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## Planning for economic stimulus

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the “economic stimulus” package) is now law and will likely have a big impact on us in the planning, design, and development fields. (More than \$100 billion around the United States is slated for public works projects, according to *The New York Times*.) After the bigger shovel-ready projects go online, there will be new opportunities for transportation planners, community and economic development professionals, architects, and builders. Here are some tips to help you plan for the economic stimulus.

### For executives and directors of civil engineering, transportation planning, and architectural firms:

There should be more contract opportunities coming in soon, if they haven't already. But you should expect that there will be significant competition for these contracts. As telecommunications technology gets less expensive and more widespread, smaller and mid-sized firms can compete in the same arena as larger firms.

To be more competitive:

- Larger firms should try to reduce your overhead costs. The best ways to do this are through telecommunications and other information technology, assessing and addressing organizational inefficiencies, or relocating “desktop functions” to lower-cost locations. “Desktop functions” refers to work that can be completed wholly or almost entirely in the office.
- Smaller and mid-size firms should build working relationships with other firms that complement their strengths. Don't wait until the RFP comes in. A good match on paper doesn't always yield a good working experience (which is why some clients ask about how often the team has worked together). A well-organized team can counteract a big firm's “everything for everybody” pitch. Another approach: convince clients that price does not equal value. In other words, help the client understand that a significant part of their fees is going to pay for rent, fringe benefits, marketing costs, etc. Your lower costs mean clients get more for their money.

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### For executives and directors of planning and related consulting firms:

- Build your relationships with the executives and directors of the A/E/P firms above by demonstrating how your work can complement theirs. Most of those firms aren't known for public engagement, community development, or housing.

### If you are looking for work:

- Reach out to the firms, organizations, and agencies that will be working with the first round of stimulus funding. Identify some places you might want to work in, and don't wait for the job ad to appear. Ask for informational interviews. Do your homework about the place before you go there. Employers prefer to hire someone who wants to work for them, rather than someone who just needs a job. Be prepared to answer these questions: Why do you want to work for us? What can you add to our organization?
- Are you good at getting or managing contracts? If no, then get smart about it right away. Even as things get better, many people will continue to be worried about the economy. The more skilled you are in financial matters—budget control and business development—the more valuable you will be.

### For executives and directors of community-based organizations:

- Become familiar with your community's capital improvement plan (or other plans that provide timetables for public works projects). You may be able to influence decisions on future infrastructure spending. Also, you don't want to be surprised by projects that could harm your community. With the focus on infrastructure for job creation and economic development, you might be seen as obstructionist (or worse) if you try to stop a project. Better to influence the plans early on.
- Get to know the people in your community who make decisions about infrastructure, green buildings, and other areas of interest in the stimulus package.
- Get involved with workforce development initiatives. If you don't do workforce development now, partner with organizations that do. Unless you have a high tolerance for risk, avoid chasing big contracts for work outside your area of expertise. There are a lot of ways your organization can be involved in workforce development, such as recruiting participants, providing space, or offering complementary social services.

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*Northern News* welcomes comments. Letters to the editor require the author's first and last name, home or work street address and phone number (neither of which will be published), and professional affiliation or title (which will be published only with the author's permission). All letters are subject to editing. Letters over 250 words are not considered.

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### For public sector professionals (other than public works or DOT staff):

- Get friendly with your colleagues in transportation and public works. Take them out to lunch (if it's ethical and they're not too busy.) Talk about how to enhance the benefits from your respective projects.

### If you're in a public sector public works or transportation agency:

- Enjoy the attention... and be nice. If infrastructure spending doesn't yield strong results, there may be less political will for it in the future. The people who are calling you today may be the ones you need to reach out to tomorrow.

For more information, visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) or the website of your favorite reputable news organization.

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## Where in the world?



*Photo by Aliza Knox*  
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# Onward and upward



**Juan Borrelli, AICP**,

Northern Section's Immediate Past Director, is Statewide Programs Coordinator for the California Chapter. He is working under Carol Barrett, FAICP, the chapter's Professional Development

Director, and with each of the sections to assist with professional development and AICP/CM continuing education efforts at the state level. Juan has updated the Calendar of Events at [www.calapa.org](http://www.calapa.org) to identify local and no- or low-cost AICP/CM programs and AICP exam preparation training sessions across the state. In his day job, Juan leads neighborhood and community planning efforts for the City of San José Planning Division.



**Licinia McMorrow, AICP**, formerly Planner II, Planning Division, City of San José, is now the Energy Officer in the City's Office of Sustainability. Licinia, who will be implementing the progressive energy-efficiency goals of

the City's Green Vision, has a BA in urban studies (Macalester College, St. Paul, MN) and a master of planning (University of Southern California). She is Northern Section's Regional Advisory Council (RAC) director for the South Bay.

Sonoma County planner **Pete Parkinson, AICP**, has been appointed by the California Air Resources Board to represent APA California on the newly assembled Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) created by SB 375. Parkinson is director of Sonoma County's Permit and Resource Management Department and vice president of policy and legislation for APA California. As an RTAC member, Parkinson will provide recommendations from the perspective of a practicing professional planner on factors to be considered and methodologies to be used in the target-setting process. ■

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

By Darcy Kremin, AICP

**S**pring has sprung! The weather is getting nicer and it reminds me why everyone wants to live in Northern California. Perhaps the warmer weather will inspire you to create your own walking tour of a neighborhood from a planner's perspective. If you do, be sure to share it with us at *Northern News*. (See the [March issue](#), pp. 12-13.)

It's also that time of year to select our 2009 APA California Northern planning awards. (Applications were due Friday, March 13th.) We have a great group of jurors assembled to select which projects, plans, people, and entities deserve awards. All section awards winners will be eligible to compete at the state level. (Chapter winners will receive their awards at the annual state conference, to be held this September in Lake Tahoe.)

