



CITY OF ESCONDIDO
CONSULTING AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this 2nd day of November, 2018.

Between: CITY OF ESCONDIDO
a Municipal Corporation
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, California 92025
Attn: Mike Strong
760-839-4556
("CITY")

And: Ascent Environmental
600 B Street, Suite 300
San Diego, CA 92101
Attn: Amanda Olekszulyn, Principal
916-930-3183
("CONSULTANT")

Witness that whereas:

- A. It has been determined to be in the CITY's best interest to retain the professional services of a consultant to prepare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for the Climate Action Plan update; and
- B. The CONSULTANT is considered competent to perform the necessary professional services for CITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between CITY and CONSULTANT as follows:

- 1. Services. The CONSULTANT will furnish all of the services as described in "Attachment A" which is attached and incorporated by this reference.
- 2. Compensation. The CITY will pay the CONSULTANT in accordance with the conditions specified in "Attachment A," in the sum of \$46,890 for project-related tasks and reimbursable expenses, with an additional \$1,280 to fund optional tasks as described therein. The total contract amount for professional services is \$48,170. Any breach of this Agreement will relieve CITY from the obligation to pay CONSULTANT, if CONSULTANT has not corrected the breach after CITY provides notice and a reasonable time to correct it. If this Agreement is amended at any time, additional compensation of CONSULTANT contained in subsequent amendment(s) shall not exceed a cumulative total of twenty-five percent (25%) of the maximum payment provided for in this Section 2.

3. Scope of Compensation. The CONSULTANT will be compensated for performance of tasks specified in "Attachment A" only. No compensation will be provided for any other tasks without specific prior written consent from the CITY.
4. Duties. CONSULTANT will be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and coordination of all reports and other services furnished by the CONSULTANT under this Agreement, except that the CONSULTANT will not be responsible for the accuracy of information supplied by the CITY.
5. Personnel. The performance of services under this Agreement by certain professionals is significant to the CITY. CONSULTANT will assign the persons listed on "Attachment A," which is attached and incorporated by this reference, to perform the Services described therein and will not add or remove persons from the list without the prior written consent of the CITY. If no designation is made, then CONSULTANT may not assign services without obtaining the advance written consent of the CITY. CONSULTANT will not subcontract any tasks under this Agreement without obtaining the advance written consent of the CITY.
6. Termination. Either CONSULTANT or the CITY may terminate this Agreement with thirty (30) days advance written notice.
7. City Property. All original documents, drawings, electronic media, and other material prepared by CONSULTANT under this Agreement immediately becomes the exclusive property of the CITY, and may not be used by CONSULTANT for any other purpose without prior written consent of the CITY.
8. Insurance.
 - a. The CONSULTANT shall secure and maintain at its own cost, for all operations, the following insurance coverage, unless reduced by the City Attorney:
 - (1) General liability insurance. Occurrence basis with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 General Aggregate, and \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate; and
 - (2) Automobile liability insurance of \$1,000,000 combined single-limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage, unless waived as provided in 8(b) below; and
 - (3) Workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance as required by the California Labor Code, as amended, or certificate of sole proprietorship; and
 - (4) Errors and Omissions professional liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.
 - b. It is the parties' understanding that the use of a motor vehicle is not a primary subject of this Agreement. CONSULTANT acknowledges that operating a motor vehicle is outside the scope of this Agreement and occurs only at the convenience of the CONSULTANT. A waiver of automobile liability insurance is only effective if both sets of initials appear below, otherwise such insurance is required.

Acknowledged by CONSULTANT CBA

Waiver appropriate by CITY _____

- c. Each insurance policy required above must be acceptable to the City Attorney.
 - (1) Each policy must provide for written notice within no more than thirty (30) days if cancellation or termination of the policy occurs. Insurance coverage must be provided by an A.M. Best's A- rated, class V carrier or better, admitted in California, or if non-admitted, a company that is not on the Department of Insurance list of unacceptable carriers.
 - (2) All non-admitted carriers will be required to provide a service of suit endorsement in addition to the additional insured endorsement.
 - (3) Both the General Liability and the Automobile Liability policies must name the CITY specifically as an additional insured under the policy on a separate endorsement page. The CITY includes its officials, employees, and volunteers. The endorsement must be ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 edition or its equivalent for General Liability endorsements and CA 20 01 for Automobile Liability endorsements.
 - (4) The General Liability policy must include coverage for bodily injury and property damage arising from CONSULTANT's work, including its on-going operations and products-completed operations hazard.
 - (5) The General Liability policy must be primary and noncontributory and any insurance maintained by CITY is excess.
 - d. In executing this Agreement, CONSULTANT agrees to have completed insurance documents on file with the CITY within fourteen (14) days after the date of execution. Failure to comply with insurance requirements under this Agreement will be a material breach of this Agreement, resulting in immediate termination at CITY's option.
9. Indemnification. CONSULTANT (which in this paragraph 9 includes its agents, employees and subcontractors, if any) agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the CITY from all claims, lawsuits, damages, judgments, loss, liability, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, for any of the following:
- a. Any claim of liability arising out of the negligence or any acts or omissions of CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement;
 - b. Any personal injuries, property damage or death that CONSULTANT may sustain while using CITY-controlled property or equipment, while participating in any activity sponsored by the CITY, or from any dangerous condition of property; or
 - c. Any injury or death which results or increases by any action taken to medically treat CONSULTANT.
10. Anti-Assignment Clause. The CONSULTANT may not assign, delegate or transfer any interest or duty under this Agreement without advance written approval of the CITY, and any attempt to do so will immediately render this entire Agreement null and void. Unless CONSULTANT assigns this entire Agreement, including all rights and duties herein, to a third party with the CITY'S written consent, CONSULTANT shall be the sole payee under this Agreement. Any and all payments made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are otherwise not assignable.
11. Costs and Attorney's Fees. In the event that legal action is required to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.


12. Independent Contractor. CONSULTANT is an independent contractor and no agency or employment relationship, either express or implied, is created by the execution of this Agreement.
13. Merger Clause. This Agreement and its Attachments, if any, are the entire understanding of the parties, and there are no other terms or conditions, written or oral, controlling this matter. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and any of its Attachments, the provisions of this Agreement must prevail.
14. Anti-Waiver Clause. None of the provisions in this Agreement will be waived by CITY because of previous failure to insist upon strict performance, nor will any provision be waived by CITY because any other provision has been waived, in whole or in part.
15. Severability. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement will not void or affect the validity of any other provisions of this Agreement.
16. Choice of Law. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue for all actions arising from this Agreement must be exclusively in the state or federal courts located in San Diego County, California.
17. Multiple Copies of Agreement/Counterparts. Multiple copies and/or counterparts of this Agreement may be executed, including duplication by photocopy or by computerized scanning device. Each duplicate will be deemed an original with the same effect as if all the signatures were on the same instrument. However, the parties agree that the Agreement on file in the office of the Escondido City Clerk is the copy of the Agreement that shall take precedence should any differences exist among copies or counterparts of the document.
18. Provisions Cumulative. The foregoing provisions are cumulative and in addition to and not in limitation of any other rights or remedies available to the CITY.
19. Notices to Parties. Any statements, communications or notices to be provided pursuant to this Agreement must be sent to the attention of the persons indicated below. Each party agrees to promptly send notice of any changes of this information to the other party, at the address first above written.
20. Business License. The CONSULTANT is required to obtain a City of Escondido Business License prior to execution of this Agreement.
21. Compliance with Applicable Laws, Permits and Licenses. CONSULTANT shall keep itself informed of and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, regulations, and rules in effect during the term of this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall obtain any and all licenses, permits, and authorizations necessary to perform services set forth in this Agreement. Neither CITY, nor any elected nor appointed boards, officers, officials, employees, or agents of CITY shall be liable, at law or in equity, as a result of any failure of CONSULTANT to comply with this section.
22. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. CONSULTANT shall keep itself informed of and comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. CONSULTANT affirms that as an employer in the State of California, all new employees must produce proof of eligibility to work in the United States within the first three days of employment and that only employees legally eligible to work in the United States will be employed on

this public project. CONSULTANT agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing and continuously throughout the performance of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties below are authorized to act on behalf of their organizations, and have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth below.

