

Calendar of Events

January 8, 2026

Rural Connex Meetup

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Rural Connex

Thursday, January 8th | Noon - 1pm PST

Our state is vast and so is the reach of AEP. That's why we are announcing our second meetup series: Rural Connex. After launching our Early Career Meetups in March, we wanted to create another virtual session where members can connect, share, and help solve the challenges they meet in their day-to-day work. This meetup is for members who share the commonality of living and/or working in the non-urban regions and counties of California. Each monthly session consists of unstructured time to bring our different backgrounds and experiences to this same point we share in common: the issues and nuances of the rural corners of our field as environmental professionals. Of course, this meetup is open to any member (but you must be a current member to register).

Pricing: Free for AEP Members

January 13, 2026

Early Career Meetup

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Early Career Meetup

Tuesday, January 13th | Noon - 1pm PST

Join us for our next AEP Early Career Meetup! This monthly virtual session is designed for current AEP members who are new college graduates, just starting out their first role as an environmental professional, or making a career switch into the field later in life. And if that isn't you, we invite you to join anyway — this meetup is open to all AEP members! Our goal is to facilitate connections, learning, and collaborative support across our organization. There's no need to prepare or bring anything along: just come as you are and be part of the conversation.

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January 15, 2026

2025 CEQA Essentials Webinar

09:00 AM - 04:30 PM PST

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An Introduction & Intermediate-Level Training

Thursday, January 15, 2026 | 9:00am - 4:30pm

The Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) invites you to register for the CEQA Essentials Workshop. This workshop provides a basic understanding of the fundamentals of the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines, and includes intermediate-level practice pointers and case studies. This workshop features a curriculum developed specifically for people involved in the environmental review process, including consultants, regulators, applicants, or industry professionals, and will benefit those new to the field as well as mid-level practicing professionals.

Topics will include:

*Context and Legislative Intent
The Rules and Key Guiding Principles
Preliminary Review
Effective Project Description
Preparing Effective Initial Studies
NDs/MNDs
EIR Contents and Process
Subsequent Review
NEPA – The Big Picture
Implementation of New Legislation*

Pricing

*Member (Full/Agency/Corporate): \$125
Member (Young Professional/Emeritus): \$75
Member (Student): \$25
Non-Member: \$275
Non-Member Group Rate (per person for groups of 3+): \$175*

April 23, 2026
- April 26, 2026

2026 AEP Conference: Sands to Shores: Pathways to Thriving Communities
Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

Thursday-Sunday

The San Diego Chapter will host the 2026 AEP Conference at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, April 23-26, 2026! The theme of this conference is "Sands to Shores: Pathways to Thriving Communities." The Conference provides attendees with informative and engaging sessions, a sponsor and exhibitor showcase, and multiple networking opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from over 40 different sessions under 6 different session tracks, featuring relevant topics ranging from climate change adaptation & resiliency to new tools & AI, and including a handful of single-standing sessions based on law and ethics, students/young professionals, and more!

AICP and MCLE credits will be offered for nearly every session.

Whether you're looking to enhance your career and further your knowledge as an environmental professional or just starting out in the environmental field, this is a conference you won't want to miss!

Don't miss out on the many benefits of attending our annual conference, including career development, networking opportunities, and more!