Whether you're an award nominee, a winner, a fan, or none of the above, we hope you will join us for the Section's gala awards banquet on Friday, May 15, at 6:30 PM at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, downtown San Francisco. This year's winners will also be featured in an exhibit at the new SPUR headquarters in downtown San Francisco in May. If you have any questions about the awards, please contact our Awards Program Co-Directors **Andrea Ouse, AICP**, at [andrea.ouse@lsa-assoc.com](mailto:andrea.ouse@lsa-assoc.com) or **Eileen Whitty, AICP**, at [ewhitty@ebmud.com](mailto:ewhitty@ebmud.com).

APA California Northern welcomed six new board members in March:

**Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch** was appointed as our new Planning Commissioner representative. Margaret has been a Commissioner for the City of El Cerrito since 2004 and she is also a professional planner.

**Brenna Elizabeth Moorhead, AICP**, and **Miroo Desai, AICP**, were appointed as Planning Diversity Associate Directors. Working with Planning Diversity Director **Connie Galambos Malloy**, this enthusiastic team will help expand our Section's diversity initiatives and programs.

Because the Professional Development position has grown substantially in the past two years with APA's implementation of Certification Maintenance, the board appointed two people as Co-Directors: **Christina Ratcliffe, AICP**, and **Tania Sheyner, AICP**. Christina is coming back to this position after taking a few years off, and we welcome her experience. Tania will bring a fresh perspective to this challenging role. Together, the two will be able to answer all (well, most of)

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## REVIEWER WANTED

Northern News has received a copy of **Contemporary Urbanism in Brazil: Beyond Brasilia**, Vicente Del Rio, Ph.D., and William Siembieda, Ph.D., AICP, editors. (University Press of Florida, 2009, 320 pages.) An international collection of essays by architects, urban planners, and scholars who assess the legacy of Brazilian urbanism to date.

The book is divided into three parts: Late Modernism—The struggle to control city form and function; Revitalization—The struggle to make the best of the existing city; and Social Inclusion—The struggle to make a better city for the community.

The introduction—Historical Background—is by Vicente del Rio, professor, city and regional planning, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Dr. del Rio has published five books in Portuguese on urban and environmental design. His degrees include architect and urbanist, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; graduate degree in urban and regional planning, State University of Rio de Janeiro; master in urban design, Oxford Polytechnic; Ph.D. in architecture and urbanism, State University of São Paulo; and post-doctorate work at the University of Cincinnati.

The conclusion—Lessons from Brazilian contemporary urbanism—is by William Siembieda, Ph.D., AICP, head of the city and regional planning department at Cal Poly SLO. He has a BA in economics, UC Berkeley; MCRP, UC Berkeley; MPA, California State University, San Diego; and a Ph.D. in urban planning, UCLA.

If you are interested in reading the book and will commit to writing a review by June 15th for publication in the July issue of *Northern News*, please contact Naphtali H. Knox, FAICP, [knoxnaph@gmail.com](mailto:knoxnaph@gmail.com) or (415) 699-7333. Suggested length for the review is 800 to 1,200 words. ■

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your questions about AICP/CM credits and other professional development opportunities.

The board appointed a new UC Berkeley student representative **Kristopher Hartley**. Kris is working on his master's degree at DCRP, UC Berkeley, with a focus on housing policy and community development.

**Caroline Teng** was appointed an associate newsletter editor in January, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you of her appointment and her good work.

You can see more detailed profiles—and photos—of all of our new appointees on [page 17](#).



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# Highlights of significant planning-related court cases, 2008

By Bryan Wenter, AICP; Legislative Director,  
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**T**he [March issue of Northern News](#) highlighted a number of important bills the California legislature enacted in 2008 that deal with land use issues. The courts also weighed in on noteworthy cases dealing with issues such as CEQA compliance, takings, and public notice requirements. In addition, California voters considered high profile initiatives relating to eminent domain. Below are highlights from 2008.

### City moratorium on construction of homes in a landslide area is a regulatory taking

*Monks v. City of Rancho Palos Verdes*, 147 Cal.App.4th 263 (2008)

The city of Ranch Palos Verdes exacted a permanent taking on a group of land owners seeking to build homes in the Palos Verdes coastal peninsula area by establishing insurmountable conditions for development without a valid justification. In 1978, the city enacted a moratorium on development in the peninsula area as a result of historical landside activity. The city established various exceptions to the development ban that permitted certain homes to be built and/or remodeled if property owners could demonstrate the proposed construction activity would not aggravate existing geological conditions.

The court relied on the regulatory taking test established in *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council*, 505 U.S. 1003 that if a regulation has the effect of depriving an owner of all economically beneficial use of their property, a permanent taking has occurred. Under Lucas, compensation must be paid to the property owner for total regulatory takings unless the restriction on the use of the property can be independently justified by nuisance or property law. Since the city could not justify the development conditions under state principles of property or nuisance law, the city was held to have violated the takings clause under California's Constitution.

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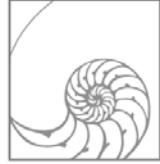
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**City does not have to own entire faulty drainage system to be liable for inverse condemnation**

*Skoumbas v. City of Orinda*, 165 Cal.App.4th 783 (2008)

A municipal government may be liable for flooding and erosion from water discharged from a storm drain, even if the government does not own the entire drainage system. After its property was eroded by stormwater discharged from a drainage system that was partially privately constructed and owned, and partially owned and maintained by the city, the landowner sued the city for inverse condemnation. The city asserted it could not be liable because it did not own or control the lower portion of the drain. The trial court agreed with the city and dismissed the case. The court of appeals reversed, holding that “the critical inquiry is not whether the entire system was a public improvement, but rather whether the City acted reasonably in its maintenance and control over those portions of the drainage system it does own.” The appellate court concluded that the city’s ownership of a part of the system made it “potentially liable for damage substantially caused by the City’s unreasonable diversion of water through the City-owned portions of the system.” The court noted that if the city’s improvements have a “substantial cause-and-effect relationship” to the damage to the plaintiff’s land, it could be liable in inverse condemnation.