Date: 11-8-18

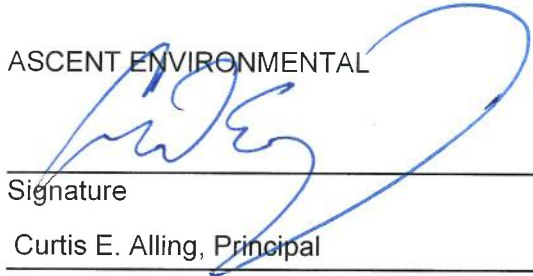
CITY OF ESCONDIDO



Jeffrey R. Epp
City Manager

Date: _____

ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL



Signature

Curtis E. Alling, Principal

Name & Title (please print)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
MICHAEL R. MCGUINNESS, City Attorney

By:  _____

THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST QUALIFIED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

I GENERAL TERMS

The total contract amount covered by this AGREEMENT is \$48,170. The total amount for each task as specified in Figure 1, the Estimated Project Fee, shall not be exceeded and the task shall be completed at that cost. Should the cost of a particular task be completed on a time and materials basis at less than the estimated task cost in Figure 1, then the City shall not pay more than the actual cost for the particular task. The City may cancel or restrict certain tasks in its sole discretion which shall not be charged to the City.

Reimbursable expenses for tasks will be paid on a monthly basis as the expenses are incurred by the CONSULTANT. Payment shall be made by the CITY to the CONSULTANT upon the receipt of an invoice itemizing the number of hours worked by task and work elements performed for the period covered by the invoice and/or incurred expenses. Monthly progress payments will be made as follows: After commencement of work under this AGREEMENT and at expiration of each month of work thereafter, CONSULTANT will verify all work performed on a form acceptable to the City Manager. CITY and CONSULTANT will work together to ensure monthly invoicing is accompanied by satisfactory documentation of expenses. All services shall be performed to the satisfaction of the City Manager and CITY shall not be liable for any payment under this AGREEMENT for services which are unsatisfactory and which have not been approved by the City Manager.

In connection with the work covered by this AGREEMENT the CITY may, at any time during the process of the work, order other work or materials incidental thereto by amending this contract in writing. If any such work and materials is not listed as a pay item with a contract unit price or if compensation is not included under the terms of the AGREEMENT, such work will be designated as Extra Work, and shall be performed by the CONSULTANT as directed.

The scope of work section provided in this AGREEMENT also provides for an optional, additional task to develop a MMRP for a cost not to exceed \$1,280. Optional tasks will be performed only if authorized in advance by the CITY in writing. Should this task not be required, the CITY may reallocate the \$1,280 to another task or for Extra Work as so designated.

The CITY will retain ten percent (10%) from the amounts invoiced until satisfactory completion of work and the final invoice has been processed. A partial payment computed by multiplying the basic fee by this percentage shall then become due and payable, provided however, that no more than ninety percent (90%) of the total fee will be paid during the performance of this AGREEMENT. The balance of said fee shall become due and payable upon completion of all duties under this agreement, final approval of the project by the City Manager, and delivery to the City Manager of all material and documents defined as property of the CITY. All services shall be performed to the satisfaction of the City Manager and CITY shall not be liable for any payment under this AGREEMENT for services which are unsatisfactory and which have not been approved by the City Manager.

Figure 1.

II SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The City is preparing an update to its CAP with GHG reduction measures that are being considered for implementation. Some of the measures under consideration include implementation of a Community Choice Energy Program or other similar large-scale renewable energy sourced program, various improvements considered as part of City transportation programs, energy efficiency measures, water conservation measures, solid waste reduction measures, and carbon sequestration measures. These reduction measures could result in varying levels of environmental impacts, some of which may not be able to be reduced to less-than-significant levels. However, considering that the City has not made a final determination on which measures would be included with the CAP, this scope of work addresses the preparation of an Initial Study to objectively evaluate the environmental effects of these measures. Once the Initial Study is prepared, Ascent will discuss the results with the City to confirm the appropriate level of CEQA documentation. The following scope of work assumes a Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND/MND) is the appropriate CEQA document to provide environmental coverage for the CAP. However, should an alternate determination be made by the City, an amendment to the scope of work may be required.

PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK

This section describes our work approach based on our project understanding and describes the scope of services to be performed by Ascent. All work will be carried out in close coordination with the City.

Task A Review of GHG Inventories, Forecasts, and GHG Reduction Measures

As part of SANDAG's Energy Roadmap Program the University of San Diego Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) is preparing an update to the GHG Inventory for years 2014 to 2015 and projected emissions for 2020, 2030, 2035, and 2050. Ascent will review current and forthcoming versions of this document to inform our understanding of the CAP prior to engaging in the CEQA planning process described in following tasks. Ascent staff will also review the proposed GHG reduction measures that will be evaluated in the CEQA document.

Task B Initial Study Environmental Checklist

This task will include preparation of the Initial Study Environmental Checklist (Initial Study, IS) for the CAP. This task will be used to evaluate the level of environmental impacts anticipated to occur with implementation of the GHG reduction measures. Upon evaluation of impacts, the appropriate CEQA document will be determined in consultation with the City.

Introduction

An introduction to the checklist review will be prepared that describes a summary of the CAP history, organization of the checklist review, and other documents used in preparation of the review.

Project Description

Ascent will prepare a detailed project description, including text and graphics, based on the available information from the draft CAP. It will be used as the basis for the Initial Study. The project area will be considered the jurisdictional boundaries of the City, consistent with the CAP. The description will include regional and local settings; objectives of the project; project characteristics, including all discretionary actions required by the City; important project features; off-site improvements; a list of responsible and other agencies; and a list of approvals.

Initial Study

Ascent will prepare an Initial Study for the CAP. The format and content of the document will be in full compliance with CEQA and its guidelines and the City's format for Environmental Checklists.

Ascent will prepare the Initial Study with explanations and analysis for each response, including "No Impact" responses. The level of analysis and degree of impacts will vary depending upon the environmental topic but will be sufficient to provide the "substantial" evidence to support the responses, consistent with CEQA requirements and prior legal direction from the courts. For each environmental issue, Ascent will describe existing conditions, assess potential environmental impacts, and recommend feasible mitigation measures. Resource areas of particular importance and that could result in significant impact are described in further detail below.

Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The project area is within the jurisdiction of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District. A brief description of applicable federal, state, and local regulations, regional and local conditions within the project area (e.g., attainment designations, existing sources), and the current state of climate change science (e.g., Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fifth Assessment Report [AR5] and publications by various California state agencies) will be presented. Since CAP measures have been designed to reduce GHG emissions, it is expected that measures will result in a net reduction to GHG emissions. The Initial Study will identify sections of the CAP where these reductions have been quantified to confirm that these reductions have been adequately substantiated.

