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**2017 Inland Empire Your Voice  
Land, Air and Water: Navigating Complex  
Environmental Issues in the Inland Empire**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017**

**Riverside City College**

4800 Magnolia Avenue

Riverside, CA 92506

Register Online: <http://environmental.calbar.ca.gov>

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## Registration

9 a.m.

## Welcome Remarks & Keynote Address

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

A long-time resident and representative of the Inland Empire, Assembly Member Jose Medina has witnessed first-hand the changing landscape of his community. In particular, as a member of the Transportation Committee in the State Legislature, Mr. Medina is uniquely positioned to understand the complex impacts transportation issues have on the Inland Empire. The Inland Empire has been in the midst of transportation improvements for decades, which has brought with it substantial socioeconomic benefits, but at the same time the transportation improvements are impacting the Inland Empire environment and the residents who live there. Transportation increases mobility for passengers and freight, improving commutes for workers and cutting costs for businesses who seek lower cost land for warehouses and manufacturing. However, these improvements are also associated with environmental externalities, including emission of pollutants and their impacts on the environment in the immediate region as well as cross boarder throughout the planet. Direct impacts to the region include noise and carbon monoxide emissions from increased number of freight and passenger vehicles traveling through the area or locating in the area. Indirect impacts include respiratory and cardiovascular problems linked to particulates from incomplete combustion in an internal combustion engine. And finally, there are cumulative impacts; for example, transportation plays an important role in climate change -- 15% of global CO2 emissions are attributed to the transportation sector. These impacts are regulated by various agencies in the region, state, and federal government to mitigate them, including oversight through CEQA, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act. In particular, these impacts can affect lower income residents more than others, which is why regulation is important to protect the community. Mr. Medina is a critical member of the state Assembly with the awareness of the complexities of the role of transportation on environmental policy and the economy, as well as mitigation strategies that are overseen by regulators in the region. Because the transportation sector is often subsidized by the public sector, and usually free to users, providing economic benefit to the region, public stakes in transport modes can be at odd with environmental policy goals. Mr. Medina will discuss the state's efforts to balance transportation improvements with environmental policy. Those attending this conference will benefit from Mr. Medina's insight concerning this important balancing act between law, science, and the economy, as well as the impact of transportation on businesses and residents.

**Keynote address: Assembly Member Jose Medina, District 61**

## Living the Good Life: The Intersection of Land Use, Climate Change, and Toxic Air Contaminants

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Recent legislation and the goal of reducing greenhouse gasses from the transportation and industrial development sectors are pushing future development towards increased density clustered around transportation corridors. This has the beneficial effect of reducing GHGs and regional air quality emissions. But does this new motif have a drawback insofar as placing residential development (and the families that occupy them) in areas adjacent to freeways, rail lines, warehouses and other uses that may create localized levels of toxic air contaminants? Come and hear this panel summarize recent legislation and case law, and discuss the multiple priorities that are involving in California's future development.

**Moderator:** Kim Bick, Partner, Bick Law LLP, Newport Beach

**Panelists:** Ricia Hager, Director, Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, Costa Mesa  
Ian MacMillan, Planning Manager, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar  
Charity Schiller, Partner, Best Best & Krieger, Riverside  
Penny Newman, Founder, Executive Director, and Board Member Emeritus, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice Jurupa Valley

## Lunch (Provided)

12 noon - 12:30 p.m.

## The Salton Sea in 2017: A Critical Year for the Long-Term Environmental Health of California's Largest Inland Sea

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The Salton Sea, California's largest inland sea, faces a critical turning point in 2017, with fifteen years of long-term water supply coming to an end under the Quantification Settlement Agreement. Whether and how California and the federal government will respond to this crisis will profoundly affect the fate of this once-popular resort destination. Our panelists will discuss the environmental challenges facing the Salton Sea and what the state and federal governments are doing, or should be doing, to avert a potential environmental calamity.

**Moderator:** Roger Moore, Partner, Rossmann and Moore, LLP, Berkeley

**Panelists:** Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, Salton Sea Policy, California Department of Natural Resources, Sacramento  
Marc Maynard, Salton Sea Program Manager, Lower Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, Nevada  
Michael Cohen, Senior Research Assistant, Pacific Institute, Oakland

## Break

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

## **It's Raining, It's Pouring. Are We Ready For Storing?**

**2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

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Our expert panel will discuss the Inland Empire's water supply needs and current and potential pollution threats. It will explore how the IE can lead the way with integrated water storage and conservation policies that are already put in place, like the One Water One Watershed agreement, and future plans. The panel will also talk about the resources that are at stake in terms of habitat, species and other environmental resources.

**Moderator:** Jennifer F. Novak, Law Office of Jennifer F. Novak,  
Rolling Hills Estates

**Panelists:** Celeste Cantu, General Manager, Santa Ana  
Watershed Project Authority, Riverside  
Megan Brousseau, Associate Director, Inland Empire  
Waterkeeper, Riverside  
Peter Kavounas, General Manager, Chino Basin  
Watermaster, Rancho Cucamonga

## **Closing Remarks**

**3:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

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# **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

## **CANCELLATIONS/REFUND POLICY**

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing no later than Friday, April 28, 2017 and are subject to a \$50 service charge. Refunds will not be available after Friday, April 28, 2017.

## **QUESTIONS**

For registration information call 415-538-2508. Telephone registrations will not be accepted. For program content and/or Section information call 415-538-2582.

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