**Streamlined zoning process violates 10-day notice requirement**

*Environmental Defense Project of Sierra County v. County of Sierra*, 158 Cal.App.4th 877 (2008)

The statutorily required 10-day notice of a legislative body’s hearing must be given after the planning commission’s recommendation has been received and must include the planning commission’s recommendation as part of the general explanation of the matter to be considered, which is required in the notice. The court declared invalid Sierra county’s “streamlined zoning process,” in which the county gave notice of the legislative body’s hearing before the planning commission had made its recommendation.

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### Resubmitted application for an identical subdivision map was not a new "project"

*Moss v. County of Humboldt*, 162 Cal. 4th 1041 (2008)

A developer who resubmitted a tentative map for a proposed subdivision after its previous approval expired while the project was tied up in litigation did not propose a new project requiring separate environmental review. A project previously analyzed under CEQA does not require supplemental CEQA review upon reapplication of the same project unless new information, supported by substantial evidence in the record, indicates there will be potential environmental impacts.

### Agreements conditioned on subsequent CEQA review violate CEQA if record shows agency already committed to project

*Save Tara v. City of West Hollywood*, 45 Cal. 4th 116 (2008)

CEQA generally requires agencies to complete environmental review before taking a discretionary action that may cause a physical change in the environment. However, even when it is clear that environmental review for a project is required, where that project involves multi-step approvals or a partnership with an agency, the agency and developer must still decide when to complete the review.

Save Tara, a citizens group, challenged the city's approval of a loan and conditional agreement, arguing that the city should have completed environmental review before entering into the agreement even though such review would be completed before any legally binding commitment to the project was made and before any physical work would be started. The California Supreme Court agreed, ruling that under the circumstances, the city's "conditional agreement to sell land for private redevelopment, coupled with financial support, public statements, and other actions by its officials committing the city to the development, was, for CEQA purposes, an approval of the project that was required ... to have been preceded by preparation of an EIR."

### STATEWIDE PROPOSITIONS 98 AND 99

California voters comfortably approved Proposition 99 in the June 3, 2008, statewide election, while soundly defeating the competing Proposition 98. Both initiatives were a reaction

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to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2005 ruling in *Kelo v. City of New London*, which upheld the right of government to take private property via eminent domain where the condemned property will be put to a public use. In 2006, voters narrowly rejected Proposition 90, an initiative similar to Proposition 98. Undaunted, proponents continued their quest to limit the use of eminent domain and remake the law of regulatory takings.

Proposition 98 would have prohibited "state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property for private uses," changed litigation rules to be more friendly to property owners, and required the government to allow the original owner to repurchase the property at the original price if it ended up being put to a different use than originally stated. The proposition also would have prohibited rent control and similar measures.

Proposition 99 more narrowly prohibits state and local governments from using eminent domain to acquire an owner-occupied residence (if the owner has occupied the residence for at least one year) for conveyance to a private person or business entity, subject to certain exceptions. Proposition 99 does not affect rent control or the use of eminent domain for properties other than residences occupied by the owner for over a year. The nonpartisan California Legislative Analyst's Office concluded that "Proposition 99 would not significantly change current government land acquisition practices."

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## LETTERS

Just having looked at what the other California sections are doing for their newsletters (in some cases they don't even have one), I am so thoroughly impressed with the quality of articles, layout and user-friendly links in the *Northern News*. Thanks for all your hard work!

**Hannah Young, AICP**  
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## BOOK REVIEW

### Resilient Cities—Responding to Peak Oil and Climate Change

by Peter Newman, Timothy Beatley, and Heather Boyer

Reviewed by Brenna Moorhead, AICP

Resilient Cities presents an excellent introduction to the concept that might become the buzzword of 2009: *resilience*. The authors define *resilience* as “the capacity of a system to absorb disturbance and still retain its basic function and structure.” The looming challenges of the twenty-first century—climate change, a dismal economy, natural disaster, and peak oil production require that our cities be resilient. Resilient Cities succeeds in imparting principles and strategies for transforming the complex social-economic-ecological systems of existing cities, but fails to provide an inspirational vision of a Resilient City.

The challenges addressed in Resilient Cities are climate change and peak oil production. The authors credit Al Gore and the Academy Award-winning *An Inconvenient Truth* with increasing the general public’s familiarity with the concept of climate change and the effects of global warming. Today climate change is reported on daily by the press and is at the forefront of the planning professional’s mind. In contrast, *peak oil*, a closely related concept recognized since the 1950s, continues to be comparatively unfamiliar to most. It has been predicted to be the biggest challenge our oil-based civilization will ever face.

The Association of the Study of Peak Oil and Gas (ASPO) defines peak oil as “the maximum rate of the production of oil in any area under consideration, recognizing that it is a finite natural resource, subject to depletion.” The concept of peak oil production is not itself controversial. The oil industry, auto-makers, and the media all acknowledge the oil field production cycle of “increase—peak—decline.” The debate centers not on whether global oil production will peak but when. Pioneers in the field predicted that the peak will occur in the early twenty-first century; others such as the International Energy Agency “have always said that enough oil sources remain to enable us to proceed for fifty years with business as usual.” Regardless, all agree that oil production has plateaued in recent years, worldwide demand for oil is increasing, and discovery of new oil reserves is slowing.

The authors believe that climate change combined with the more immediate threat of peak oil requires communities around the world to reduce their dependence on oil now. The authors

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cite an article, “Bottom of the Barrel – The World Is Running Out of Oil, So Why Do Politicians Refuse to Talk About It?” published in *The Guardian* in 2003. The quotation says it all:

“Every generation has its taboo, and ours is this: that the resource upon which our lives have been built is running out. We don’t talk about it because we cannot imagine it. This is a civilization in denial.”