Biological Resources

Ascent will compile, review, and analyze existing documentation pertinent to the biological resources within the project area, including reviewing and incorporating as appropriate the information contained in studies initiated by the City. The Initial Study will describe the potential presence of any plant or wildlife species or their habitat considered rare, endangered, threatened, or sensitive by governmental agencies (e.g., California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), or species that otherwise meets the definition of rare or endangered under CEQA. The Initial Study will identify possible biological resources impacts that may occur with implementation of the GHG reduction measures and recommend mitigation measures to reduce impacts.

Cultural Resources

Ascent will review the proposed GHG reduction measures for the potential to result in impacts to historical, archaeological, or paleontological resources or disturb human remains. Ascent will recommend mitigation to reduce potential impacts upon the discovery of previously unknown resources.

Energy

The Initial Study will consider the potential energy consumption (gas and electric) of proposed measures and will analyze whether this would constitute a wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The Initial Study will consider the proposed GHG reduction measures and possible impacts associated with hazards. The Initial Study will consider measures that may result in increased wildfire hazards. Mitigation Measures will be identified and recommended if necessary.

Noise and Vibration

The existing noise environment and applicable local noise and vibration standards will be briefly summarized for the environmental setting. No noise measurements are proposed. The existing environmental setting will be described based on available documentation (e.g., general plan, recent environmental documents). The section will provide qualitative analysis of noise impacts from implementation of GHG reduction measures upon existing sensitive receptors. Construction and operational-related noise impacts will be qualitatively described. Noise impacts related to construction and/or operations will be identified and mitigation will be recommended where necessary.

Transportation

The Initial Study will evaluate the potential for impacts resulting from the implementation of transportation-related improvement measures. Mitigation measures will be recommended to reduce the potential for significant impacts.

Other Sections and Assembly of the Administrative Initial Study

As appropriate and relevant, the checklist will include sections such as, "Report Preparers," "Persons Consulted," and "Bibliography." For all new citations, not already in the administrative record, Ascent will make electronic copies (i.e., pdf) of the cited material for delivery to the City. The Administrative Draft Initial Study will be assembled, reviewed for quality assurance, and submitted to the City for review and comment, and consideration of the appropriate environmental document for the CAP.

Mandatory Finding of Significance

Ascent will make the mandatory findings of significance as identified in the Initial Study.

Revision of the Administrative Draft Initial Study

The City will prepare a single unified set of comments on the Administrative Draft Initial Study and Ascent will revise the document for inclusion in the appropriate CEQA document.

DELIVERABLES

An electronic copy of administrative draft Initial Study.

Task C CEQA Document Determination Meeting

Ascent will arrange a meeting to discuss the findings of the Initial Study and discuss the appropriate next steps in CEQA evaluation. If all impacts related to the implementation of the CAP are determined to be reduced to less than significant, Ascent will move forward with preparation of a ND or MND. If significant and unavoidable impacts are identified, Ascent will discuss the potential options to move forward with the CEQA evaluation of the project and to process a contract amendment, if necessary. We will present the pros and cons of each option including potential efficiencies, flexibility with future streamlining under CEQA, and possible risk associated with each document type. Ascent's principal and project manager will attend the meeting.

Task D Administrative Draft IS/ND or MND

In response to the RFP, Ascent has prepared this scope assuming that a ND or MND will be the appropriate CEQA document to provide environmental coverage for the CAP, following the preparation of the Initial Study. The Administrative Draft IS/ND or MND will be prepared and submitted to the City for review.

DELIVERABLES

Administrative Draft IS/ND or IS/MND (Electronic Copy)

Task E Public IS/ND or MND Declaration

Ascent will incorporate staff comments and prepare a public IS/ND or IS/MND and the CEQA-required Notice of Completion. These will be submitted to the City in a Microsoft Word and PDF format. Ascent will be responsible for distributing the document and Notice of Completion to the State Clearinghouse. The City will be responsible for distributing the Notice of Intent to Adopt an ND or MND to public agencies and the public. This scope of work assumes that comments will not require analysis of new issues or substantially revised analysis of issues already addressed in the print check document. At the City's direction, Ascent can deliver 15 of these printed copies to the State Clearinghouse in Sacramento for distribution to responsible and trustee agencies.

DELIVERABLES

Twenty (20) printed copies of the public IS/ND or MND and an electronic copy

Task F Response to Public Comments on ND or MND

Ascent will coordinate with the City, who will assemble public and agency comments received on the IS/ND or MND. The responses are assumed to require only clarification and/or explanation of the conclusions in the IS/ND or MND without the need to revise analysis, elaborate substantially, or add new issues.

Ascent will prepare draft response to comments in a technical memorandum and will submit it to the City for review. Ascent will incorporate changes in response to City staff comments and will prepare final technical memorandum.

DELIVERABLES

Electronic copy of administrative draft response-to-comments technical memorandum

Electronic copy of final response-to-comments and revisions technical memorandum

Task G Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

A draft and final Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) will be provided. The MMRP will include all mitigation measures in the IS/ND or MND and will identify timing, responsible party, timing, performance standards, etc.

DELIVERABLES

One (1) electronic copy of draft MMRP

One (1) electronic copy of final MMRP

Task H Planning Commission Study Session & Hearings

Following the public release of the IS/ND or MND Ascent staff will be available, if desired by the City, to participate in a Study Session with the City Planning Commission. This session can be used to answer any questions about the contents of the IS/ND or MND. Additionally, Ascent staff will be available to attend one Planning Commission Public Hearing to receive public comments on the IS/ND or MND and one City Council Public Hearing.

III SCHEDULE

The following tables summarize the anticipated schedule to complete the ND or MND. If it is determined through the Initial Study that an alternative CEQA document is required, an updated schedule will be provided to the City.

TASK	SCHEDULE
Task A Review GHG Inventories, Forecasts, and GHG Reduction Measures	November 2018
Task B Prepare Initial Study Environmental Checklist	December 2018
Task C Project Meeting	December 2018
Task D Prepare Administrative Draft Initial Study/ND or MND	January 2019
Task E Prepare Public Initial Study/ND or MND	February 2019
Task F Planning Commission Study Session & Hearings	February-April 2019
Task G Response to Public Comments on ND or MND	March 2019
Task H Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program	March 2019
TOTAL	20-22 Weeks

IV FIRM ORGANIZATION

Firm Qualifications



Ascent, a California S-Corporation, is certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) by the State of California. We are a dynamic environmental, natural resources, and planning consultancy with a staff of 77 professionals headquartered in Sacramento and with offices in San Diego, Lake Tahoe, and Oakland. We offer a broad spectrum of services, including CEQA and NEPA compliance; biological resources analysis; wetlands delineation and assessment; and regulatory compliance services; air quality and noise services; and climate change, and GHG analyses.

Ascent staff have worked on several similar projects in the San Diego region and throughout California. Most recently, we completed a CAP and comprehensive Supplemental EIR that analyzed a spectrum of resource areas for the County of San Diego. We are currently working on CAPs and associated CEQA documents for the counties of Napa and Ventura and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Ascent staff are experts in compliance with the overarching environmental planning laws and regulations used to evaluate projects, specifically CEQA and NEPA. Our environmental compliance experience includes preparation of EIRs, EISs, NDs, MNDs, EAs, ISS, Categorical Exclusions and Notices of Exemption (NOEs) for a wide range of projects, including CAPs, general and community plans, specific/master plans, land management and recreation plans including habitat conservation plans, public infrastructure and facilities, and proposed regulations. We are more than document and permit preparers; we help devise the most effective and efficient environmental review strategies and work with our clients as they seek to manage future challenges.

We focus on providing highly responsive service with special attention on protecting the time of City staff related to contract administrative requirements. We also use well established quality assurance approaches to ensure consistent quality from assignment to assignment.

