



American Planning Association  
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San Diego  
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# Resolving Land Use and Environmental Conflicts Through Mediation

Thursday, November 14, 2013  
12:00-1:30pm



Join the San Diego Sections of The Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) and The American Planning Association (APA) for a luncheon on land use and environmental mediation. This program will demonstrate how mediation, in accordance with California state law, may be used to resolve a wide variety of land use and environmental disputes. These include conflicts arising under the California Environmental Quality Act, the Subdivision Map Act, the Planning and Zoning Law, the Permit Streamlining Act and other state land use statutes. They also may arise under such federal regulatory programs as the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. The program will show the distinctions between mediation and other dispute resolution methods, such as judicial proceedings and arbitration, and how mediation may be used in conjunction with litigation. The use and benefits of mediation will be shown through case examples, including potential use of mediation in current land use disputes.

**Lunch will be provided and will be served starting at 11:30 am.  
Please arrive early so we can get started promptly at 12 pm.**

**AICP CM – Law Credits: 1.5 (pending)**

## **Speakers:**

**Cary D. Lowe, Ph.D., AICP** – Mr. Lowe is a land use lawyer with over 35 years of experience representing developers, public agencies, Indian tribes and non-profit organizations. He also is a credentialed mediator affiliated with the Land Use and Environmental Mediation Group of the National Conflict Resolution Center and is a member of the Civil Mediation Panel of the San Diego County Superior Court. He has mediated cases involving environmental regulations, planning, zoning, historic preservation and property rights issues. Mr. Lowe holds a Ph.D. in urban planning and has been admitted to the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has taught courses in law and urban planning at the University of Southern California, UCLA and UC San Diego. He also has served in several appointed government positions, and he writes and lectures regularly on land use issues.

**Barbara Filner** – Ms. Filner was the founding director of the National Conflict Resolution Center's Training Institute, and is affiliated with its Land Use and Environmental Mediation Group. She has an MA from Indiana University, and has worked as a teacher, with a labor union, and in local and state government. Ms. Filner has conducted workshops on mediation, facilitation, and conflict resolution around the United States and in Europe, and specializes in designing processes for controversial issues that require public participation. She has published numerous articles and co-authored three books on culture and conflict resolution, and was an adjunct professor of negotiations at University of San Diego School of Law.

**Richard Caputo** – Mr. Caputo is a distinguished scientist who served as a manager at the California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion Laboratory, designed energy systems for spacecraft and worked on various renewable energy projects. He also is affiliated with the Land Use and Environmental Mediation Group of the National Conflict Resolution Center, and was named Mediator of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Mr. Caputo serves on the Board of the American Solar Energy Society, has been active in many other energy and environmental organizations, and has lectured and written widely regarding both energy issues and mediation.

**Time:** 12:00-1:30pm

Note: Please arrive prior to 12:00pm to register and enjoy lunch. The program will start promptly at 12:00pm.

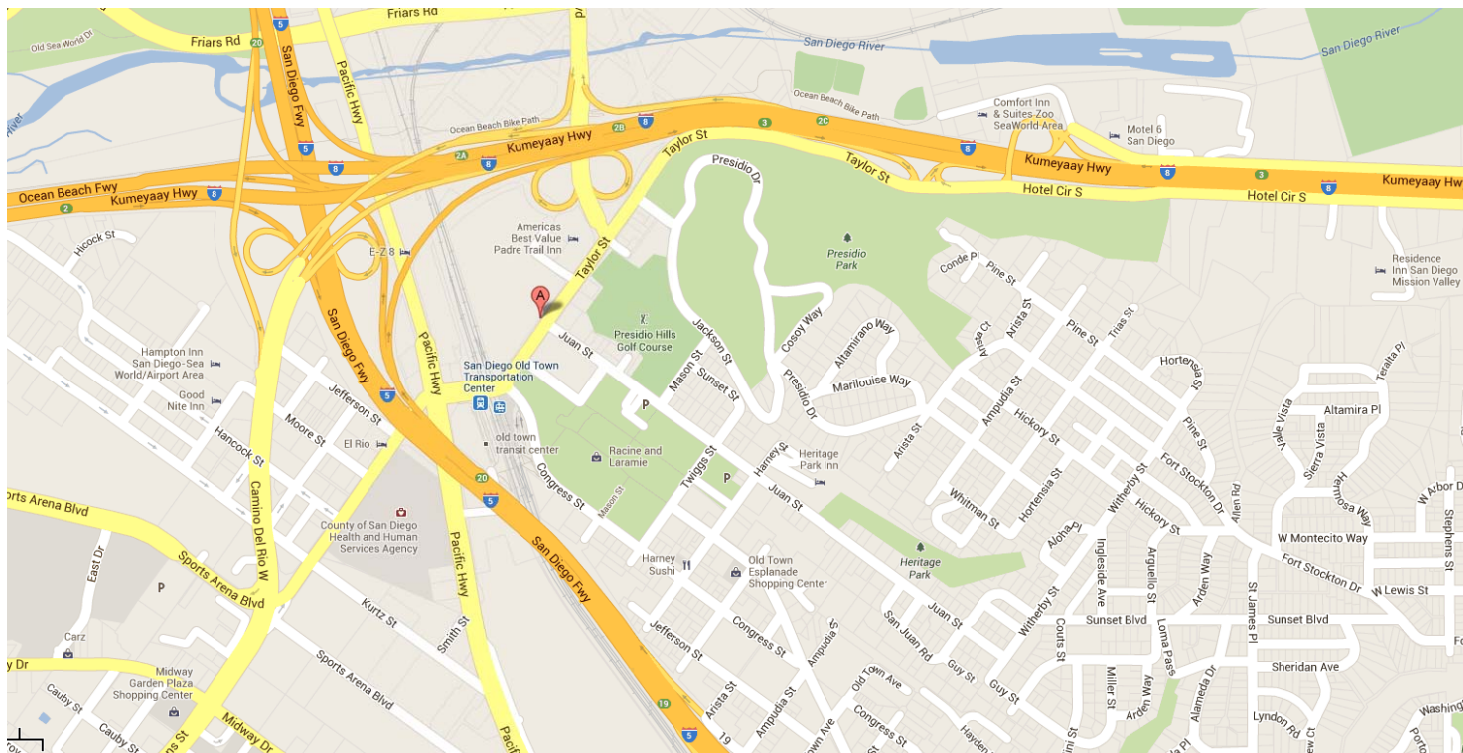
**Location:** Caltrans San Diego – Garcia Auditorium  
4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110



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**Early Registration:** \$10 (APA and AEP Members), \$15 (Non-Members), \$5 (students, unemployed and retired Members)  
**After November 11:** \$15 (APA and AEP Members), \$20 (Non-Members), \$10 (student, unemployed and retired Members)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED - RSVP:** <http://tinyurl.com/conflict-lunch>