



A RESILIENT  
FUTURE  
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# Call for Proposals

**Submissions Open: December 1, 2018**

**Submissions Close: January 31, 2019, 5:00 pm**

**Late submissions will not be accepted**

Sea level rise, extreme climate events, energy uncertainty, drought, fire, economic fluctuations, seismic activity – you name it, California sees it all. Even communities that are not yet dealing with these issues should be aware of potential impacts from these challenges and be ready to address them. As such, we invite you to submit a proposal that highlights case studies, innovative tools, and strategies that help guide your community towards **A Resilient Future**. Additional planning topics of state-wide interest, such as housing, law and policy, transportation, and professional development will also contribute towards California's resilient future. Please consider how your session will fit in to one of the following tracks:

## Conference Tracks

### **Track 1: The Future is Now – Innovation and Emerging Issues**

How can various emerging trends help our communities succeed in this changing world? This track examines emerging technologies and other innovations that are impacting our lives, our communities, and influencing how we prepare and plan for the future.

### **Track 2: Come Together – Encouraging Cooperation and Partnerships**

Recent disasters in the state have illustrated how resilience requires working cooperatively. Volunteers, NGOs, design professionals, emergency responders, researchers, and government agencies provide the fabric that helps our communities prepare, respond, recover, and thrive. This track explores how various stakeholders can work towards successful outcomes and the benefits of community partnerships.

### **Track 3: Nuts and Bolts – Preparing the Planning Office of the Future**

Core skills such as project management, development review, land use law, CEQA application, or planning ethics represent the brain-fuel that keeps the planning office moving forward. Resiliency-related skills, such as grant writing and working through state and federal agencies must also be developed. This track identifies areas for further learning and exploration.

### **Track 4: Riding the Wave – Adapting to New Realities**

Our communities are changing daily and contributing to a new reality that requires creative and collaborative responses to prepare, respond, and adapt. Planners should be at the forefront of where social, political, economic, and environmental issues intersect. This track highlights lessons learned regarding adaptation to natural and manmade challenges.

## Proposal Contents

All submittals must be made using the online form, which can be found at: <https://www.memberleap.com/members/proposals>

Emailed, faxed, or mailed submittals will not be accepted. Late or incomplete submittals will not be accepted. When submitting online, proposers must provide the following information:

**Session Title:** A brief title that reflects the content of the session.

**Summary:** A short description of the session to be used in the conference program (50 words or less).

**Abstract:** A description of the session and its relevance to the conference theme and track title (200 words or less). Proposals should demonstrate learning objectives to qualify for AICP CM credit.

**Track and Planning Topic:** Identification of the primary planning related topic(s) that will be addressed in the presentation and an explanation of why it fits into one of the conference tracks or core areas (Law or Ethics).

**Session Types:** Session (90 minutes – multiple panelists/presentations); Workshop (90 minutes or 3 hours divided into two 90 minute sections – includes tabletop dialogue or participant activities).

**Panelist Bios and Contact Information:** A short biography (50 words or less) and contact information for each presenter (job title, employer, email).

## Additional Information

Successful proposals will demonstrate a broad discussion of the proposed topic through panelists with varying expertise and perspectives. Proposals with a diversity of speakers from both the public and private sector are encouraged, as are proposals that include speakers from multiple firms and/or jurisdictions.

While considering how to shape your proposal, also consider using a unique session style. How could you better engage your audience in the topic? This conference is open to and encourages presentations that are out of the ordinary. Would attendees benefit if your session could be presented over two session blocks for a total of 3 hours - what unique format or type of engagement would the longer session allow attendees to participate in? All panelists that are selected to present at the 2019 conference will receive a reduced speaker rate for the 2019 conference.

If you have questions about submitting a proposal, contact the Programs Subcommittee Co-Chairs at [Calapa2019programs@gmail.com](mailto:Calapa2019programs@gmail.com).

Please note that this is not the pathway for Student Program or Mobile Workshop proposals. Those subcommittees are working separately to develop their programs. If you have a Student Program idea, please email Rachel Raynor at [rccraynor@rrmdesign.com](mailto:rccraynor@rrmdesign.com), or a Mobile Workshop idea can be sent to Lily Rudolph at [lurdolph@rinconconsultants.com](mailto:lurdolph@rinconconsultants.com).



Santa Barbara Pier Aerial View  
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