Our Experience in San Diego

For the past five years we have been supporting cities in the region and the County of San Diego with CEQA and climate action planning services. These include:

- ▶ **County of San Diego:** Ascent prepared a CAP and associated Supplemental EIR that was adopted by the County's Board of Supervisors in February 2018. The effort also included preparation of a CAP Consistency Checklist and *Guidelines for Determining Significance* of GHG impacts. Ascent also previously assisted the County in preparing an implementation plan and progress report for the previous CAP.
- ▶ **City of San Diego:** Ascent worked with the City of San Diego to develop a CEQA streamlining framework for their CAP that was adopted in December 2015. The framework consisted of a CAP consistency checklist that is being used by the City's Development Services Department for review of discretionary projects, technical support documentation, and a CEQA Addendum to the CAP EIR. Ascent is currently preparing technical air quality and GHG analyses pursuant to CEQA for several projects within the City of San Diego.
- ▶ **City of Carlsbad:** Ascent prepared a CAP consistency checklist and GHG guidance for the City of Carlsbad's CAP and now are helping in an as-needed role to conduct CAP consistency determinations and review of GHG studies for new development projects.

- ▶ **City of San Marcos:** Ascent was recently selected to provide on-call environmental services to the City of San Marcos. Most recently we assisted them with an Addendum to the Davia Village Specific Plan IS/MND.
- ▶ **San Diego Unified Port District:** Ascent staff are currently assisting the San District Unified Port District (Port District) with development of guidance, methodology, and quantitative thresholds of significance pursuant to CEQA (including air quality and GHGs). Ascent is also assisting with peer review of CEQA documents.
- ▶ **San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG):** Ascent is assisting SANDAG with preparation of the health risk assessment for San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan EIR. In addition, Ascent will be conducting quality assurance/quality control reviews for the air quality and GHG sections of the EIR. Ascent staff are also assisting SANDAG with preparation of a regional framework for climate action planning. Ascent has completed CAPs for the cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach and is developing CAPs for the cities of Escondido, Vista, San Marcos, Lemon Grove and El Cajon under this contract.
- ▶ **Other Local Jurisdictions:** We have also worked the cities of Carlsbad, Lemon Grove, Solano Beach, Encinitas, and Riverside County with a variety of environmental servicing needs. We understand the key environmental issues of the region and are experienced in creating successful and efficient outcomes.

Public Participation and Community Outreach

Ascent principals and staff have extensive experience in leading and conducting public meetings, including stakeholder meetings, consensus-building meetings, public workshops, and meetings required for CEQA public review processes. We are knowledgeable of state and local laws and regulations, we invest time in the community to understand issues and concerns, and we are experts at conducting fair, impartial, and effective public outreach meetings. Also, Ascent provides a full range of graphically prepared newsletters, website postings, and email blasts to effectively support community outreach.

Ability to Provide Identified Services in a Timely Manner

Ascent understands the need to perform within fixed and challenging schedules and makes effective use of time and staff resource management tools to optimize efficiency. We strive to understand the objectives of a given project, and how the environmental process fits with other project needs and timelines. Further, we have demonstrated that we can deliver within narrow timeframes, often on simultaneous projects.

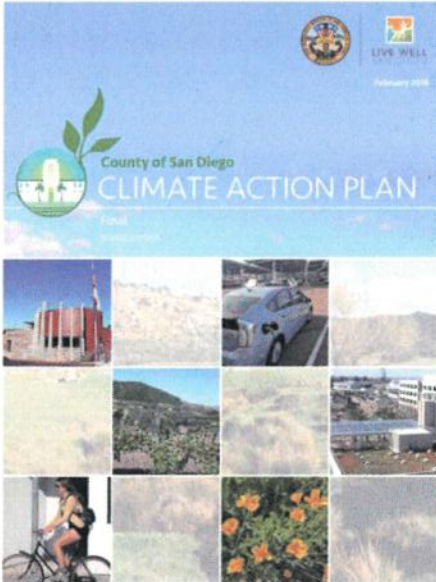
Scheduling and workload management systems at Ascent are designed to allocate resources to meet all client due dates, regardless of their timing or the number of deadlines within a given period. Specifically, Ascent's scheduling and workload management systems include project/staff management software (Deltek Vision), weekly schedule and workload monitoring of technical, graphics, word processing, and production staff; long-range (three to six months) staffing projections to secure availability; and critical-path method and timeline scheduling for tasks and milestones (e.g., Microsoft Project). Using these proven strategies, Ascent has successfully completed numerous complex projects with demanding schedules that required attentive project management, coordination, and communication.

Similar Projects with References

Selected projects that demonstrate the Ascent team's proven experience with projects of similar magnitude and complexity as those anticipated in the City are described below. Clients for whom we have worked in the past provide the best testimony to the dedication we make to their projects. We encourage and authorize you to contact the following references for an appraisal of the services they received from Ascent staff.

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CAP AND SUPPLEMENTAL EIR

Client: County of San Diego Planning & Development Services (PDS)



Ascent was retained by the County of San Diego to prepare a CAP and associated Supplemental EIR. The County undertook preparation of the new qualified CAP (consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5) in response to litigation that led to rescission of the previous CAP. Ascent prepared the baseline GHG inventory and emissions forecasts for community-wide sources and well as County internal operations. Ascent worked with the County to develop GHG reduction targets for specific benchmark years (i.e., 2020, 2030, and 2050). Ascent's scope of work included evaluation and quantification of the GHG reduction potential of identified GHG reduction measures and a gap analysis to determine whether the proposed list of

strategies would achieve the County's target. Ascent is currently working with the County to define an evaluation and monitoring framework for the CAP.

Ascent prepared the Supplemental EIR to assess the environmental impacts of the CAP. Ascent assisted the County with an extensive public outreach program that included providing reports, presentations, and marketing materials to disseminate information to stakeholders and the public.

YEARS OF SERVICE:
2015 – 2018

REFERENCE:
Darin Neufeld, AICP
Planning Manager
County of San Diego
858.694.3455

COUNTY OF NAPA CAP AND EIR

Client: County of Napa



Ascent prepared a comprehensive CAP for the unincorporated area of Napa County. The CAP includes strategies for reducing GHG emissions from all sectors, including agriculture and natural and working lands (i.e., changes in carbon sequestration from land use conversion), with a goal to provide CEQA streamlining for future projects consistent with the CAP pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5. The CAP also includes a county-wide climate vulnerability assessment that

identifies the vulnerability of the population, natural resources, and built environment to the effects and impacts of climate change; and, specific strategies and implementing measures that promote adaptation to sea-level rise, increased wildfire risk, effects of extreme heat events on local populations and agriculture, and other effects.

Ascent is currently preparing a focused EIR for the CAP pursuant to the requirements of CEQA.

YEARS OF SERVICE:
2015-Ongoing

REFERENCE:
David Morrison
Planning Director
Napa County
707.253.4805

CITY OF SAN DIEGO CAP CHECKLIST AND CEQA DOCUMENTATION

Client: City of San Diego

Ascent worked with the City of San Diego to develop a CAP consistency checklist and associated CEQA documentation to provide streamlining provisions for future development projects. The City adopted a CAP and certified an EIR for the CAP in December 2015. Following adoption of the CAP, the City committed to preparing and presenting to City Council a refined CEQA streamlining proposal to allow project specific environmental documents, if eligible, to tier from and/or incorporate by reference the CAP's programmatic review of GHG impacts in their cumulative impact analysis.