Our transportation systems, industry, and buildings consume significant amounts of oil and emit tremendous amounts of greenhouse gases. According to Resilient Cities, technology cannot be the savior. The challenge is reducing dependence on petroleum fuels at a rate that will not destroy the social fabrics of our cities. Increased availability of alternatives to conventional oil, such as biofuels, electricity, and hydrogen, will reduce our demand for oil, but not at the rate or to the extent necessary. Reductions also will require increased multi-modal transportation options (particularly improved transit) and redevelopment of existing carbon-dependent buildings. Absent resilient thinking, we are likely to face collapse, ruralized cities (similar to eco-villages), or divided cities (polarized cities divided into exclusive eco-enclaves). Nothing short of a paradigm shift to resilient cities will do.

A resilient city is achieved “when the access and alternate forms of fuel and buildings... are provided to all.” The authors’ vision of the resilient city is composed of seven key elements. They present the elements as cities, which they list as follows: the Renewable Energy City, the Carbon Neutral City, the Distributed City, the Photosynthetic City, the Eco-Efficient City, the Place-Based City, and the Sustainable Transport City. They describe each element and provide examples from existing cities. They note that “no one city has shown innovation in all seven areas.” A resilient city must combine all seven.

The authors also present “Seven Elements of a Vision for More Resilient Transport,” describing and discussing the challenges posed by each and providing examples from cities around the world. Planning professionals are likely already acquainted with the two cities, Perth, Australia, and Portland, Oregon, held up as exemplars in the “transition back” from automobile-oriented, oil-dependent cities to resilient cities.

In the final chapter, the authors suggest ten strategies for progressing toward greater resilience. The strategies are intended to be broad-based, covering the gamut and involving entire

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Resilient Cities—Responding to Peak Oil and Climate Change (continued from previous page)

communities in the transition. The authors describe the challenges of each strategy and examples of how an existing community has implemented a strategy. As the authors concede, "this is only a sketch of the kind of future we could make."

Resilient Cities is an excellent resource for catalyzing conversations among planning professionals and policy makers about how to plan for the inevitable changes resulting from peak oil and climate change. However, the authors set their goal much higher. They seek to "inspire and enable urban dwellers, planners, designers, and policy makers to learn from innovations and stories in other cities to see that there is not only know-how, but momentum and hope for creating more resilient cities." They in fact present numerous innovations and actions from cities around the globe.

Unfortunately, Resilient Cities falls short of the authors' goal, because examples of innovations fall flat. Most planning professionals will be familiar with many of the examples already. Possibly for this reason, the authors did not delve deeply into the examples to demonstrate what made those innovations particularly suited to deal with climate change and peak oil. In the end, the book is more of a catalog of planning tools than an inspirational resource along the lines of Jane Jacobs's *The Death and Life of American Cities*. This treatment does not detract from the effectiveness of the examples, but it fails to convince that these are the innovative plans and programs that will transform our cities into Resilient Cities.

For more information about resilient cities, visit The Center for Resilient Cities website at <http://www.resilientcities.org>. For more information on peak oil, visit the ASPO website at <http://www.peakoil.net>.

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# Social Equity—State of the region

By Connie Galambos Malloy and Riana Shaw Robinson

Urban Habitat and Bay Area Social Equity Caucus hosted the first annual State of the Region, December 15th in Oakland. The event was co-sponsored by APA California Northern, among several other organizations and companies. Over 200 individuals and 50 public, private, nonprofit, and organized labor entities attended, deepening their understanding of the macro political, environmental, economic, and social forces impacting the lives of low-income communities and communities of color in the region.

Facilitated by Dr. Manuel Pastor, Director of the Program for Environmental and Regional Equity at USC's Center for Sustainable Cities, the day examined the current state of the Bay Area through a regional equity lens. Dr. Pastor and his team have focused on a rapidly changing Bay Area

demography, occurring in the context of economic insecurity, inequality, and change, and new environmental constraints that offer possibilities for job creation. Each of these areas was presented in context of the Bay Area Social Equity Caucus' foci of housing, jobs, transportation, and land use. Possibilities for organizing and policy action were identified.

([Click here](#) for State of the Region Indicators.)

The speakers—Carl Anthony of Earth House Center, Judith Bell of PolicyLink, and Juliet Ellis of Urban Habitat—discussed the history and importance of social justice organizations and their allies. These entities work together in a regional equity framework to achieve positive change in local communities of color and low-income. Panelists discussed the impacts of the new demography, economy, and environment within their respective sectors, taking questions from the audience



*Dr. Manuel Pastor*

and offering insights on areas of possible overlap and collaboration.

Panelists included:

- Keith Carson, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 5;
- Phaedra Ellis Lamkins, Executive Director, Working Partnerships USA and South Bay Labor Council (incoming E.D. of Green for All);
- Angela Johnson Meszaros, Director of Policy, California Environmental Rights Alliance; and
- Jim Wunderman, President & CEO, Bay Area Council.

Participants worked in small groups to identify priority questions for local, state, and national leaders on core local issues facing the region, such as:

- How to develop and drive investments to create green jobs in the most disadvantaged communities;
- How to leverage regional transportation funding to promote equity in addition to smart growth; and
- How to alleviate the foreclosure crisis while maintaining wealth in a community in the current housing situation.

In closing, Judith Bell noted that local leaders are the new national leaders. Under the Obama administration, what is happening regionally will increasingly drive what happens nationally. Like-minded coalitions in Atlanta, Seattle, Boston, and other areas are already driving and informing new national priorities that lift up low-income and communities of color. She challenged the Bay Area Social Equity Caucus to continue cultivating new leaders—accountable to the communities that most need them—who can implement a regional agenda.

