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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had both a very enjoyable and a very productive summer. If you are like me, now that autumn is here, we begin to focus on new tasks ahead with a special emphasis on professional pursuits. It is with that mind that I am sending you this quarterly newsletter.

Association of Environmental Professionals and the 2011 Conference

As a member of the 2011 Statewide AEP Conference Planning Committee, I want to extend an invitation to you to attend the Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference scheduled for March 6–9, 2011. That's only 5 months from now. *This year the statewide conference will be held in Monterey at the Plaza Hotel on Cannery Row.* That's good news for those of us living in the Monterey Bay area! AEP is a multi-disciplinary association comprised primarily of professionals engaged in environmental planning, analysis and management; such as environmental planners, land use planners and biologists. However AEP membership also includes civil engineers, architects, landscape architects and other related fields. The conference presentations will discuss state-of-the-art topics applicable to this wide range of professions *and* you do not need to be a member of AEP to attend. Details for the conference won't be finalized until late November; but a summary preview of the conference schedule currently looks like this:

Navigating the Waters: Planning in a Sea of Change

March 6 (Sunday)	March 7 (Monday)	March 8 (Tuesday)	March 9 (Wednesday)
Sail on the Bay (social networking event)	Panel Presentations in 3 concurrent tracks * 9 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Panel Presentations in 3 concurrent tracks * 9 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.	
Winery Tour (social networking event)	Mobile Workshops: ~ Sea Level Rise Walk ~ Marina Environmental Mgt. Center	Mobile Workshops: ~ Ft. Ord Reuse ~ Alternative transportation tour	Air Quality Analysis Workshop (A.M. only)
Evening Reception at the Plaza Hotel	Lunch with keynote speaker	Evening Reception on Del Monte Beach	

*12 panel presentations each day in three simultaneous tracks: Sustainability, Water and Biological Processes and Practical Skills. Topics include Climate Action Plans, LEED Neighborhood Design, Sustainable Stormwater/Rainwater Design, Wetlands Mitigations, Desalination, Water Law and much more.

I will send you a follow-up newsletter in January that will provide you with more details. Please visit www.califaep.org for more information on AEP and the March 2011 conference or just call.

Proposition 23 this November's Ballot

Proposition 23 would repeal provisions of Assembly Bill 32, California's landmark Global Warming Reduction Act, that addressed climate change, raised standards for clean air and created incentives for creation of jobs in green industries. Prop. 23 calls for the suspension of AB 32, until state unemployment remains at or below 5.5 percent for 4 consecutive quarters—a rate that's been reached just three times in nearly 35 years.

The Global Warming Reduction Act requires California to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. But under Prop. 23, the state would not be able to “propose, promulgate, or adopt any regulation implementing” AB 32. Regulations adopted prior to Prop. 23 would be made “void and unenforceable.” Some of the more significant measures that Prop. 23 would suspend include:

- Cap-and-trade program;
- California's low-carbon fuel standard;
- The executive order requiring state utilities to provide 33% of electricity from renewables by 2020; and
- AB 32's early implementation programs that improve auto efficiency and limit industrial greenhouse gas emissions.

According to a new report by California's Employment Development Department, over half a million employees already work in green jobs in this state, including 93,143 in green manufacturing and 67,973 in green construction. Green industries are growing 10 times faster than non-green sectors. An independent analysis of California's Proposition 23 conducted by U/C Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy & the Environment, says passage of Proposition 23 would create legal uncertainty, reduce California state revenue, and jeopardize new and existing clean energy jobs. This analysis also concludes Prop. 23 would also slow California's efforts to reduce climate change and may create pressures for similar legislation in other states.

How Cypress Environmental Can Help You

My services include preparing environmental impact analyses, conducting pre-development site reviews, shepherding projects through the permit process and project management. My clients include public agencies, non-profit organizations and private individuals. I have over 25 years of professional planning experience and have worked in both the public and private sectors. I invite you to visit my website at www.cypressenv.com to learn more about myself and the services that Cypress Environmental can provide for you. If you have a project that you think could benefit by us teaming together, please call and let's discuss it. Telephone me or send me an email message if you would like additional information about my services. My contact information is at the letterhead of this newsletter and is also provided on my enclosed business card.



Sincerely,

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