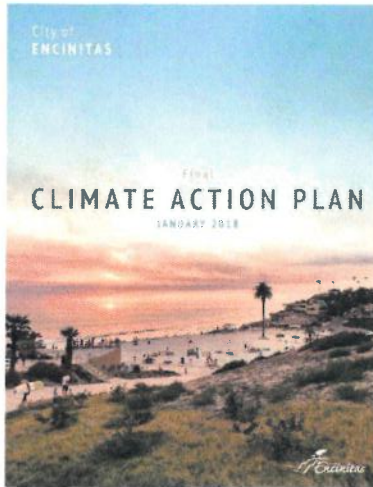
With future implementing actions, the City's CAP has been prepared to meet the requirements under section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines as a qualified plan for the reduction of GHG emissions for use in cumulative impact analysis pertaining to development projects. The proposal will provide a streamlined review process for the GHG emissions analysis of proposed new development projects that are subject to discretionary review and trigger environmental review pursuant to CEQA. The streamlining framework represents an important implementing action of the CAP and will help the City measure progress towards its adopted GHG reduction goals.

YEARS OF SERVICE:
2016

REFERENCE:
Rebecca Malone
Senior Planner
City of San Diego
Planning Department
619.446.5371

CLIMATE PLANNING SERVICES FOR SANDAG

Client: SANDAG



Ascent was retained by SANDAG to standardize and streamline climate action planning in the San Diego region, which is faced with the challenge of balancing sensitive environmental resources and ecosystems with the need for economic vitality. SANDAG, in its capacity as the regional planning agency, is uniquely positioned to transcend jurisdictional boundaries and engender a regional approach to this challenge. Ascent assisted SANDAG in developing a regional framework that leverages research and regional capacity to create a consensus-based mechanism for combating climate change and reducing GHG emissions. The regional framework is intended to guide local governments in developing

consistent GHG emissions inventories and projections, streamline data collection, set consistent GHG reduction targets that align with State goals, quantify GHG reduction measures, and develop CAPs consistent with CEQA, as applicable. Ascent has also completed CAPs for the cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach and is developing CAPs for the cities of Escondido, Vista, San Marcos, Lemon Grove and El Cajon under this contract

YEARS OF SERVICE:

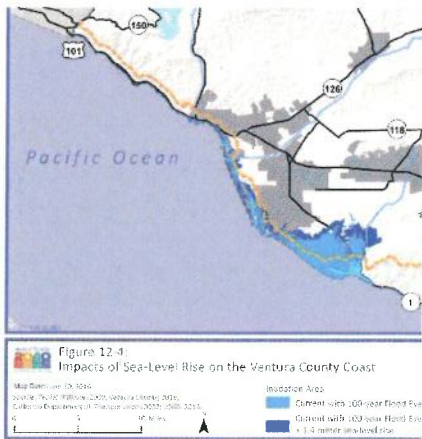
2016 - Ongoing

REFERENCE:

Katie Hentrich
Regional
Energy/Climate
Planner
SANDAG
619.595.5609

VENTURA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND EIR

Client: County of Ventura



The County of Ventura retained a consultant team to comprehensively update the County's General Plan to be more user-friendly and address contemporary planning issues such as reducing GHG emissions and adapting to climate change. The updated General Plan will serve as the County's CAP by specifying GHG reduction targets and GHG reduction measures sufficient to address both existing and future development and provide GHG streamlining benefits under CEQA, as well as address climate vulnerability and adaptation with respect to sea-level rise,

YEARS OF SERVICE:

2016 - Ongoing

REFERENCE:

Susan Curtis,
Manager
General Plan Update
Section
Resource
Management Agency
County of Ventura
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wildfires, drought, and other climate-related issues.

Ascent is serving as the climate change, air quality, and noise specialist on the consultant team and is also leading preparation of the EIR. Additionally, Ascent is providing technical support to staff in their development of both General Plan policies and concurrent implementation programs to establish a Habitat Connectivity Overlay Zone to protect and enhance habitat in critical wildlife

movement corridors. Ascent's work includes development of policies and programs that address these issues, as well as preparation of technical studies.

CDCR CAP AND EIR

CLIENT: CDCR

CDCR is preparing a comprehensive CAP that will serve as both a GHG reduction plan and a climate adaptation strategy for CDCR facilities, operations, and investment decisions. The CAP covers CDCR's adult institutions, juvenile facilities, health care facilities, parole offices, and owned and leased administrative and throughout California. The CAP is being prepared to build on CDCR's sustainability achievements to date pursuant to relevant Executive Orders and legislation (including the State Green Buildings Action Plan) and will identify future actions that would both reduce GHG emissions and prepare CDCR facilities and operations for the impacts of climate change. Ascent is preparing an EIR for the proposed CAP.

YEARS OF SERVICE:
2017 - Ongoing

REFERENCE:
BOB SLEPPY
ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH LIAISON
CDCR
916.255.1141

CARB GREENHOUSE GAS REGULATORY PROGRAM CEQA COMPLIANCE

Client: CARB

CARB embarked on a series of regulatory actions to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 32, SB 32, and management authorities. Since 2010, Ascent has successfully completed complex environmental analyses under CARB's CEQA certified regulatory program. Task orders have included:

- ▶ AB 32 Scoping Plan Functional Equivalent Document (FED) Supplement
- ▶ AB 32 Cap-and-Trade and Offsets Quantification Methods Regulation FED
- ▶ Advanced Clean Cars FED
- ▶ 33 Percent Renewable Electricity Standard Regulation FED
- ▶ AB 32 Scoping Plan Update EA
- ▶ Cap-and-Trade Regulation Amendments and Mine Methane Capture Compliance Offset Protocol EA
- ▶ Cap-and-Trade Regulation: Rice Cultivation Protocol EA
- ▶ Cap-and-Trade Regulation: U.S. Forest Protocol Update EA
- ▶ Low-Carbon Fuel Standard and Alternative Diesel Fuel Regulation EA
- ▶ SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategies Regional GHG Targets Update EA
- ▶ Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy EA
- ▶ Low-Carbon Fuel Standard Regulation and Carbon Capture Sequestration EA Amendments
- ▶ California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan EA (SB 32)
- ▶ State Implementation Plan EA
- ▶ Community Air Protection Framework EA
- ▶ Innovative Clean Transit Regulation; Zero-Emission Airport Shuttle Bus Regulation; and Zero Emission Powertrain Certification Regulation EA

YEARS OF SERVICE:
2010 - Ongoing

REFERENCE:
Rebecca Fancher
Air Pollution Specialist
CARB
916.323.1550

CEQA THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND GUIDELINES UPDATE

Client: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) updated its thresholds of significance and associated guidelines for assessing GHG, as well as air quality, under CEQA. Ascent staff, while with a prior firm, were responsible for conducting technical studies supporting BAAQMD's decisions about the GHG thresholds and guidelines and preparing draft and final versions for adoption. This work entailed the development of numerical thresholds for plan- and project-level GHG emissions, which were substantiated in the evidence presented and supported by the Attorney General's Office. This work was conducted on time and within budget, which was challenging due to the innovative nature of the analysis.

Ascent is currently working with BAAQMD to update its GHG thresholds of significance and associated guidelines for assessing climate action planning and GHG mitigation approaches under CEQA. Ascent GHG and Climate Change Specialists are assisting with conducting technical studies supporting BAAQMD's decisions about the thresholds and guidelines. This effort includes new approaches and information with respect to climate action planning, construction emissions, and operational-related emissions of GHGs; and guidance on climate action planning and adaptation assessments. Ascent was also recently selected to provide CEQA Analyses for Air Quality Plans and Rule Development.