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# I dream, we all dream

Planners respond to nationally syndicated columnist

From “[I Dream of Denver](#),” *The New York Times*, Feb. 16, 2009:

“You may not know it to look at them, but urban planners are human and have dreams. One dream many share is that Americans will give up their love affair with suburban sprawl and will rediscover denser, more environmentally friendly, less auto-dependent ways of living. Well, Americans still want to move outward, and seven of the top 10 [metro areas are] in the West: Denver, San Diego, Seattle, San Francisco, Phoenix, Portland and Sacramento. The five most popular American metro areas—Denver, San Diego, Seattle, Orlando and Tampa—are places (except for Orlando) where spectacular natural scenery is visible from medium-density residential neighborhoods, where the boundary between suburb and city is hard to detect. They offer the promise of friendlier neighborhoods, slower lifestyles, and service-sector employment.”

—David Brooks.

Planners respond (Letters, “[From Sea to Sea, the City Still Rules](#),” *The New York Times*, Feb. 19, 2009):

“More than half of the 10 cities Mr. Brooks names are pursuing aggressively pro-urban policies that revolve around building more transit, more bicycle lanes, and fewer roads. That includes the No. 1 city, Denver. If Mr. Brooks thinks Americans don’t want to be urban, he needs better evidence than he cites here.” —NY journalist **Alex Marshall**, author of “How Cities Work: Suburbs, Sprawl, and the Roads Not Taken,” 2001.

“David Brooks’s column is oh so wrong in assessing the rise of downtown living. Even Denver has experienced an influx of residents who have transformed old central business districts and adjacent areas into what is today’s ‘new downtown,’ one that is animated day and night. Let’s recognize and respect choices and provide an intellectual and investment climate that supports a variety of ‘good lives,’ not only one.”

—**Eugénie L. Birch**, FAICP, co-director, Penn Institute for Urban Research and the author of “Who Lives Downtown?” (2005, The Brookings Institution.)

“With government writing down the costs of development in certain locations that require private vehicles, it is not surprising that Americans favor deeply subsidized places to live. Urban planners do not want to copy any community. We dream that Americans can exercise choice—a distinctly American value—when selecting a place to live and means of travel.”

—**W. Paul Farmer, FAICP**, Chief Executive, American Planning Association. ■

## Answer to “Where in the world?” ([Page 3](#))

The bullet train “Hikari Rail Star” to Kyoto, in Shin Osaka Station, Osaka, Japan. The Tokaido Shinkansen (meaning “New Trunk Line”), connecting Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto and Osaka, was inaugurated in 1964 as the first shinkansen line and the world’s first high speed train service. The trains reach speeds of 300 km/h (186 mph). Hikari trains stop a bit more frequently than nozomi trains, and take roughly three hours between Osaka and Tokyo.

Photo by Aliza Knox

# La Pulga (The Flea)

Pan Dulce Films Production, 2008. Rene Picazo, Director

Reviewed by Licínia McMorrow, AICP

The San José Flea Market is the largest open-air market in California, and the subject of a major current debate over land use in the South San Francisco Bay Area. In his 2008 documentary on the rezoning process for the Flea Market, Director Rene Picazo of Pan Dulce Films elicits a provocative and compelling story of culture, pride, money, and community in a treasured place destined for change.

This gigantic flea market opened its gates in March of 1960, with 20 sellers and about 100 inquisitive customers on what was once a cattle feed lot. Today, the Flea Market covers 120 acres and averages more than 6,000 vendors each week. The Flea Market's quarter-mile-long produce row is the busiest outdoor produce market in California.

Though perhaps one of San José's main tourist attractions, the Flea Market sits on land seen by many as prime for intensification. As San José gears up for the extension of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system, one of the planned stops is immediately adjacent to the Flea Market site. The opportunity for redevelopment into a high-density, mixed-use transit community seems unparalleled at this site, but the Flea Market also provides jobs and a unique cultural experience for thousands of San José residents and visitors. This documentary tells the story of thousands of booth owners at the Flea Market struggling with the impending redevelopment of the site.

Perhaps the finest point of this documentary is the simplicity with which Picazo depicts the facts. While in

some ways an amateur in his art, Picazo presents stills and scenes that bluntly portray the conflict of an urban planner's pursuit for "highest and best use." Picazo, and producers Henry Servin and Alina Kwak, do well to select booth owners with poignant stories—hardworking immigrants who rely on the Flea Market to feed themselves and their families. But equal time is spent asking challenging questions and steadfastly demanding answers from other key players, such as the property owner and local academics, as well as both the director of planning and the mayor of San José. Wittingly inserting clips of the public hearings on the rezoning for the Flea Market, Picazo allows the viewer to feel the tension that filled the city council chambers on those contentious evenings.

Picazo's film is carefully edited and, combined with an excellent musical score, leaves the viewer satisfied but curious about the future of the La Pulga community. The film premiered in June 2008 in partnership with Generation Engage, and was aired in October 2008 at a South Bay RAC event sponsored by APA California Northern.

For more information, and to visit the film's website, [click here](#). To access the PBS Independent Lens website for this film, [click here](#). Or order your own copy by contacting Picazo directly at [renepicazo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:renepicazo@sbcglobal.net).

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# New board members

By Caroline Teng

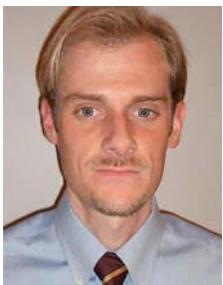
**APA California Northern installed six new board members at its meeting March 4th.**



Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch

**Planning Commissioner.** Filling a vacant position, **Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch**, senior associate at PMC, will act as liaison between the Section Board and planning commissioners in representative cities and counties and advise the Section Board on planning commissioner issues.

Margaret has 16+ years of planning experience in cities and counties throughout the country. She served on the City of Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission, and currently is Chair of the El Cerrito Planning Commission.



