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► CONFERENCES

Annual Fall Symposium on Emerging Issues in Environmental Law Practice

Desalination: A Solution to Drought and Clean Water Demands?

Co-Sponsored with Brown Rudnick, LLP

October 15, 2015: Access to clean water is increasingly becoming one of the key challenges to humans and wildlife worldwide as population pressure, degrading water quality, declining snowpack, and industrial and agricultural discharges contribute to this growing crisis. This conference will explore the potential role of desalination as a viable source of clean water in our region, as well as developments in desalination technology in other arid regions of the world, such as the Middle East and Australia. This symposium will also identify the challenges and benefits of this technology with the guidance of practitioners and policymakers at the forefront of desalination. CLE credit is available for participants.

Keynote Speaker



Frances Spivy-Weber
Vice Chair
California Water
Resources Control Board

Panelists Include

Paul Alfonso
Brown Rudnick, LLP

Heather Cooley
Pacific Institute

Maureen Gorsen
Alston & Bird

Ray Hiemstra
Orange County Coastkeeper

Jeff Kightlinger
Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California

Andrew Kingman
Poseidon Water

William Lockyer
Brown Rudnick, LLP

Gary Sirota
Coast Law Group

Dan Wolford
Coastside Fishing Club

Dr. Chris Yates
National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

Toward a Sustainable 21st Century

Strategies for Promoting Sustainable Food Security for the 21st Century

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

November 3-5 2015: This conference will explore lessons from sustainable farming practices around the globe and innovative approaches for promoting food security that are imperative for addressing global warming's impact on agricultural productivity. In addition, it will identify opportunities for reform and barriers to the adoption of more informed food policies to feed the world's rapidly growing population.



Annual Spring Symposium on Emerging Issues in Land Use Law Practice *The Many Faces of Next Generation Redevelopment in California*

Co-Sponsored with Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP

April 7, 2016: Development is booming again throughout California, and is occurring largely on redevelopment sites. Infill of the urban core, remediation and reuse of contaminated properties, and repositioning open spaces and infrastructure are examples of the land uses fueling the current development cycle. This next generation of redevelopment leverages a new set of planning tools and policies that replace extinct community redevelopment agencies. This symposium will explore mechanisms such as public-private partnerships, infrastructure financing and special use districts, evolving affordable housing policies, and land value capture regulations that are driving development and economic growth. CLE credit is available for participants.

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▶ WORKSHOP ROUNDTABLES

This series convenes leading policymakers, practitioners, activists, and researchers to facilitate dialogue, applied research, and practical solutions on key environmental issues.

Investing for Environmental Justice in Indian Country: Exploring Social Justice Impact Investing in Tribal Projects

October 23, 2015: This workshop roundtable will provide a forum for Tribal officials and community organizations to discuss energy development and its impacts in Indian Country. The roundtable will bring together Tribal officials, community representatives, federal and state officials, and experts on energy development and will provide a foundation for future policymaking, dialogue, and advocacy.

Redeveloping Democracy: Capturing the Public and Private Value(s) of Land Use

November 2015: Government actions, such as land-use planning, zoning, and infrastructure spending can increase the economic value of land. Land value capture regulation attempts to retain some portion of this increased value for public use. This session will bring together researchers and practitioners in land use regulation and public finance to discuss challenges related to public participation and community engagement in the design and implementation of value capture regulation.



Recent Workshop Highlight

Innovation in Habitat Conservation Planning

*Hosted in Washington, D.C. by the White House Council on Environmental Quality
Co-sponsored with the Center for Collaboration in Governance*

July 30, 2015: Building on a series of prior roundtables, this dialogue session convened at the White House Council on Environmental Quality brought together experts from federal and state agencies, environmental organizations, industry, and academia. Discussions centered on innovation in the development and implementation of Habitat Conservation Plans, including the coordination of wildlife conservation planning and permitting and the funding of transportation, infrastructure, and wildlife conservation.

▶ ENVIRONMENTAL LITERATURE AND FILM SERIES

November 12, 2015: DamNation

Co-Sponsored with the Environmental Law Society

February 25, 2016: This Changes Everything

Co-Sponsored with the Environmental Law Society

▶ SPEAKER SERIES

The Arctic Council: Environmental Governance under the American Chairmanship

April 2016: A panel of legal experts and policymakers will discuss which priorities the United States has pursued in its rotating chairmanship of the Arctic Council. How have these priorities been received by various interest groups—including environmentalists, other members of the Arctic Council, industry, and the ever-growing number of stakeholders in the Arctic? What is the relationship between these emphases and newly allowed offshore drilling in the American Arctic?

▶ SUMMER SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

Sixth Annual Session on Empowering Sustainability on Earth

July 18-22 2016: 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.



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