**YEARS OF
SERVICE:**

2017-ongoing

REFERENCE:

David Vintze
Air Quality Planning
Manager
BAAQMD
415.749.5179

V PROJECT ORGANIZATION

Ascent has assembled a team with outstanding skills and technical experience as shown in the organizational chart presented below. Our team will be led by Amanda Olekszulín, and Kelly Bray, serving as principal-in-charge and project manager, respectively. Amanda, a principal of Ascent, will provide overall contract management, quality assurance, and CEQA Strategy. Kelly will be the day-to-day point of contact and will be actively involved in all tasks, including reporting on project budget and schedule. Amanda and Kelly will work together to make sure the quality of work products is top-notch.


Organizational Chart

The chart below presents the organizational structure of the Ascent team.




Key Staff Biographies

Brief biosketches for members of proposed team are included on the following pages.

NAME AND ROLE	BIOGRAPHY
 <p>Amanda Olekszulín Principal</p> <p>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE 20</p> <p>EDUCATION M.B.A., California State University, Sacramento B.A., Marine Science, University of San Diego</p>	<p>Amanda is a founding principal at Ascent with 20 years of professional experience in environmental and community planning. Amanda has a diverse background managing complex and controversial projects, including CEQA compliance for CAPs. She has broad marketplace recognition for CEQA and NEPA document leadership and management and is a regular instructor in the practice of CEQA and NEPA compliance for professional associations, the California Association for Local Agency Formation Commission, and university extension. Most recently Amanda led the EIR for the County of San Diego's CAP and is currently leading the EIR for the County of Napa CAP. Amanda's recent relevant and local experience includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ County of San Diego CAP and Supplemental EIR, County of San Diego PDS (CEQA Director) ▶ County of Napa CAP EIR, County of Napa (CEQA Director) ▶ City of San Diego CAP Compliance Checklist and CEQA Addendum, City of San Diego (CEQA Director) ▶ Climate Planning Services for SANDAG, SANDAG (Principal of Environmental Services) ▶ Level II Infill Correctional Facilities Project EIR, CDCR (Project Director) - Amanda directed preparation of a multi-volume EIR that addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of three infill housing facilities at existing CDCR facilities within California Level II Infill Correctional Facilities (including R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego County). ▶ MARC Project IS/MND Addendum, City of San Marcos (Project Director) – Amanda directed the preparation of the MARC Project Addendum to the approved Davia Village Specific Plan IS/MND. The project was completed in under one month and was successfully approved by the City of San Marcos. ▶ Certified Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and IS/MND, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Project Director) - Ascent also prepared the IS/MND for the CWPP that evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with several fuel treatment activities. ▶ Folsom South of 50 Specific Plan EIR/EIS Subsequent Projects, City of Folsom (Project Director) - The project applicant group requested annexation into the City of Folsom, and approval of various discretionary entitlements in support of a specific plan for a mixed-use development and supporting on- and off-site roadways and infrastructure. Since the Specific Plan was approved and the EIR/EIS was certified, Amanda has directed environmental compliance for subsequent including amendments to the Specific Plan and requests for tentative subdivision maps.

NAME AND ROLE	BIOGRAPHY
 <p>Kelly Bray Project Manager</p> <p>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE 11</p> <p>EDUCATION M.S., Urban & Regional Planning, Florida State University B.S., Environmental Science & Policy, University of South Florida</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS American Planning Association Association of Environmental Professionals Adjunct Professor, CEQA Practice Certificate, University of California – San Diego Extension</p>	<p>Kelly Bray is an environmental planner with over 11 years of professional planning and project management experience. She has prepared environmental and planning documentation for dozens of public and private development projects throughout California. She recently managed the preparation of the County of San Diego's CAP Supplemental EIR which requires broad knowledge of the County's land use and planning context. As a former Land Use/Environmental Planner III with the County of San Diego, she managed, or assisted with the management of some of the County's most controversial and significant projects including the Lilac Hills Ranch Specific Plan EIR, Otay 250 Specific Plan Amendment EIR, and the Harmony Grove Village South Specific Plan EIR, among others. She also prepared the County's Local Coastal Program and contributed to planning analysis for a myriad of projects in the Advanced Planning division. Kelly is also an instructor at the University of California San Diego Extension CEQA Practice Certificate Program and specializes in teaching students how to write effective and legally defensible CEQA documents. Kelly's recent relevant project experience includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ County of San Diego CAP Supplemental EIR, County of San Diego (Project Manager/ Technical Writer) ▶ County of Napa CAP EIR, Napa County, County of Napa (Project Manager) City of El Cajon CAP EIR, City of El Cajon (Project Manager) - Ascent is preparing a qualified CAP (consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5) for the City of El Cajon. Kelly will manage the preparation of the EIR in support of the project. ▶ Mather South Community Master Plan EIR, County of Sacramento (Project Manager/Technical Writer) - Ascent has been retained by Sacramento County to prepare an EIR for the Mather South Community Master Plan project, which requires multiple General Plan Amendments, a Specific Plan Amendment, and rezoning of the property and would authorize the development of approximately 800 acres and construct 3,500 dwelling units, 800,000 square feet of commercial uses, and supportive uses in a mixed-use land development scenario. Kelly is managing the project budget, project staffing, and client communications for the project. ▶ Richard J. Donovan Mental Health Crisis Facility MND, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, County of San Diego (Project Manager) - Kelly is managing the preparation of an MND in support of a new mental health crisis facility project within the existing Richard J. Donovan correctional facility property.

NAME AND ROLE	BIOGRAPHY
 <p>Poonam Boparai Senior Air Quality, and Climate Change Specialist</p> <p>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE 11</p> <p>EDUCATION M.S., Environmental Engineering (Focus: Air Quality Engineering and Science), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign B.E., Chemical Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India</p>	<p>Poonam is an expert in air quality and GHG assessments for land use planning, transportation, energy, and infrastructure projects. Poonam possesses a unique skill set that balances technical expertise with a keen understanding of planning and environmental policy, coupled with a strong educational background in air quality and climate change. She has successfully applied her expertise in assisting agencies such as CAPCOA, BAAQMD, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), SANDAG, and the County of San Diego with air quality and climate change policy development, development of GHG thresholds of significance, analysis methodologies, and GHG reduction strategies. Poonam led the preparation of the County of San Diego's CAP, adopted in February 2017, in response to a court mandate on the County's previous CAP. She is managing Ascent's contract with SANDAG, assisting the agency with preparation of the Regional Climate Action Planning Framework and development of CAPs for local cities. Poonam has led preparation of CAPs for the cities of Encinitas, Solana Beach, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, Lemon Grove, and El Cajon.</p> <p>Poonam's relevant experience includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Climate Planning Services for SANDAG, SANDAG (Project Manager) ▶ County of San Diego CAP, County of San Diego (CAP Project Manager) ▶ City of San Diego CAP Compliance Checklist and CEQA Addendum (Project Manager) ▶ City of Carlsbad CAP Checklist, GHG Guidance, and As-Needed GHG Reviews (Project Manager/Lead Technical Specialist) - The City of Carlsbad adopted a CAP in September 2015. Ascent prepared a CAP Compliance Checklist (including thresholds and screening levels) to assist the City in determining whether a project is consistent with the CAP. The CAP is a qualified plan under Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines for use in cumulative impact analysis pertaining to development projects with additional actions. This allows projects that demonstrate consistency with the CAP to be eligible for this streamlining procedure. Ascent also prepared GHG guidance for projects that choose an alternative compliance route to demonstrate consistency with the CAP. Currently, Ascent staff are helping in an as-needed role to conduct CAP consistency determinations and GHG Study reviews for new development projects. ▶ San Diego Unified Port District Air Quality and Climate Change Guidelines, San Diego Unified Port District (Project Manager) - Ascent is working with the San Diego Unified Port District in preparing guidelines and thresholds of significance for air quality and GHG emissions analysis pursuant to CEQA, as-needed technical support and third-party review for air quality and GHG emissions analysis, and development of guidelines and thresholds of significance for other CEQA issue areas.

