September 23, 2015
10 - 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome & Self Introductions

2. Priorities and Challenges in Transforming L.A. into the World's Most Livable City

   Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer
   City of Los Angeles

3. CEQA Findings: “In the Name of the Environment”

   Jennifer L. Hernandez, Partner
   Holland & Knight

4. Speaker Q&A and General CEQA Discussion

5. Collaborative Efforts toward Local CEQA Reform

   Samantha Beasley, Director of Public Policy
   Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events
ACCESS City Hall - October 7, 2015
Government & Fiscal Affairs Council - October 21, 2015 (tentative)
2024 City of Los Angeles Olympic Bid
Land Use, Construction & Housing - October 27, 2015
Lessons Learned from the Hollywood Community Plan
Gary Lee Moore
City Engineer
City of Los Angeles

Gary Lee Moore is the City Engineer of the City of Los Angeles, leading a world-class organization of professional engineers and civil servants dedicated to sustaining and transforming Los Angeles into the world’s most livable city. As the general manager of the Bureau of Engineering, he is responsible for the City’s vast network of public infrastructure, which includes the planning, design, and construction of all public facilities, management of billions of dollars of voter-approved public bond funds, and the delivery of cross-sector local government programs that serve millions of residents and businesses in diverse neighborhoods and industries. With more than 29 years of public service, Mr. Moore is an accomplished executive and professional engineer, who oversees 802 employees and is responsible for an annual operating budget of $149 million and 409 active projects totaling $3.1 billion. Since he began his tenure as City Engineer in 2003, Mr. Moore has been responsible for the completion of 1,357 projects and 3,000 emergency sewer repairs totaling more than $5.2 billion.

Mr. Moore leads a highly trained and talented team of engineers, architects, surveyors and technical support staff in delivering comprehensive, innovative engineering services by using best-in-class management practices and fostering multi-agency collaborations that are transparent and accountable. He has a proven track record in the delivery of projects that embrace the goals of sustainable development; during his tenure, many building projects have been successfully certified according to the US Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, incorporating advances in green design, construction and operation technologies that reflect the highest levels of environmental quality and natural resource stewardship.

For his leadership, Mr. Moore has received numerous awards and honors that recognize his dedication to public service and the field of engineering. For five consecutive years (2007-2012) he received the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter’s "Distinguished Owner Honoree Award" for his consistent work in delivering professional construction management services. In 2010, he received the Green Solution Project of the Year Award for the South Los Angeles Wetland Park, which provides new publicly-accessible natural open space and helps achieve state and federal water pollution reduction goals. In 2008, he received the Community Impact Award for the City of Los Angeles Green Building Program from the Los Angeles Business Council for his work as a green building leader and for the management of new LEED projects. He has also won recognition from the local chapters of the American Institute of Architects, Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California, Asian American Architects/Engineers Association, City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission, and he received the Friends of the Los Angeles River’s Merrill Butler Award for his Los Angeles River restoration efforts.

Mr. Moore graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and completed the UCLA Anderson School of Management’s Executive Organizational Leadership Program. He is a registered Professional Civil and Mechanical Engineer in California, has authored and co-authored many research papers and has presented his work at a wide variety of professional conferences.
Jennifer L. Hernandez co-chairs Holland & Knight’s National Environmental Team and leads the West Coast Land Use and Environment Practice Group. She divides her time between the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices, and works on projects in Northern and Southern California, as well as the Central Valley. She has achieved national prominence in her work on brownfields redevelopment, wetlands and endangered species, and master planned community projects. She represents private, nonprofit and public sector clients, ranging from real estate developers to biotechnology and other operating industries, to communication and energy utilities. Ms. Hernandez serves on the firm’s Directors Committee.

Ms. Hernandez also chairs a conference on Climate Change Law in California and has written and spoken extensively on major California climate change laws (including AB 32, SB 375 and SB 97) and emerging climate change regulations and guidance documents. Her climate change practice currently includes integrating climate change requirements into the environmental analyses (relating to greenhouse gas emissions as well as water supply, flood and fire risk, and other topical areas) required by the California Environmental Quality Act for new and modified projects and plans, and advising clients on legislative and regulatory proceedings pending in Sacramento, in various regional air districts, and in Climate Action Plans and other land use policies being developed by cities and counties.

She has taught land use and environmental law for the University of California and Stanford Law School and frequently speaks for client and lawyer professional associations and continuing education seminars.

She has written two books and more than 30 articles on environmental and land use law. She has received several professional awards, including an American Planning Association Award for her book, "A Practical Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act," the Greenlining Institute’s "Big Brain Award" for developing a "New Paradigm that Intersects Environmental and Inner-City Economic and Health Goals," and the Yerba Buena Alliance’s "Unsung Hero/Heroine Award" for work on Brownfields policies. Mayor Brown proclaimed October 9, 2002 as "Jennifer Hernandez Day in San Francisco" for her work on sustainable land use and for being a "warrior on the brownfield."
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Wednesday, Oct. 7
7:30 a.m. | Registration
8 a.m. | Breakfast Reception with Elected Officials
10 a.m. | City Council Session

Join the L.A. Area Chamber for an action-oriented morning at City Hall. Meet with elected officials about the issues that matter most to the business community of the Southern California region.

$15 admission includes:
♦ Breakfast
♦ Meet and greet with elected officials

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Today, Los Angeles is competing in a 21st century global economy with a 20th century infrastructure. With measures, jurisdictions and sectors pitted against one another, L.A. lacks a comprehensive infrastructure policy agenda that is informed by and representative of the entire region.

Join the L.A. Area Chamber and the executives, leaders and policy makers of Los Angeles' largest corporations and government agencies for the second annual half-day summit on the state and future of infrastructure investment in the region.

This year’s event will feature the release of the “Los Angeles Infrastructure Blueprint,” a report developed by the Chamber in partnership with Siemens, that assesses L.A.'s infrastructure across key global metrics and calls upon the region’s business and civic leaders to develop a comprehensive infrastructure plan.

For more information, contact Sarah Quigley, sqigley@lachamber.com or 213-680-7661.