

# LEANN TAAGEPERA, MURP

CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES AND CEQA SPECIALIST



## OVERVIEW

Leann Taagepera is a cultural and historical resource specialist and environmental planner with over 28 years of experience in historic preservation and CEQA and NEPA analysis and document preparation. She has written and assisted in the preparation of numerous Environmental Impact Reports and Mitigated Negative Declarations, and prepared cultural resources sections of documents.

Ms. Taagepera specializes in projects related to historical/cultural resources. She meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Professional Qualifications under Architectural History, through her graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning and graduate-level architectural history courses. She holds an access agreement with the Northwest Information Center. She is currently working toward an M.A. in Cultural Resources Management and researching Traditional Cultural Properties, in the context of National Register eligibility.

## SELECTED CULTURAL RESOURCES PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**City of South San Francisco – (2021 Project)** – An Archaeological Resources Study letter report was prepared for a development project to determine whether any known archaeological sites exist on the project site and ascertain the probable likelihood of encountering any such sites during construction. The scope of work of this study is composed of the results of a records search for archaeological resources from the Northwest Information Center; a review of the geologic setting of the site; preparation of a brief regulatory setting section, determination of the site’s sensitivity for archaeological resources; and a recommendation of mitigation measures for the project.

**Bay Conservation and Development Commission/Gaia (2021 Project)** – As a subconsultant, prepared the Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources section of a CEQA-equivalent document for a salt pond maintenance project. Completed records search at the Northwest Information Center and conducted tribal representative outreach.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Hydroplan** – As a subconsultant, prepared the cultural resources sections with a focus on shipwrecks of an EIR/EIS for the Redwood City Harbor Deepening Project and the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Project, a NEPA EA for the Crescent City Harbor Dredging Project, and a Baseline Conditions Report for the Noyo Harbor Dredging Project.

**East Bay Regional Parks District, Two EIRs** – As the prime consultant, an EIR was prepared for the demolition of historic resources stored at Ardenwood Park. The Initial Study/Notice of Preparation, Draft EIR, and Final EIR were completed.

## Education

*M.A., Cultural Resources Management*  
Sonoma State University (Expected 2022)

*Master of Urban and Regional Planning,  
Land Use and Law Specialization*  
UC Irvine (1994)

*BA, Environmental Studies,  
City Planning Emphasis*  
UC Santa Barbara (1989)

## Internship (SSU)

*California State Parks, Diablo Range  
Archaeologist, Graduate Student Intern*

## Internship (UC Irvine)

*City of Long Beach, Assistant to  
Neighborhood and Historic Preservation  
Officer, research and documentation for  
the creation of a new Historic District*

## Areas of Expertise

- CEQA/NEPA Analysis
- Historical Resource Planning
- Environmental Document Cultural and Historical Resource Section Preparation
- Cultural/Historical Resource Records Searches
- Tribal Consultation
- National Historic Preservation Act
- Contract Planning

## Related Public Service

- **City of Benicia, Historic Preservation Review Commission**, (2008-2012); **Ad Hoc Committees**, reviewed and revised City’s Historic Context Statement, interview panel for consultant; reviewed and revised City’s historic building survey.
- **Benicia Historical Society Board Member, and Governmental Affairs Committee member**

Prepared an Administrative Draft Program EIR for the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve Project, including cultural and historical resource sections, based on technical reports. Both projects were competitively won and included subconsultants for specialty areas of air quality, noise, geology, biology, and traffic.

**Burbank Housing/Adanta Inc., Section 106 Historic Resources Report** – Prepared Section 106 analysis report per the NHPA for an affordable housing project.

**Town of Ross, Marin County/WRA EIR Sections** – As a subconsultant, completed cultural resource section of an EIR for a residential development project, among other sections prepared.

**City of Elk Grove/PMC, Staff to City Historic Preservation Committee** – Provided analysis of alterations proposed to potentially historic buildings; assisted with Certified Local Government application, and assistance with training of Committee members.

**While Supervisor and Cultural Resources Group Leader at PMC:**

**Monterey County Housing Authority, Section 106 Historic Resources Report** – Assisted with records search and coordination for a historical building assessment in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA for a federally-funded housing project in Salinas.

**City of Chico, Historic Resource Report** – Assisted with the preparation of an analysis of the consistency of proposed alterations to the historic Southern Pacific Train Depot with the Secretary of the Interior Standards.

**City of Chico** – Prepared the Cultural Resources section of the EIR for the General Plan Update.

**Oakland Unified School District Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**– Prepared the Cultural Resources section of the IS/MND for a new school proposed on the site of the Laney Technical College.

**Town of Truckee** – Completed the Cultural Resources section of an EIR for the Coldstream Specific Plan project.

**County of Madera** – Assisted with Cultural Resource goals and policies in the updated General Plan and assisted with the preparation of the General Plan EIR Cultural Resources section.

**City of Livingston** – Prepared the Cultural Resources section of the “CEQA-Plus” document for the proposed Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**City of Taft** – Prepared the Cultural Resources Section of the General Plan Update EIR, including General Plan goals, policies, and Action Items.

**City of Rocklin** – Provided the Cultural Resources Section of General Plan Update EIR.

**Administrative Office of the Courts/Tetra Tech EMI, EIR Historical and Cultural Resources Section** – As a subconsultant, EIR section completed for a new courthouse proposed in Stockton.

**City of Healdsburg/Christopher A. Joseph & Associates, EIR Sections** – Cultural and Historic Resources, and Hydrology sections were prepared for an EIR for the City’s General Plan update.

## **SELECTED HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRAINING**

**California Office of Historic Preservation**, Training for Historic Preservation Review Commissioners “Applying the Secretary of the Interior Standards”

**California Preservation Foundation**, “Historic Preservation Laws for Local Commissioners”, “CEQA and Historic Resources”

**National Preservation Institute**, “Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act: An Advanced Seminar”, “An Introductory Seminar”, and “Section 106 MOA’s”