NAME AND ROLE	BIOGRAPHY
 <p>Linda Leeman Senior Biologist</p> <p>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE 19</p> <p>EDUCATION M.S., Natural Resources, Humboldt State University B.S., Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, UC Davis</p>	<p>Linda Leeman is a wildlife biologist and project manager with over 19 years of professional experience. She specializes in habitat assessments, wildlife impact analyses, restoration and mitigation planning, and endangered species permitting. Linda has extensive experience with CEQA, NEPA, and federal and California Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance for projects throughout northern and central California. She has worked on many complex, multidisciplinary projects requiring a high degree of organization and coordination. She is adept at managing teams of technical specialists and providing senior review, quality assurances, and budgetary oversight. Linda coordinates frequently with local, state, and federal regulatory and resource management agencies, providing reliable, unbiased information to help inform regulatory decisions that allow her clients to achieve their objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Level II Infill Correctional Facilities Project EIR, CDCR (Senior Biologist) ▶ AB 32 Cap-and-Trade and Offsets Quantification Methods Regulation Functionally Equivalent CEQA Document, California Air Resources Board (Senior Biologist) - Ascent assisted ARB with the preparation of a Functionally Equivalent Document (FED) under ARB's CEQA certified regulatory program for the Cap-and-Trade Program and the Offsets Quantification Methods Regulation. This regulation is a cornerstone of California's implementation of AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The FED examined the potential environmental impacts related to reasonably foreseeable compliance approaches by covered (i.e., regulated) entities, such as effects of changed industrial processes or combustion fuel switches. ▶ 33 Percent Renewable Electricity Standard Regulation Functionally Equivalent CEQA Document, California Air Resources Board (Senior Biologist) - Ascent assisted ARB with the preparation of a FED under ARB's CEQA certified regulatory program for the 33 Percent Renewable Electricity Standard Regulation. This regulation is a key strategy for California's implementation of AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The FED examined the potential environmental impacts related to reasonably foreseeable compliance approaches by covered (i.e., regulated) utilities, such as effects of developing expanded renewable electricity generation and additional transmission capacities. ▶ Sonoma Coast State Beach General Plan and EIR, Sonoma County, California State Parks (Wildlife Biologist) - Linda assisted with the preparation of the General Plan and EIR for the Sonoma Coast State Beach in Sonoma County. The park is one of California's most often visited State Parks and contains 19 miles of scenic coastline with rugged headlands, sandy beaches and sweeping ocean vistas. The park contains diverse biological resources including an underwater preserve, coastal bluff wetlands, the mouth of the Russian River, marine resources, coastal streams and a mosaic of diverse plant communities and abundant wildlife.



Erik de Kok, AICP
Senior Planner

**YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE** **18**

EDUCATION

M.S., Urban Planning,
Hunter College, City
University of New York
B.A., Geography, Calvin
College

CERTIFICATIONS

American Institute of
Certified Planners No.
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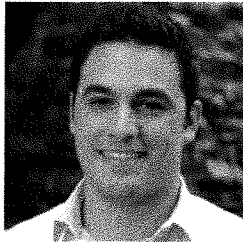
**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

American Planning
Association

American Society of
Adaptation Professionals

Erik de Kok is a Senior Planner with over 18 years of professional planning and project management experience. He has prepared and implemented a variety of long-range planning projects and related programs, including community and neighborhood plans; comprehensive plans, general plans and regional plans; and climate action and sustainability plans. He is also an experienced facilitator, having worked on several public outreach and collaborative policy campaigns. A former planner at the City of Sacramento, Erik brings to each project an intimate knowledge of the civic process and familiarity with local and regional planning issues. With a specialty in planning for sustainability, Erik's experience includes preparation and implementation of CAPs, GHG reduction plans, and land use plans to achieve efficient mobility. Erik's relevant project experience includes:

- ▶ **CDCR CAP and EIR**, CDCR (Project Manager)
- ▶ **City of San Diego CAP Compliance Checklist and CEQA Addendum** (Project Advisor)
- ▶ **County of Napa CAP and EIR**, County of Napa (CAP Project Manager)
- ▶ **Climate Planning Services for SANDAG, SANDAG** (Senior Planner/Technical Review)
- ▶ **City of Sacramento CAPs, City of Sacramento** (Project Manager) - As a Senior Planner at the City of Sacramento, Erik developed and managed a Sustainability and Climate Action Planning program for the City that resulted in the preparation of two separate CAP documents. The City's Phase 1 CAP, prepared internally by staff, was focused on achieving GHG emission reductions in the City's internal municipal operations, while the Phase 2 CAP (adopted in 2012) was focused on both communitywide GHG emission reductions and climate adaptation strategies.
- ▶ **Sacramento County CAP and Adaptation Plan**, County of Sacramento (Project Manager) - In 2011, the County of Sacramento adopted an initial CAP document (also known as the "Phase 1 CAP"), which provided a framework for the County to mitigate GHG emissions and adapt to climate change. Based on the Phase 1 CAP, the County adopted its first Government Operations CAP in 2012, which identified and prioritized actions related to the operation of County-owned facilities, vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure. The Phase 1 CAP also suggested that the County should develop a more detailed Phase 2 CAP for communitywide sources that would identify, quantify, and create a detailed action plan to reduce communitywide GHG emissions; and, prepare a more detailed climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan. One of the County's desired outcomes for the Phase 2 CAP to serve as a qualified "plan for the reduction of GHG emissions," in accordance with criteria identified in Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, in order to facilitate streamlining of GHG emissions analysis for individual projects that are consistent with the CAP. Ascent is leading the effort to prepare both the phase 2 CAP and update of the Government Operations CAP.



**Dimitri Antoniou, AICP
Noise Specialist**

**YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE** 9

EDUCATION
M.S., City and Regional
Planning, California
Polytechnic State
University

B.S., Environmental
Management and
Protection, California
Polytechnic State
University

**SOFTWARE
CAPABILITIES**
ArcGIS, CalEEMod,
URBEMIS, AERMOD,
HARP, Google Earth,
Adobe Design Suite

Dimitri Antoniou is an environmental planner and air quality/ greenhouse gas specialist with experience in environmental impact analysis, critical writing and document preparation, and GIS analysis. He has worked on a variety of projects conducting environmental analyses and preparing environmental documents pursuant to CEQA and NEPA. He has experience conducting technical air quality and GHG analyses for development projects using computer-based emissions models such as CalEEMod. He also has experience in air dispersion modeling software such as AERMOD and HARP which he has used to conduct community-wide air dispersion and health risk modeling in California. In addition, Dimitri has experience conducting ambient noise level measurements and technical noise studies. His technical background and professional experience give him the ability to analyze and solve difficult problems, conduct technical environmental analysis, and produce strong work products.

