

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Connie Gallippi
Senior Policy Consultant
Conservation Strategy Group

Conservation Strategy Group (CSG) offers decades of experience in state and federal government relations with an emphasis on natural resources and conservation policy and funding. CSG's partners were principal authors of Propositions 50 and 84, and were also instrumental in the development of Propositions 12, 13 and 40. CSG provides advice and assistance to clients in obtaining project funding from numerous state agency programs. Much of this work is focused on helping ensure that client's projects are well-aligned with state priorities.

Ms. Gallippi provides lobbying and strategic consulting assistance to clients on state policy and funding programs related to urban sustainability issues. Ms. Gallippi has 10 years of experience in the environmental field, including private sector consulting and project management on issues and projects throughout California, and non-profit regional program management. Connie specializes in urban forestry and urban greening issues, as well as land use planning and sustainable communities. Ms. Gallippi has a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech in Forestry and Natural Resource Management and is an ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) certified arborist.

Michael McCormick
Sustainability and Climate Change Services Manager
Pacific Municipal Consulting

Michael McCormick, AICP serves as a Sustainability and Climate Change Services Manager at PMC with the responsibility of providing advice and support on management strategies for in house staff and clients for greenhouse gas inventories, emission reduction projects/mitigation strategies, energy programs, sustainable finance mechanisms and development of solutions for recording and monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability data. He also serves as a Project Manager with responsibility over sustainability plans, climate action plans, greenhouse gas emissions inventories and other climate change, sustainability and energy related projects.

Mr. McCormick's work has involved presentations to public hearing bodies in addition to city staff presentations regarding organization management and implementation of planning policies. He is the business development lead for the Sustainability and Climate Change Services group at PMC and has been a speaker on best practices for sustainability at numerous conferences and workshops throughout the State. Additional information regarding Mr. McCormick's firm and up to date information on grants and incentives can be found by visiting www.pmcworld.com and www.carbonconscious.us.

Monte Ward
Principal
M. Ward & Associates

Mr. Ward provides policy and strategic advice to public agencies and private clients for the funding, planning, development and implementation of transportation infrastructure and services. Currently, he is leading the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) efforts to invest nearly \$400 million in environmental improvements, including water quality and open space protection. He is also assisting the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) with development of a comprehensive transportation plan and options for voter approval of local revenues in the future.



Previously he was a strategic advisor for three OCTA chief executive officers. As OCTA's Director of Special Projects, he led the effort to renew the Measure M2 local transportation half-cent sales tax, which Orange County voters approved by 70 percent in November 2006. He also led the development of a five-year Early Action Plan to jump-start implementation of M2; years before the tax revenues become available, providing new jobs and infrastructure investment in challenging economic times.

He is the former Director of External Affairs for OCTA and played key roles in the development and successful enactment of Orange County's first local transportation sales tax, Measure M1 in 1990, and the creation of OCTA through consolidation of Orange County's transportation agencies. He has thirty years of experience in public affairs and transportation issues.

He is a graduate of the University of California at Irvine and when not working on infrastructure issues in southern California produces macadamia nuts in Santa Barbara County.

