

David SNOW

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A city attorney who specializes in land use and CEQA, Dave's over 20 years of legal experience is built upon a decade of experience as a public agency planner. He is adept at guiding projects through the complex and often politically charged land use entitlement and CEQA process, and aiding public agencies in arriving at decisions that will withstand legal challenge.

WORK FOR CLIENTS

Dave is Assistant City Attorney for the City of Beverly Hills, and has represented cities and public agencies throughout California on complex land use, planning, and CEQA matters, including the cities of Brea, Compton, East Palo Alto, Fairfield, Hawthorne, Indio, Pasadena, Rancho Palos Verdes, Seaside, Temecula, San Buena Ventura, and Yucaipa. Dave advises the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority on land use and CEQA matters, and represented the Gold Line Construction Authority.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining RWG in 2001, Dave spent a decade as a public agency planner. Dave attended Loyola Law School's evening program while concurrently serving as the Deputy Planning Director in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

Member, American Planning Association and APA California Chapter

PRACTICE AREAS

Environment & Natural Resources

Municipal & Public Agency Law

FOCUS AREAS

Airports, Rail & Transit

Brown Act & Open Government

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) (Environmental)

Development Agreements

Historic Preservation

Land Use Planning & Zoning (Environmental)

Land Use Planning & Zoning (Municipal)

Subdivision Map Act

EDUCATION

J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

B.S., Clarkson University

Member, APA California Amicus Committee

Longstanding Member of the APA California Legislative Review Team

APA California Chapter Vice President of Policy and Legislation (2011 – 2014)

APA California Chapter National Policy and Legislation Representative (2009-2010)

APA California Chapter, Los Angeles Section Vice Director of Policy and Legislation (2004-2010)

Frequent lecturer on planning, land use and CEQA issues

EXPERIENCE

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

- ▶ Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority – Replacement Terminal EIR and Development Agreement
- ▶ City of Yucaipa General Plan Update and EIR
- ▶ Beverly Hilton Specific Plan, City of Beverly Hills
- ▶ 9900 Wilshire Specific Plan / One Beverly Hills Project Amendment, City of Beverly Hills
- ▶ Indio Music Festival Development Agreement EIR, City of Indio
- ▶ Review of Facebook Campus Expansion EIR, City of East Palo Alto
- ▶ Parsons Project, City of Pasadena
- ▶ Terranea Resort, Rancho Palos Verdes
- ▶ City of Beverly Hills Historic Preservation Ordinance
- ▶ Opposition to Liberty Quarry Proposal, City of Temecula
- ▶ Marin Clean Energy CEQA Advice on Solar Facility and Power Purchase Agreement
- ▶ Wal-Mart Project, City of Fairfield
- ▶ Assisted City of San Jose with Google Project Development Agreement

NEWS

New Exemptions, Streamlined Review of Certain Non-Exempt Projects Among Recent Changes to CEQA
08.20.2025

Governor Signs New Housing and Parking Legislation
09.29.2022

New Law Requires Ministerial Approval of Duplexes and Urban Lot Splits
09.21.2021

General Public Testimony About Impacts Insufficient to Meet "Fair Argument" CEQA Test
08.09.2021

PRESENTATIONS

2018 Legislative Update
American Planners Association, Orange County Section, 04.18.2019

Administrative Records: The Foundation of Land Use and CEQA Challenges
League of California Cities City Attorney's Department Spring Conference, 05.2017

Summary of Significant Legislation from 2016
Planning Directors Association of Orange County / APA Orange County Section Planning, 03.2017

Tribal Cultural Resources and CEQA (Assembly Bill 52)
United Auburn Indian Community, 02.2017

AB52 Tribal Consultation Update
CLE 12th Annual CEQA Conference, 12.2016

Connecting the Dots: Strategies for Making Findings
APA California State Conference, 10.10.2016

Tribes and CEQA: New Rules for Tribal Consultation Under AB52
LSI, Cabazon, 06.2016

Summary of Significant Legislation from 2015
Planning Directors Association of Orange County / APA Orange County Section Planning, 02.2016

AB52 Tribal Consultation Roundtable

APA California State Conference, 10.2015

Tribal Cultural Resources and CEQA (Assembly Bill 52)

State Bar of California Webinar, 06.2015

Summary of Significant Legislation from 2014

Planning Directors Association of Orange County, 02.2015

AB52 Tribal Consultation

California Land Use Law and Planning Update, 01.2015

AB52 New Tribal Consultation Requirements

CLE 10th Annual CEQA Conference, 12.10.2014