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Kristin Blackson Joins ESA as CEQA Project Manager

San Diego, Calif., July 20, 2017: Environmental Science Associates (ESA), a leading environmental consulting firm, is pleased to announce Kristin Blackson has joined the firm as a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Project Manager in the San Diego office. She has been an advisor and consultant for private entities and local jurisdictions for the past 17 years.

“Kristin leads our clients through complex CEQA documentation and regulatory processes, often in highly controversial settings. Her experience allows efficient and effective client support with a unique understanding of agency values and perspectives,” says Bobbette Biddulph, ESA’s Southern California Regional Director.

Kristin was drawn to the environmental sciences at a young age. She received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management from UC Santa Barbara and a Master’s degree in Environmental Science from University of San Francisco. Her career originally started out in the public sector, working as the Environmental Planning Manager for the County of San Diego for projects such as Lilac Hills Ranch and large-scale energy projects such as the Tule Wind and Soitec Solar projects located in the San Diego County backcountry.

In 2015, Kristin became a consultant in the private sector, applying her firsthand experience in the public realm to become a trusted CEQA advisor. Since joining ESA in May, Kristin has already been involved in a handful of projects, including an Environmental Impact Report for the Escondido Country Club project, which will be drafted in an accelerated five-month schedule. Outside of the office, Kristin is a lecturer at UC San Diego Extension for the CEQA certificate program and volunteers as a board member for Bike San Diego, which advocates for bike infrastructure and planning.

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