Kristopher Hartley

## Student Representative (UC Berkeley)

**Berkeley).** A first-year master of city planning student at UC Berkeley, **Kristopher Hartley** succeeded Lucas Woodward. Kristopher has an MBA from Baylor and is currently an intern with the Richmond Equitable Development Initiative.

As a liaison between the academic and professional worlds, Kristopher will advise the Section Board about student affairs, promote student membership in APA, and work to improve student/professional interaction at Section programs and activities.



Christina Ratcliffe, AICP

## Professional Development

**Co-Directors.** Two people were elected to replace Iris Starr, AICP, who served as Professional Development Director for two years: **Christina Ratcliffe, AICP**, and **Tania Sheyner, AICP**. The co-directors will share responsibility for developing continuing education opportunities, as well as planning for or promoting informational forums, networking events, and other services to help planners reach their professional goals. Christina, a senior associate leading the Oakland office of PMC, has



Tania Sheyner, AICP

16+ years of planning experience and a masters in city planning from UC Berkeley. Tania is an environmental planner at Environmental Science Associates in San Francisco with 6 years of experience and a masters in environmental management from the University of San Francisco.



Brenna Moorhead, AICP

## Planning Diversity Associate

**Directors.** The Board voted to create two Associate Director positions, electing **Brenna Moorhead** and **Miroo Desai, AICP**, to aid current Planning Diversity Director Connie Galambos Malloy. The three are tasked with increasing Section membership diversity, educating members to better serve diverse communities, and coordinating Section activities to meet diversity goals. Brenna is an Associate at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP. She has a law degree from USC and a masters in urban and regional planning from the University of Florida. Miroo is a senior planner for the City of Emeryville and has double masters degrees in urban and regional planning, and international relations and Chinese studies. Connie, in anticipation of her maternal leave later this year, plans to help the new appointees transition to co-director positions.



Caroline Teng

## Associate Newsletter Editor.

To further assist Editor Naphtali Knox, FAICP, and Associate Co-Editor Mika Miyasato, AICP, **Caroline Teng** was appointed Associate Editor. She has already assisted in major ways in preparing, editing, and publishing two issues of *Northern News*. Caroline is an assistant planner at RRM Design Group in Sausalito and has a BA in urban studies from UC Berkeley. ■

# What others are saying

**Down south, a blueprint for going green.** Investing in smart infrastructure projects that consider smart growth, environmental quality, and the reduction of greenhouse gases can shift us away from sprawl-driven growth toward a more sustainable quality of life. At the same time, these projects can jump-start job creation and the economy and offer a longer-term positive economic impact. Smart infrastructure planning and funding decisions now, can provide future generations with a blueprint for productive growth, a more sustainable future, and better choices for where and how people work, live, and play. —Lance Schulte (APA California vice president for public information), “[San Diego’s foundation for growth](#),” *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, Feb. 19, 2009.

**Up north, a revolutionary greenprint.** A new leadership group is poised to steer Silicon Valley into a “Greenprint Project” to develop a 21st-century energy system that would displace the oil-dependent economy and create a second Industrial Revolution. The “greenprint” will build a new regional infrastructure from the ground up, allowing new energy products to be used seamlessly. While funding from the federal stimulus package and other new energy policies will help kick-start the new industry, Silicon Valley will have to offer services and community infrastructure that will continue to attract workers to the area: affordable housing, good education, adult-worker retraining, and affordable health care. Otherwise, the best and brightest will flock to other countries. —Sue Dremann, “[New ‘greenprint’ could map way for next boom](#),” *Palo Alto Online News*, Feb. 23, 2009.

**Green like me.** With “a need to achieve broader public support for initiatives like federal legislation to address global warming, many environmentalists say they feel pressure to diversify the movement further, both in membership and at higher levels of leadership. … A 2007 study commissioned by the environmental law group Earthjustice said the research found that the ‘greenest Americans,’ many of them members of environmental groups, were overwhelmingly white, over 45, and college-educated. … At a recent conference of environmental justice groups in New York City, [EPA administrator Lisa P.] Jackson told the audience that she hoped to bring more diversity to the agency—its staff of about 1,700 is 69 percent non-Hispanic white—‘so we look like the people we serve.’ ” — Mireya Navarro, “[In environmental push, looking to add diversity](#),” *The New York Times*, March 9, 2009.

**Dharavi, India—an economic (green) success story.** Dharavi “is far from perfect but has proved to be amazingly resilient and able to upgrade itself. …The imagery [of Slumdog Millionaire] represents what most middle-class residents of Mumbai (and now all over the world) imagine Dharavi to be. The urban legend of its squalor has taken root because few Mumbaikars have ever been there. Dharavi is probably the most active and lively part of an incredibly industrious city [with] a highly functional recycling industry that serves the whole city. No master plan, urban design, zoning ordinance, construction law, or expert knowledge can claim any stake in the prosperity of Dharavi.”

— Matias Echanove and Rahul Srivastava, Partners for Urban Knowledge Action and Research, “[Taking the Slum out of ‘Slumdog’](#),” *The New York Times*, Feb. 21, 2009. Watch a four-minute CBS News video, “The Real Slumdog Millionaire,” Feb. 16, 2009, at <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=4804891>



Dharavi, general view. Photo: Santhosh Ramdoss, [ThinkChange India](#)



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## National planning history conference in Oakland this fall

