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8:15	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45	Welcome and Introduction Overview of Day One Barbara Schussman, Esq., Program Co-Chair Perkins Coie, San Francisco Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair Nossaman, Irvine
9:00	NEPA Overview Regulations and Cases Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
10:00	Networking Break
10:15	Recent Case Law and Regulatory Developments New Rule on Intervention, Most Entertaining Opinion, and 2011 Year in Review Carolyn B. Lobell, Esq. Nossaman, Irvine
11:00	Cumulative Impacts What Is a Sufficient Scope and Depth of Analysis? Anna C. Shimko, Esq. Sedgwick LLP, San Francisco
11:45	Q&A Panel Members of the Faculty
12:00	Lunch Break
1:15	Ethics Tips for the NEPA Practitioner Sonia Carvalho, Esq. Best Best & Krieger, Irvine
2:15	Networking Break
2:30	Federal Environmental Streamlining NEPA, CEQA and the Economy Thomas E. Margro, Chief Executive Officer Transportation Corridor Agencies, Irvine Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
3:45	Environmental Assessments Will Your EA Survive If Challenged? Nicole Hoeksma Gordon, Esq. The Sohagi Law Group, Los Angeles
4:30	Q&A Panel Members of the Faculty
4:45	Evaluations and Adjourn

8:15	Continental Breakfast
8:40	Welcome Back Overview of Day Two Barbara Schussman, Esq., Program Co-Chair Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair
8:45	Joint CEQA and NEPA Compliance <i>Overview of Issues and Considerations</i> Kenneth M. Bogdan, Esq., Environmental Counsel ICF International, Sacramento <i>Caltrans as CEQA and NEPA Lead Agency</i> David H. McCray, Esq. Assistant Chief Counsel, Legal Division California Department of Transportation, Sacramento
9:45	Networking Break
10:00	Integrating NEPA with Federal Requirements Environmental Values Robert J. Uram, Esq. Sheppard Mullin, San Francisco
10:45	Tips and Strategies to Efficiently Process NEPA Documents Agency Advice for Applicants Lisa H. Clay, Esq., Assistant District Counsel US Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento Michelle Denning, Regional Planning Officer US Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento Albert M. Ferlo, Esq. Perkins Coie, Washington, DC <i>Moderator: Barbara Schussman, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i>
12:00	Lunch Break
1:15	Renewable Energy Hot Topics Ella Foley Gannon, Esq. Bingham McCutchen, San Francisco Jenifer Morris Lee, Managing Director, Environmental Edison Mission Energy, Irvine <i>Moderator: Robert D. Thornton, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i>
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2:45	Climate Change The Latest Methods for Calculating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Shari B. Libicki, PhD Global Air Quality Practice Area Leader ENVIRON, Emeryville
3:30	Supplemental NEPA Review and Written Re-evaluations What Happens When Your Project Changes? Marc R. Bruner, Esq. Perkins Coie, San Francisco
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Robert D. Thornton has practiced environmental law for over 30 years and represents landowners, resource developers and public agencies on high profile matters. He successfully defended over \$5 billion in regional transportation improvements and assisted clients in developing and implementing regional habitat conservation plans covering hundreds of thousands of acres. He specializes in NEPA, Endangered Species Act and other environmental compliance issues for large infrastructure projects.

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