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Committee Member Bios



Scott T. Edmondson, AICP, Co-director

Scott enjoys grappling with the sustainability challenge, advancing understanding, developing new tools, and undertaking path-breaking initiatives. He pursues these interests while helping people, organizations, and communities harness the transformational power and potential of sustainability. The result is a new basis for resilient communities, businesses, and regions. That basis is rooted in ecologically regenerative economics that becomes the source of high levels of durable economic prosperity, security, and community well being.

Scott has an MAAUP degree from UCLA with a concentration in urban, regional, and international development; a BA from UCB in international development and global environmental sustainability studies; expertise in economics, public policy research and analysis, strategic decision process and analysis; and 25 years of practice in environmental review (EIP-12 yrs; independent 5yrs), facilities planning (Kaiser, 3 yrs), and long range planning (SF-5yrs). His long-standing interest in sustainability includes work with the OECD on sustainable urban economic development (1983-84), advising the [SF Sustainability Plan](#) (1996) and its economics group, participant and SF Liaison for the [BAASC Compact and Footprint project](#) (2002/3), adding sustainability to a labor-management partnership (SF-UCP, 2005), and [writing and presentations](#).

He has recently deepened his expertise in strategic sustainability through training in [The Natural Step](#) ([BHG](#), [ICSP](#), [TNS-US](#)), developing a strategy and action plan with TNS-USA to support APA sustainability initiatives, and proposing and developing a sustainability planning learning-practice network—*the Plan-It Sustainable Network*--for the APA California-Northern Section. Scott is also a member of the APA Sustainable Places Initiative's Corresponding Committee. The Committee's mission is to broaden the Task Force's activities over time. Scott pursues his professional strategic sustainability interests through [Sustainability 2030](#).



Katja Irvin, AICP, Co-chair, APA CA Northern, Santa Clara RAC

Katja Irvin is a life-long environmentalist who chose planning as a second career after many years doing software development for IBM. As a planner with Santa Clara County, she had the opportunity to develop the County's Green Building Program and do research to support solar energy and agriculture from a land use planning perspective. She is now a Management Analyst for the County Department of Planning and Development. She previously worked in current planning at the City of Rancho Cordova and was a Research Assistant for the Mineta Transportation Institute while earning a Master of Urban Planning at San Jose State University.