

Incorporated in 1982, Michael Brandman Associates (MBA) has provided thousands of public agencies and private development clients throughout California with environmental management services. Our disciplinary specialties include **environmental planning, regulatory compliance, natural resources management, cultural resources management, restoration planning & monitoring, air quality & climate change, and water resources management.**

The MBA team possesses an intimate understanding of environmental regulations, laws, and compliance. Staff has hands-on experience managing complex projects with diverse challenges. As a testament to our skill level, MBA staff is regularly called upon to provide expert testimony & policy analysis, instruct at technical seminars, and lead conferences.

MBA has grown based upon the ability to meet the needs of our clients and provide them with cost-effective, technically-sound, and legally-defensible products.

WHAT ARE CEQA AND NEPA?

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are laws to inform governmental decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of proposed activities; identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced; require changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when

We ensure our environmental documents contain thorough environmental analyses and explicit documentation of all data sources and research contacts. Our approach significantly reduces the potential for a legal challenge to be successful.

feasible; and disclose to the public the reasons why a project was approved if significant environmental effects are involved. CEQA applies to projects undertaken, funded or requiring an issuance of a permit by a public agency and NEPA directs all federal agencies to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of their decision making.

MBA'S SUITE OF CEQA/ NEPA SERVICES

MBA has completed environmental and planning documents for over 5,000 projects, many of which involved complex and controversial issues. We have prepared a full range of CEQA and NEPA planning documents for a variety of projects including mixed-use retail, industrial, commercial, golf courses, residential subdivisions, planned communities, transportation facilities, schools, landfills, dams, reservoirs, correctional facilities, and waste treatment facilities.



MBA understands the importance of providing our clients with professional, solution-oriented, cost-effective, and timely service. Our environmental planners have the technical credibility required for drafting high-quality project documents that meet client expectations and agency requirements.

They can address important environmental topics by providing the following services:

- Environmental Impact Reports (EIR)
- Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)
- Initial Studies/Negative Declarations (ND)
- Mitigated Negative Declarations (MND)
- Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- Environmental Assessments (EA)

- Joint CEQA/NEPA documents
- Mitigation monitoring programs
- Construction monitoring
- Third party technical reviews

COMPLIMENTS FROM OUR CLIENTS

"I just want to thank you and your team for the great environmental document that was prepared for our project. Michael Brandman Associates was very professional in every aspect of consultant services to the project and the City of San Ramon. You were always available when called upon. I know the staff and the Planning Commission was very pleased with the document in terms of its comprehensiveness and readability."

Phil Wong, Planning Director
City of San Ramon

"We would look forward to working with Michael Brandman Associates again, and found their environmental work on St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach on behalf of the City to be exemplary. They consistently exhibited professionalism and thoroughness in the myriad of tasks they accomplished during the two year processing of this project."

Scott S. Barnard, Barnard Ventures
On behalf of St. Marks Presbyterian Church,
Newport Beach



MBA ALSO OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

- Environmental Planning
- Natural Resources Management
- Regulatory Compliance
- Cultural Resources Management
- Restoration Planning & Monitoring
- Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analyses



The Mission of MBA is to assist our clients in achieving the delicate, sometimes elusive, balance between environmental protection and development.

MBA is committed to providing excellent service, accurate research, thoughtful recommendations, and innovative solutions for the mutual success of our clients and our practice.

We believe our associates and their expertise are fundamental to this success and we are determined to create a business environment that is people-centered, providing the essential components for professional development and personal well-being.



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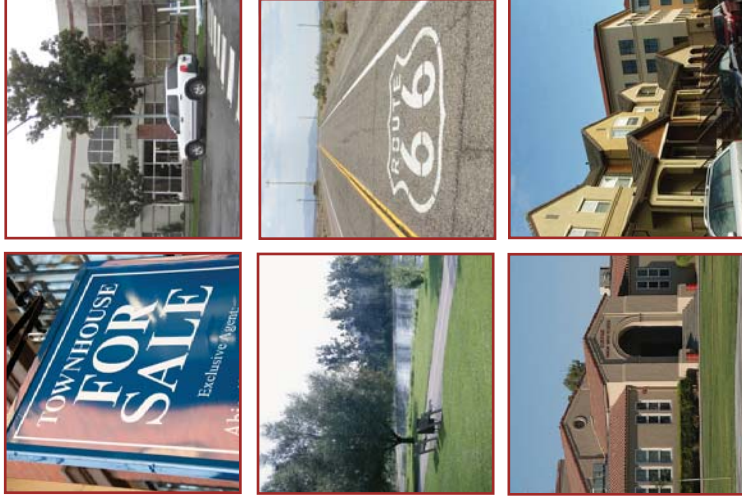
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