

# Navigating the Environmental Compliance Process in Coastal California

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7:45 am – 4:00 pm

Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

## Instructors

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### Goal:

Train participants in how to better plan for, and streamline, the permitting and environmental review processes for projects in California's coastal zone.

### Objectives:

By attending the course, participants will:

1. Develop a basic understanding of the natural resource laws that apply to projects in California's coastal zone.
2. Discuss opportunities to integrate and streamline environmental review and permit processes.
3. Identify key components of a successful permitting effort.
4. Conduct a site visit to a successful restoration project in the Elkhorn Slough Estuary to consider and assimilate information gained in the classroom.

### Agenda

7:30	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
8:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Course objectives</li><li>▪ Identification of key issues</li><li>▪ Housekeeping</li></ul>
8:45	<b>Overview of Natural Resource Laws</b> <i>Integrated Discussion: Purpose, Responsible Agency(ies), Trigger, &amp; Process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Coastal Zone Regulations<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Coastal Zone Management Act</li><li>○ McAteer-Petris Act</li><li>○ Suisun Marsh Preservation Act</li><li>○ California Coastal Act</li></ul></li></ul>
9:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
9:40	<b>Overview of Natural Resource Laws</b> <i>Integrated Discussion: Purpose, Responsible Agency(ies), Trigger, &amp; Process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Coastal Zone Regulations, continued</li></ul>

**Overview of Natural Resource Laws (cont.)**

- **Wetlands & Water Quality**
  - Section 404, Clean Water Act
  - Section 10, Rivers & Harbors Act
  - Section 401, Clean Water Act
  - Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act
  - Section 402, Clean Water Act
  - Section 1600 – 1607, California Fish and Game Code
- Special-Status Species & Habitats
  - Federal Endangered Species Act
  - California Endangered Species Act
  - Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Cultural Resource & Tribal Regulations
- NEPA & CEQA

12:15

**Lunch Break**

1:15

**Site Visit & Case Study**

*Site visit requires 30 minute round-trip walk to overlook of Parsons Slough sill*

Parsons Slough Sill Project Case Study

*Integrated Discussion: Components of successful approach, opportunities for integration, lessons learned*

- Design and Planning
- Public Outreach
- Funding
- CEQA / Permitting
  - Baseline surveys
  - Alternative Identification
  - Environmental Review
  - Integrated permit preparation
  - Agency review
  - Implementation

3:45

**Closing Remarks**

4:00

**Adjourn**