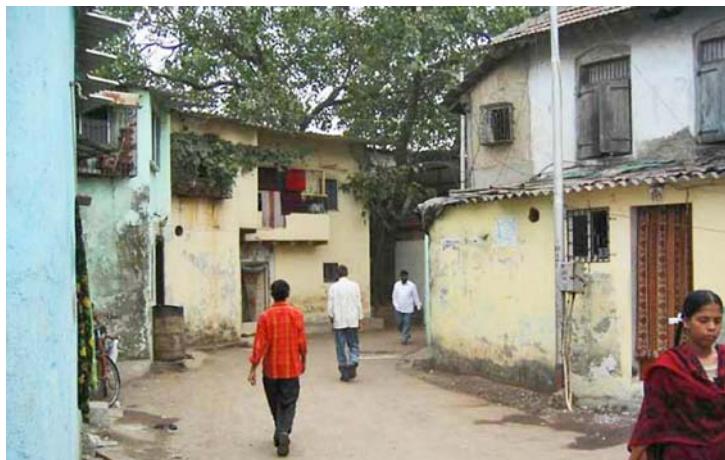
The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) will hold its 13th Biennial Conference on Planning History at the Marriott Oakland City Center Hotel, October 14–18, 2009. The conference offers three days of papers on planning history, plenary sessions on broad planning topics, networking receptions, and optional local tours. In 2007, the Society's 12th Biennial Conference in Portland, Maine, drew more than 300 registrants.

With a focus on the history of cities and regional planning, this year's conference will explore issues facing the San Francisco Bay Area, and in particular, regional infrastructure and sustainability.

SACRPH is an interdisciplinary organization devoted to promoting scholarship on the history of planning in cities and metropolitan regions. Society members include architects, planners, historians, environmentalists, landscape designers, public policy makers, preservationists, community organizers, students, and scholars from across the country and around the world. The Society publishes a quarterly, *The Journal of Planning History* (<http://jph.sagepub.com>), hosts the conference, and sponsors awards for research and publication in the field of planning history. For further information, go to <http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/sacrhs/> ■

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#### Dharavi, India—an economic (green) success story (continued)



Dharavi, Set Wadi residential area. Photo: [Dharavi.org](http://Dharavi.org)



Dharavi, high tension lines above main street in Social Nagar (Neighborhood). Photo: [Dharavi.org](http://Dharavi.org)

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### MARCH

**3/28**

#### AICP Test preparation, 10 AM–3 PM, [Saratoga City Hall](#).

Remaining sessions will be held April 18 and May 3. Contact Dr. Don Bradley at (650) 592-0915 or email [dr.donbradley@comcast.net](mailto:dr.donbradley@comcast.net) for more information.

**3/31**

#### Growing Sustainably in a Low-Carbon World, Session 2,

5:15–7 PM, 305 Wurster Hall, UC Berkeley. Topic: Sustainable Growth and Affordable Housing. Moderator: Karen Chapple.

Speakers: Matt Schwartz, California Housing Partnership; Michael Woo, LA Planning Commission; Linda Wheaton, California Department of Housing and Community Development. **All sessions are free and open to the public, no reservation required.**

For more information, contact Janet Dawson, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, at [jgdawson@berkeley.edu](mailto:jgdawson@berkeley.edu) or (510) 642-4874; or go to <http://iurd.berkeley.edu>. Co-sponsored by APA California Northern. **CM | pending**

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### APRIL

**4/2**

#### Northern Section Young Planners Group (YPG), 6–8 PM,

Zebulon, 83 Natoma Street, San Francisco. YPG is hosting a fun social networking and informational event for this new group.

Contact Kimberly Comacho and Roscoe Mata at [norapaypg@gmail.com](mailto:norapaypg@gmail.com) or (415) 336-2501 for more information.

**4/3**

#### Trekking Through Great Neighborhoods, California Planning

Foundation's third annual sustainability walking tour, downtown Oakland. 9 AM registration; program 9:30 AM–4 PM. Start at the ferry in Jack London Square, tour sustainable development sites and pedestrian-oriented districts. Tour coordinator and speakers include Alex Hinds; Ken Kirkey, AICP; Ceil Scandone, AICP; Emily Kirsch, Garrett Fitzgerald, and Wells Larson. APA members \$100, non-APA members \$135, students \$35. Registration and payment form at [www.californiaplanningfoundation.org](http://www.californiaplanningfoundation.org) or contact Theda Justiniani at [mintierharnish.com](http://mintierharnish.com) or (916) 446-0522. **CM | 6.0 pending**

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**Bay Area Planning Directors Association, Spring Meeting.**

8:30 AM–1 PM, Jack London Aquatic Center, 115 Embarcadero, Oakland. “SB 375: Game Changer or Paper Chase?” Overview from Ted Droettboom, Joint Policy Committee, Director of Planning Programs. Bruce Riordan, JPC Climate Consultant, will facilitate a dialogue among four regional agency planning directors (Henry Hilken, BAAQMD; Doug Kimsey, MTC; Ken Kirkey, ABAG; and Joe LaClair, BCDC) on how they are approaching implementation. \$45, including continental breakfast and lunch. Register at <http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/BAPDA>. For directions to Aquatic Center, see <http://www.jlac.org/location.shtml>.

4/7

**Growing Sustainably in a Low-Carbon World**, Session 3,

5:15–7 PM, 305 Wurster Hall, UC Berkeley. Topic: **SB 375—Will It Work?** Moderator: David Dowall. Speakers: Jim Musbach, Economic and Planning Systems; Cynthia Kroll, Fisher Center; Mark Pisano, USC Planning and Policy Development; Louise Mozingo, UC Berkeley Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. All sessions are free and open to the public, no reservation required. For more information, contact Janet Dawson, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, at [jgdawson@berkeley.edu](mailto:jgdawson@berkeley.edu) or (510) 642-4874; or go to <http://iurd.berkeley.edu>. Co-sponsored by APA California Northern. **CM | pending**

4/9

**ABAG FOCUS Forum—Cities and schools: Solutions and best practices for urban areas**, 9:30–11:30 AM, Pier 1, Bayside Rooms,

San Francisco. Guest speakers are Deborah McKoy, executive director; Jeffrey Vincent, deputy director; and Ariel Bierbaum, program director, the Center for Cities & Schools, UC Berkeley. RSVP to JoAnna Bullock at (510) 464-7968 or [joannab@abag.ca.gov](mailto:joannab@abag.ca.gov).

