



# MALIA DURAND

## Associate Principal

Malia Durand is a highly skilled environmental land use planner with over 16 years of experience in environmental review and urban planning. She is an adept problem solver and a strong leader with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Malia specializes in managing a wide variety of CEQA/NEPA public- and private- sector development projects. Her experience includes managing a team of urban and environmental planners and overseeing the production of numerous environmental projects, as well as planning and zoning projects throughout Southern California. She has also led and participated in critical negotiations with local, state, and federal resource agencies regarding impacts to sensitive habitat, jurisdictional resources, and species listed by the California and federal Endangered Species Acts.

Malia's responsibilities at PlaceWorks include project quality and defensibility, project management, mentoring staff, and helping to maintain and advance our environmental practice in Orange County and the Inland Empire.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

- City of San Bernardino General Plan Update EIR | San Bernardino CA
- Legacy Highlands Industrial Specific Plan EIR Peer Review | Beaumont CA
- Anaheim General Plan and Zoning Code Update EIR | Anaheim CA
- Oxford Preparatory Expansion Project IS/MND, Saddleback Valley USD | Lake Forest CA
- Granite Hills High School Athletics Complex Master Plan IS/MND, Apple Valley USD | Apple Valley CA
- Del Mar Hills Elementary School Rebuild Project, Del Mar Union Elementary School District | San Diego CA

## PRIOR EXPERIENCE

**Infrastructure Engineers (IE)**, a Bowman company | Brea CA

While employed at IE as Director of Environmental and Planning Services, Malia was one of the firm's most versatile planners, with an innate ability to interact with clients and the public and achieve positive results. During her time at IE, Malia managed the following environmental and planning projects:

- 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
- Peer Review of Norwalk Entertainment District-Civic Center Specific Plan and EIR | Norwalk CA
- Lynwood Environmental Justice and Safety Elements Update | Lynwood 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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- Lynwood Housing Element Update and IS/MND, 6th Cycle | Lynwood CA
- Bell Gardens General Plan Zoning Consistency Analysis | Bell Gardens CA
- LEAP Grant Application for and Preparation of the Huntington Park Housing Element Update (5th and 6th cycles) | Huntington Park CA
- Adelanto Housing Element Update and IS/MND, 6th Cycle | Adelanto CA
- Shafter Housing Element Update and IS/MND, 6th Cycle | Shafter CA
- Wasco Housing Element Update and CEQA Exemption, 6th Cycle | Wasco CA

### County of San Diego, Department of Public Works | San Diego County 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. Malia conducted critical negotiations with local, state, and federal resource agency representatives for all permitting and compensatory mitigation associated with impacts to sensitive habitat, jurisdictional resources, and listed species. She performed environmental code compliance, violation resolution, and environmental remediation, and maintained up-to-date knowledge of environmental laws, regulations, and policy governing both public and private development. 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 county-wide programs, resulting in substantial labor and cost savings. Projects Malia was involved with include:

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

### San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, Core Regulatory Unit | San Diego, CA

Malia gained valuable experience and insights into the workings and tools of the water board as she performed multiple complex tasks and contributed her already extensive knowledge and use of CIWQS, the statewide database, to evaluate individual projects and review annual municipality submittals.

## LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- Co-founder of the Green-Spark organization, a 501c3 nonprofit that existed between 2007 and 2010 as a green rebuilding initiative group after the San Diego fires.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Environmental Professionals of Orange County Career Panel,” AEP, Orange County Chapter, Cal State University, Fullerton, 2023