



MALIA DURAND

Managing Principal, Environmental Services

As Managing Principal of Environmental Services, Malia pilots a team of sharp and discerning, analytical and conscientious CEQA/NEPA general practitioners and technical experts. A natural leader, she mentors interdisciplinary teams and emerging talent, fosters collaboration among team members, ensures project teams are appropriately staffed, and assists with determining the most streamlined level of review required for defensible projects. She is a seasoned environmental and urban planner with over 18 years of experience guiding complex projects through CEQA and NEPA processes.

Malia has overseen environmental review and regulatory compliance for hundreds of projects over virtually every project type—from schools, public works, and public- and private-sector housing developments to large-scale planning efforts and adaptive reuse initiatives, to program-level documents such as general plan EIRs. Her exceptional communication skills and proven ability to deliver results make her a dynamic leader and problem solver. As a strategic leader, Malia develops innovative and defensible approaches that streamline approvals, maintain transparency and public trust, and balance development goals with environmental stewardship.

Malia astutely applies her expertise to coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies; securing regulatory permits; and integrating technical studies covering transportation, biological, cultural, and other physical resources. Malia's oversight ensures that documents embody the highest technical accuracy and legal defensibility. Her regulatory expertise, planning acumen, and commitment to a sustainable future have made her a trusted partner to public agencies and private clients navigating complex environmental challenges throughout California.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

Public- and Private-Sector Development Projects

- Ontario Mills Mixed-Use Planned Unit Development Project CEQA 15162 Findings | Ontario CA
- Euclid+Heil Residential Development Project EIR Addendum | Fountain Valley CA
- Norwalk Entertainment District-Civic Center Specific Plan and EIR Plan Review Services | Norwalk CA
- Santa Ana Short-Term Rentals Prohibition Ordinance EIR Addendum | Santa Ana CA
- Ontario Avenue Road Widening Project General Plan EIR Addendum | Corona CA
- Corona City Park Revitalization Project General Plan EIR Addendum | Corona CA
- Heacock Street Expansion Project IS/MND | Moreno Valley CA
- Norm Ross Sports Park Improvement Project IS/MND | Stanton CA
- Glenneyre Street Lighting Project IS/MND | Laguna Beach CA



EDUCATION

- BS, Environmental Science, San Diego State University

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control In-Training (CISEC-IT)

AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)
- Worldwide Women's Association (WWA)

Team member since 2023



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- CEQA Streamlining for Religious Sites Evaluation for Orange County Council of Governments | Laguna Beach CA
- Legacy-Highlands EIR and Specific Plan Peer Review | Beaumont CA
- 79 North Logistics Center EIR Peer Review | Beaumont CA
- The Peaks Subdivision 15183 Peer Review | Redding CA
- Chapman Yorba VIII Builders Remedy Mixed Use Project EIR | Orange CA
- Capistrano-Doheny Beach Nature-Based Shoreline Adaptation Project IS/MND | Orange County Public Works CA
- CEQA for La Paz Roundabout Reconstruction Project | Temecula CA

Program Level Environmental Projects

- Hesperia General Plan Update EIR | Hesperia CA
- Shafter General Plan Update EIR | Shafter CA

School Facilities CEQA Projects

- Menifee Valley Campus EIR Addendum; and Fire Lane Expansion Project EIR Addendum, Mt. San Jacinto CCD | Menifee CA
- Santa Ana College Synthetic Football Field Project IS/MND, Rancho Santiago CCD | Santa Ana CA
- Oxford Prep School Expansion IS/MND, Saddleback Valley USD | Lake Forest CA
- New School Construction EIR Addendum, Sulphur Springs USD | Santa Clarita CA
- Paakuma Park Field Lighting Project IS/MND and Addendum, San Bernardino City USD | San Bernardino CA
- Multiple Campus Upgrades CEQA, Chaffey JUHSD | Ontario CA
- Granite Hills HS Athletics Complex Master Plan IS/MND, Apple Valley USD | Apple Valley CA
- La Sierra HS Track & Field Project EIR, Alvord USD | Riverside CA

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works | San Diego CA. As a Land Use and Environmental Planner at the County, Malia managed the environmental processing of Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs), from concept through construction and final mitigation sign-off. Projects included road improvements, bridge rehabilitation and construction, flood control facilities, dump remediation, and complex emergency repair projects. During her time at the County, Malia frequently presented to members of the public, stakeholder groups, community planning groups, and representatives of state and federal regulatory agencies. She also spearheaded the development of numerous technological advances for essential countywide programs, resulting in substantial labor and cost savings. Projects Malia was involved with include:

- All Emergency Public Works Projects CEQA/NEPA Processing | SD County CA
- Cole Grade Road Widening Project EIR | SD County CA
- Mitigation/Conservation Bank Liaison | SD County CA
- Regional General Permit 53 Program IS/MND | SD County CA
- Lawson Valley Bridge Replacement Project IS/MND | SD County CA
- Valley Center Road Bridge Replacement Project IS/MND | SD County CA
- Former Fallbrook Burn Dump 1C Remediation Project IS/MND | SD County CA

Other Prior Experience

- Bakersfield Industrial/Warehouse Project EIR | Bakersfield CA
- Pasadena Environmental Peer Review Services (various projects under a long-term-contract for private development projects | Pasadena CA
- Lynwood Environmental Justice and Safety Elements Update | Lynwood CA
- Lynwood Housing Element Update and IS/MND, 6th Cycle | Lynwood CA
- Bell Gardens General Plan Zoning Consistency Analysis | Bell Gardens CA