- ▶ **As-Needed Air Quality and Climate Change Services**, County of San Diego Planning and Development Services (Air Quality and Climate Change Specialist)
- ▶ **Napa County CAP and EIR**, Napa County (Air Quality and Climate Change Analyst)
- ▶ **Level II Infill Correctional Facilities Project EIR**, CDCR (Noise Analyst)
- ▶ **Sacramento County CAP and Adaptation Plan**, Sacramento County (Climate Change Analyst)
- ▶ **Hayward General Plan Update and EIR**, City of Hayward (Noise, Air Quality and Climate Change Analyst) - Ascent served as the climate change, air quality and noise specialist on the consultant team for the update of the Hayward General Plan and EIR. In addition, Ascent prepared a first-of-its-kind Community Risk Reduction Strategy that is integrated within the General Plan, pursuant to the guidelines of the BAAQMD.
- ▶ **Mather South Community Master Plan EIR**, County of Sacramento (Project Manager/Air Quality and Climate Change Specialist)
- ▶ **City of Sacramento General Plan Update Master EIR**, Sacramento County (Noise Analyst) - Ascent is preparing the MEIR for the City of Sacramento General Plan Update. The proposed update to the City's General Plan will document the City's progress in implementing the 2030 General Plan since 2009 and the Plan's policies and implementation programs to reflect changed conditions and new priorities. The updated MEIR will extend the streamlining utility for another 5 years. Dimitri conducted the background report for the noise section of the EIR which will serve as the regulatory and environmental setting for baseline conditions. He conducted traffic noise modeling for major roadways throughout the City and produced associated traffic noise contours. Dimitri will conduct the noise impact analysis for implementation of the General Plan.

NAME AND ROLE	BIOGRAPHY
 <p>Ricky Williams, AICP Transportation Specialist</p> <p>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE 4</p> <p>EDUCATION Master of City and Regional Planning, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, 2015 Master of Science in Engineering, Transportation Engineering, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, 2015 B.S. Community and Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2013</p>	<p>Ricky Williams is an Environmental Planner at Ascent Environmental in San Diego with experience in air quality and greenhouse gas analyses, transportation planning and engineering, long-range planning, and environmental impact analysis. Ricky has worked on a variety of transportation engineering and planning projects throughout California including long-range traffic forecasting, project and plan level traffic impact analyses, bicycle and pedestrian planning, transportation demand management plans, and CAPs. He has reviewed and provided comments on transportation, air quality, greenhouse gas, and noise CEQA sections as a transportation sub-consultant and public-sector reviewer, and managed transportation projects in coordination with local, regional, and state agencies and other private agencies.</p> <p>Prior to joining Ascent, Ricky worked as a transportation planner and engineer in San Jose, California, and holds a Master's in City and Regional Planning and a Master of Science in Transportation Engineering from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, where he focused on transportation planning and hazard mitigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SANDAG Climate Action Planning, SANDAG (Planner) - Climate Action Planner for various jurisdictions including Vista, Escondido, El Cajon, and San Marcos ▶ County of San Diego CAP CEQA Compliance, County of San Diego (Air Quality and GHG Analyst) ▶ As-Needed Air Quality and Climate Change Services, San Diego County, County of San Diego Planning and Development Services (Air Quality and Climate Change Specialist) ▶ BART Phase II Silicon Valley Extension Travel Demand Modeling and Traffic Impact Analysis, City of San Jose and City of Santa Clara (Transportation Planner and Travel Demand Forecaster) ▶ Santa Clara County High Speed Rail Traffic Impact Analysis, County of Santa Clara (Transportation Planner and Engineer) ▶ County of San Mateo Campus Expansion Master Plan Traffic Impact Study and TDM Plan, County of San Mateo (Transportation Planner)

VI COST PROPOSAL

The price for the City of Escondido, CAP Update CEQA Analyses Services is presented in Figure 1. To promote clarity, the following assumptions explain the basis of the price.

1. **Schedule.** The price is based on the schedule. If the schedule is protracted significantly (more than 60 days) for reasons beyond Ascent's control, a budget amendment may apply to the remaining work. Ascent will consult with the City about a course of action.
2. **Completion of Work.** The scope of work is complete upon the acceptance by City staff of the final deliverable.
3. **Price Allocation to Tasks.** The price has been allocated to tasks. No reallocation of costs may be done without prior written approval of the City.
4. **Meetings and Conference Calls.** The number and duration of proposed meetings and conference calls are specified. If they are exceeded, a budget augmentation may be requested.
5. **Changes to the Project or Alternatives.** If the descriptions of the project and alternatives are changed after they have been approved for use by the City, a budget amendment will be warranted to the extent completed work needs to be revised or redone.
6. **Scope of Analysis.** The price is based on the proposed scope of analysis. If new technical issues, alternatives, field surveys, modeling, or analysis is identified after contract execution, a budget amendment would be warranted.
7. **Adequacy of Provided Materials.** Materials provided by others are assumed to be complete and adequate for use in the analysis. If supplemental or revised analysis, studies, data, or fieldwork is needed to render such materials adequate, a budget amendment would be warranted.
8. **Tribal Consultation.** Whether a tribe or tribes will request consultation under Assembly Bill 52 (Statutes of 2014) is unknown. The scope and budget, therefore, do not include performance of this consultation. Consultation assistance can be added, if needed, with a scope and budget amendment.
9. **Preliminary Draft Review Cycles and Reviewers.** Preliminary draft review cycles are specified in the scope of work. Preliminary drafts will be reviewed by City staff and not by other agencies or entities.
10. **Consolidated Comments.** the City will provide Ascent with one consolidated set of reconciled, nonconflicting comments on preliminary drafts.
11. **Responses to Public Comments.** After public review of the draft environmental document, Ascent will prepare a list of commenters; compile, organize, review, and evaluate comments; and coordinate with the City to develop response strategies. Up to 33 labor hours are budgeted for preparing responses to comments. If the number or complexity of comments requires a greater level of effort, Ascent and the City will coordinate about a course of action and budget augmentation, if needed.
12. **References Cited.** Ascent will maintain electronic copies of cited references and provide electronic files during public review. Ascent will submit electronic copies of all references to the City for archiving upon completion of the scope of work.

Attachment A: Scope of Services

13. **Reproduction Costs.** The reproduction cost of documents is included in the price, based on assumptions regarding the number of copies, document length, and extent of color graphics. If the number of copies, document length, or extent of color content exceeds assumptions, a budget augmentation would be warranted.
14. **Litigation Support.** Ascent is available to assist in the lead agency's response to a lawsuit, subject to a contract amendment. Except for electronic files of cited references, assembly of an administrative record or project record is not included but can be provided with a budget augmentation.

**ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
2018 BILLING RATES BY LABOR CLASSIFICATION**

Labor Classification	Billing Rate
Amanda Olekszulín	\$235
Kelly Bray	\$135
Poonam Boparai	\$170
Linda Leeman	\$185
Erik de Kok, AIP	\$170
Dimitri Antoniou, AICP	\$135
Ricky Williams, AICP	\$115
Labor Classification	Billing Rate
Principal, Director	\$200 to \$265
Senior Environmental Manager, Senior Planner/Scientist/Biologist	\$150 to \$210
Environmental Manager, Project Planner/Scientist/Biologist	\$120 to \$165
Staff Planner, Environmental Planner Staff Scientist/Staff Biologist	\$90 to \$150
Graphics/GIS	\$90 to \$125
Document Production/Word Processor/Administrative Assistant	\$90 to \$115
Project Assistant	\$65 to \$95
Direct Costs	Rates
Reproduction: 8 ½" by 11"	\$0.07/page (black and white); \$0.26/page (color)
Reproduction: 11" by 17"	\$0.14/page B&W; \$0.52/page color
Reproduction: Plotter	\$5/square foot
Reproduction: CDs	\$10/disc
Automobile mileage (IRS rate in effect)	\$0.545
Noise meter	\$100 / half day, \$150 / day, \$200 / day plus overnight, \$500 / week
Lodging and/or Per Diem	Government rates or as negotiated
Other direct costs	As incurred
Subcontractors	As incurred*

VIII CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Ascent is currently working with the City on preparation of the CAP. We do not perceive this as a potential conflict of interest.