



Matthew Burris, AICP, LEED AP

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Mr. Burris is a community planner with more than a decade of experience. He was drawn to the field of planning by his interest in resource efficiency and sustainable communities. Mr. Burris specializes in community-scale sustainability principles, Climate Action Plans, and green design programs. He has prepared more than 20 different climate studies, including Climate Action Plans for the Cities of Irvine and Encinitas, greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, and GHG technical reports for public and private sector planning efforts. He has also directed the preparation of sustainability master plans, green design guidelines, and LEED credit submittals. Mr. Burris' environmental background, coupled with his work in planning, has given him a unique perspective on the interaction of the built and natural environments, especially in regard to how green design and sustainability are implemented in real world situations. His planning experience includes preparing general plans, specific plans, sustainability master plans, development standards green and design guidelines, community outreach and education, constraints analyses, preparation of environmental studies, policy analysis, cost-benefit analysis, feasibility studies, modeling/simulation, and mapping.

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan, City of Coachella, CA
- Climate Action Plan, City of Bellflower, CA
- Climate Action Plan, City of Inglewood, CA
- GHG Inventory and Climate Action Policy, City of El Segundo, CA
- GHG Inventory and Climate Action Policy, City of South Gate, CA
- Climate Action Plan, City of Encinitas, CA*
- Climate Action Plan, City of Irvine, CA*
- Irvine Business Complex Climate Change Analysis, City of Irvine, CA*
- Merriam Mountains Project Climate Change Analysis, San Diego, CA*
- Otay Ranch Resort Project Climate Change Analysis and Green Design Guidelines, San Diego, CA*
- Tierra Luna Project Climate Change Analysis, City of Downey, CA*
- General Plan Update / MEA and EIR, City of Lancaster, CA*
- General Plan Update, City of Encinitas, CA
- General Plan Update, City of Glendora, CA*
- Health Element, City of El Monte, CA
- Heritage Fields Sustainable Design and LEED-ND Services, Lennar, Irvine, CA*
- Green Building Outreach and Education Program, City of Pasadena, CA*
- Hillside Management Zone Ordinance Update and MND, City of Sierra Madre, CA*
- Steamboat 700 Sustainability Master Plan and Green Design Guidelines, Steamboat 700, Steamboat Springs, CO*
- Universal Village GHG Analysis and LEED-ND Services, NBC-Universal, Los Angeles, CA*

- Weston Ranch Greenhouse Gas Reduction Design Guidelines, Vestar, Stockton, CA*
- Zero Net Energy Road Map, Southern California Edison, Downey, CA*
- Downtown Sierra Madre Specific Plan and Program EIR, City of Sierra Madre, CA*
- Foothill Boulevard Development Opportunities Analysis, City of Fontana, CA*

(* denotes projects where Mr. Burris served as project manager or key staff while at other consulting firms)

EDUCATION

Master of City and Regional Planning, 2003, *California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*

Master of Science in Engineering specializing in Transportation Planning, 2003, *California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies, 1999, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Policy Guide on Planning and Climate Change, American Planning Association, 2008

A Guide to Implementing Sustainability: Bringing Sustainable Development to California Communities, California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, 2003.

“Moving Beyond Green Building: Tomorrow’s Tools and Best Practices,” Webinar. California Bar Association. May 2010.

“Integrating Energy and Climate into Planning,” American Planning Association National Conference, Minneapolis, MN. April 2009.

“Green Building Showdown: Which Green Building Program is Right for Your Community,” American Planning Association California Chapter, Hollywood, CA. September 2008.

“Green Building for Planners,” American Planning Association Inland Empire Section, Riverside, CA. February 2008.

“Water, Energy, and Land Use Planning,” Sierra Nevada Alliance Conference, Kings Beach, CA. August 2007.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board of Directors, Build It Green

Council Member, Sustainable Communities Initiative Council, Urban Land Institute, Orange County-Inland Empire Section

LEED Accredited Professional. U.S. Green Building Council

Professional Development Officer, American Planning Association Inland Empire Section

HONORS

Special Award of Merit for Public Outreach, 2007, *Pasadena Green Building Outreach and Education Program*, American Planning Association Los Angeles Section.

Outstanding Planning Award for Outstanding Planning Outside of Orange County by an Orange County Firm, 2006, *Downtown Sierra Madre Educational Series and Community Involvement Program*, American Planning Association Orange County Section.

Leadership and Service Award/Education Project, 2005, *Downtown Sierra Madre Educational Series – Understanding Downtowns and Downtown Immersion Week*, American Planning Association California Chapter.