

Doreen Liberto-Blanck, AICP, MDR

Profile

Doreen Liberto-Blanck's experience includes program management, land use, environmental, transportation and resource management sustainability and communications strategies, stakeholder facilitation, and team and organizational capacity building. Ms. Liberto-Blanck, has partnerships in two firms that deal extensively with resource management issues. Earth Design, Inc. (EDI) specializes in earth science, resource management, alternative transportation systems, greenhouse gas reduction, legal cannabis permit process, coastal issues and land use and environmental processes. Collaborative Global Initiative (CGI) specializes in multi-stakeholder consensus building through collaboration and facilitation.

She has experience preparing and reviewing hundreds of environmental documents, including environmental impact reports (EIR), environmental impact statements (EIS), environmental impact assessments, initial studies, negative declarations/mitigated negative declarations and special environmental studies. Ms. Liberto-Blanck has been a department director and agency director for small to medium size jurisdictions. She has mediated and facilitated a number of multi-stakeholder projects at all levels of government and worked on countless legislative and quasi-administrative projects. Ms. Liberto-Blanck served on the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission from 1999 to July 2005, and was Chairperson twice. She was on the Cal Poly University San Luis Obispo City and Regional Planning Department Adjunct Faculty lecturing undergraduate and graduate students for 20 years. She has made a number of presentations at the League of California Cities' Annual Conference, Planners' Institute and American Planning Association conferences.

On behalf of the County of San Bernardino, Ms. Liberto-Blanck collaborated with the US Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest, on several land and resource management projects. Ms. Liberto-Blanck has been involved with a comprehensive water study for the City of King and surrounding unincorporated area. A major component of the study is a *water supply assessment* that will be consistent with *SB 610*. She manages the public outreach programs and city collaboration with stakeholders involved in the community development process. She has been heavily involved in working with Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) and the City of King to locate a *multimodal transit center* in south Monterey County. Ms. Liberto-Blanck was also involved in the decision-making process regarding *State Water Project* in San Luis Obispo County. She was also involved with the decisions regarding the *Salinas River*. Ms. Liberto-Blanck also facilitated workshops between the Bureau of Land Management, California Department of Fish and Game and The Land Conservancy regarding the *Carrizo Plain Resource Management Plan*. The purpose was to arrive at a consensus on the remaining *biological issues* before finalizing the Plan for Public review. The Revised Plan was released and adopted after the facilitated workshop. On behalf of the Monterey Bay National Bay Marine Sanctuary Foundation, she facilitated and wrote a *Strategic Regional Action Plan* for the Foundation and the six Resource Conservation Districts within its region. The Plan included policies regarding water quality, water reclamation erosion control, and agricultural and cattle ranching practices. Ms. Liberto-Blanck was the lead advisor to the City of Desert Hot Springs regarding the *Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan*. Ms. Liberto-Blanck facilitated the Countywide Collaborative Workshop regarding *regional growth readiness* for the San Luis Obispo Council of Government. Participants included Mayors, City Council members, Community Service District representatives, the Board of Supervisors, members from the City and County Planning Commissions, SLOCOG, Caltrans, Air Pollution Control District, the School District, and other public and quasi-public districts and the public. Some issues discussed included statewide and regional water supply, water quality, climate action plan strategies, transportation alternatives, funding sources, and energy. She collaborated the 2010 Central Coast Bioneers discussion regarding using virtual reality and land use-planning issues, with speaker Eric Gordon, Fellow, Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University.

Expertise

- Resource Management, with Emphasis on Water Management.
- Multi-Stakeholder Facilitation and Public Engagement
- Environmental Analysis and Document Preparation
- Pre-litigation Dispute Resolution, Including Mediation
- Land Use, Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Transportation Planning
- Strategic Planning

Education

- Pepperdine School of Law – MDR Dispute Resolution
- University of California, Riverside – A.B. Political Science/Administrative Studies (Dual Degree)

AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Planners
- Mediators Beyond Borders
- American Planning Association
- Association of Conflict Resolution
- U.S. Institute for Conflict Resolution

Work History

- Partner, Collaborative Global Initiative (CGI)
- President, Earth Design, Inc.
- Adjunct Faculty, Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo, City and Regional Planning Department
- San Luis Obispo County Planning Commissioner
- Community Development Director/Asst. Redevelopment Director, City of Arroyo Grande
- Long Range Planning Director, City of Moreno Valley, Ca
- Environmental Specialist, San Bernardino County, Ca