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Speaker Biographies

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Amy Bricker is a senior associate at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP. Her practice focuses on CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, and planning and zoning law. Ms. Bricker represents community groups and public agencies in complex environmental matters, including litigation in federal and state court, at both the trial court and appellate levels. Among other matters, Ms. Bricker represented coalitions of environmental and community groups in successfully challenging sprawl development in the Martis Valley area of the Sierra Nevada, and in litigation resulting in the rescission of a 20-year water privatization contract approved by the City of Stockton. More recently, Ms. Bricker served on the legal teams negotiating two landmark settlements on behalf of environmental groups: the Tejon Ranch settlement agreement, preserving 240,000 acres in four crucial ecological regions in Southern California, and a settlement with the California Attorney General and the City of Stockton that addresses the threat of global warming.

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Douglas Carstens is a partner at Chatten-Brown & Carstens. Mr. Carstens has extensive experience in environmental, land use, municipal and natural resource matters. He was a member of the Long Beach Naval Complex Restoration Advisory Board overseeing the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure Act process for the Long Beach Naval Station and Shipyard. Mr. Carstens has been extensively involved in all of the appellate litigation handled by Chatten-Brown & Carstens, and takes pride in the over 90% success rate in reported cases. He was lead counsel on the CEQA cases *Uphold Our Heritage v. Town of Woodside* and *Committee to Save the Hollywoodland Specific Plan v. City of Los Angeles*, among others. Mr. Carstens was selected to be a Southern California "Super-Lawyer" for environmental law in 2009. He has also written articles and lectured on CEQA, water quality, public trust, and historic resources issues.

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Jonathan Evans is a Staff Attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity. Mr. Evans has litigated cases involving the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act, Clean Water Act, and state Planning and Zoning Law. He has also participated in the implementation of habitat conservation plans under the state and federal Endangered Species Acts. In addition, Mr. Evans has lectured extensively on global warming and endangered species issues before representatives from industry, municipalities, and environmental groups. He has also authored several journal articles on the subject of natural resource use, land use, and legislative reform of endangered species protection.

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Thomas Mauriello has litigated environmental and land-use cases in state and federal courts throughout California under various California statutes, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Endangered Species Act, the Planning and Zoning Law, the Integrated Waste Management Act, the Cameron-Unruh Beach, Park, Recreational, and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1964, and the Air Toxic Hotspots Act; under various California common law claims such as the public trust doctrine, nuisance, trespass, and boundary issues under various state and local statutes and ordinances; and under various federal statutes such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Federal Highways Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Mr. Mauriello's environmental and land use practice has focused largely though not exclusively on the representation of environmental and citizens' groups, using citizen suits and judicial review of agency actions as a tool to enforce our environmental laws and to strive for preservation and wise stewardship of the natural and human environment. A wide range of clients have worked with Mr. Mauriello, including the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Preserve South Bay, Spirit of the Sage Council, San Francisco Bay Institute, Environmental Health Coalition, and Save Our Forests and Ranchlands. He currently is a member of the Conservation Legal Committee of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, as well as a Legal Co-Chair for that Chapter. Mr. Mauriello also has published articles on environmental law issues and from 2001 through 2003, he lectured in environmental and land use litigation at California State University, East Bay (formerly Cal State University, Hayward).

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Victor Otten has been involved in hazardous waste litigation, including claims brought under CERCLA, RCRA, OPA, and other environmental laws. Mr. Otten also has represented clients in toxic mold, mildew, chemical exposure, and indoor air contamination litigation in state court civil suits. He is active in environmental compliance counseling and planning concerning local, state, and federal regulations, and in negotiation with and representation before government agencies regarding environmental compliance inquiries, notices of violation, directives, clean up and abatement orders, and various other compliance orders. His practice also includes California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) counseling and representation in state superior court proceedings. Mr. Otten is a Registered Environmental Assessor through the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances and Control. He also serves as the Chair of the Legal Committee for the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. Mr. Otten was selected to be a Southern California "Super-Lawyer" for environmental law in 2009.

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Ursula Vosylius has been with Amgen Inc., the largest independent biotech company, collectively for seven years. She is a Senior Alliance Manager and is responsible for leading research and development transition teams as well as managing relationships with partner companies in support of Amgen's global licensing efforts. She previously served as a contract attorney for Jones Day in Los Angeles and practiced both U.S. and international intellectual property law in a variety of fields for the firms of Ashen & Lippman in Montrose, CA and Tope-McKay & Associates in Malibu, CA.

Ms. Vosylius received her J.D. from Pepperdine University in 2001 and bachelors degree from Rutgers University with an emphasis in Molecular Genetics in 1994. She is also an alumna of the Graduate Science Careers scholarship program at the Robert Wood Johnson University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. Additionally, she received certificates in Directorship and Corporate Governance from the Anderson School at UCLA as well as in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. Prior to practicing law, Ms. Vosylius engaged in over 10 years of research and drug development, including protein chemistry research resulting in two patents and a publication in Protein Science.

Ms. Vosylius is an active member of the Conservation Legal Committee of

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Dean Wallraff is Executive Director of Advocates for the Environment, a non-profit organization that uses legal tools to fight for the environment. As Conservation Chair of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, Mr. Wallraff was responsible for managing the Club's environmental work in Los Angeles and Orange counties, leading approximately 150 activists and 35 committees. He is employed as a law clerk at Michel & Associates, a Long Beach law firm, and is currently studying for his J.D. degree at Loyola Law School, where he is President of the Environmental Law Society. Dean is also working extensively, as a certified law student, on the writing and oral arguments in the Sierra Club's lawsuit against Orange County, to obtain their GIS parcel data under the Public Records Act.