4/14

**Solving the Monterey Peninsula Water Crisis.**

6–8:30 PM, UCMBEST Center ([ucmbest.org](http://ucmbest.org)), 3180 Imjin Road, Marina. Joint APA/AEP/ACEC event for engineers, planners, and environmental planners. Wine/dinner/social hour: 6–7 PM. Program: 7–8:30 PM. Paul Findley, consulting project engineer to Cal Am, will present a history of the California American Coastal Water Project, describe basic alternatives under consideration, and describe next steps. \$14/person, includes Mexican buffet dinner and wine. RSVP by April 7 to Frederik Venter, [fventer@rbf.com](mailto:fventer@rbf.com) or (831) 883-8187.

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- 4/14** **Growing Sustainably in a Low-Carbon World**, Session 4, 5:15–7 PM, 305 Wurster Hall, UC Berkeley. Topic: **Visioning Sustainable Communities**. Moderator: Elizabeth Macdonald. Speakers: Keith Bartholomew, University of Utah; Gregory Tung, Freedman Tung and Sasaki; Uri Avin, PB Americas, Baltimore; Clark Wilson, EPA, Washington DC. **All sessions are free and open to the public, no reservation required.** For more information, contact Janet Dawson, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, at [jgdawson@berkeley.edu](mailto:jgdawson@berkeley.edu) or (510) 642-4874; or go to <http://iurd.berkeley.edu>. Co-sponsored by APA California Northern. **CM | pending**

- 4/18** **AICP Test preparation**, 10 AM-3 PM, San José State University (Student Union, Pacheco Room). The final session will be held May 3. Contact Dr. Don Bradley at (650) 592-0915 or email [dr.donbradley@comcast.net](mailto:dr.donbradley@comcast.net) for more information.

- 4/21** **Growing Sustainably in a Low-Carbon World**, Session 5, 5–7 PM, Faculty Club, Heyns Room, UC Berkeley. Topic: **Vision California 2050—Setting the Land Use Target**. Moderator: Robert Cervero. Speaker: Peter Calthorpe. Discussants: Therese McMillan, Deputy Executive Director—Research, MTC; and Jason Corburn. **All sessions are free and open to the public, no reservation required.** For more information, contact Janet Dawson, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, at [jgdawson@berkeley.edu](mailto:jgdawson@berkeley.edu) or (510) 642-4874; or go to <http://iurd.berkeley.edu>. Co-sponsored by APA California Northern. **CM | pending**

- 4/25 – 4/29** **APA National Planning Conference**, Minneapolis. <http://planning.org/nationalconference/>

- 4/28** **Growing Sustainably in a Low-Carbon World**, Session 6, 5:15–7 PM, 305 Wurster Hall, UC Berkeley. Topic: **Integrated Transportation and Land Use Modeling**. Moderator: Caroline Rodier. Speakers: Bob Johnston, Urban Land Use and Transportation Center, UC Davis; Jeff Weir, Air Resources Board; Gordon Garry, SACOG. **All sessions are free and open to the public, no reservation required.** For more information, contact Janet Dawson, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, at [jgdawson@berkeley.edu](mailto:jgdawson@berkeley.edu) or (510) 642-4874; or go to <http://iurd.berkeley.edu>. Co-sponsored by APA California Northern. **CM | pending**

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**4/30**

**Climate Change, Local Solutions and Strategies.** 6–8:30 PM, Kula Ranch, 3295 Dunes Road, Marina, <http://www.kula-ranch.com>. How does a medium- to small-sized community address climate change? Planners from the cities of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Seaside will share experiences and lessons learned. \$20/person includes dinner. RSVP to Elizabeth Caraker, AICP, [caraker@ci.monterey.ca.us](mailto:caraker@ci.monterey.ca.us) or (831) 646-1739. **CM | pending**

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**5/3**

**AICP Test preparation**, final session, 10 AM–3 PM, San José State University. Contact Dr. Don Bradley at (650) 592-0915 or email [dr.donbradley@comcast.net](mailto:dr.donbradley@comcast.net) for more information.

**5/5**

**Growing Sustainably in a Low-Carbon World**, Session 7, 5:15–7 PM, 305 Wurster Hall, UC Berkeley. Topic: **Local and Regional Planning Challenges**. Moderator: Mike Teitz. Speakers: Steve Heminger, MTC; Paul Fassinger, ABAG; Mike McKeever, Executive Director, SACOG. **All sessions are free and open to the public, no reservation required**. For more information, contact Janet Dawson, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, at [jgdawson@berkeley.edu](mailto:jgdawson@berkeley.edu) or (510) 642-4874; or go to <http://iurd.berkeley.edu>. Co-sponsored by APA California Northern. **CM | pending**

**5/7**

**Northern Section Board meeting**, 6:30–8:30 PM, (light dinner and networking from 6–6:30 PM). PMC, 500 12th Street, Suite 240, Oakland. RSVP to Hanson Hom at [hhom@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:hhom@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) or (408) 730-7450.

**5/15**

**2009 APA California Northern Section Awards gala**, 6:30 PM, Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell Street, San Francisco. For information, contact Eileen Whitty at [ewhitty@ebmud.com](mailto:ewhitty@ebmud.com) or Andrea Ouse at [Andrea.ouse@lsa-assoc.com](mailto:Andrea.ouse@lsa-assoc.com).

**5/21**

**Defensible space: Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)**, 6–8:30 PM, Lucie Stern Community Center, Fireside Room, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Cost is \$30 for non-APA members and \$20 for APA members. To reserve and pay, [click here](#). The workshop will teach planners how they can apply the principles of CPTED in everyday planning practice, from reviewing site plans and development projects to preparing land use, policy, and area plans. **CM | 2.0 ■**