

Education

Master of City and Regional Planning
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Certificate in Planning Law
Rutgers University
Bachelor of Arts, Geography
University of California, Santa Barbara

Expertise

Land use planning and policy, university planning, parks planning, urban design, and computer applications in planning

Certifications/Affiliations

- * American Institute of Certified Planners
- * American Planning Association
- * California Planning Foundation
- * Urban Land Institute

Experience

Mintier & Associates
Associate
County of San Luis Obispo
Assistant Parks Planner
City of Novato
GIS and Current Planning Intern
County of Santa Barbara
Planning Technician

Projects

- * Prepared general plans for the cities of Galt, Sacramento, South Lake Tahoe, Wheatland, and Merced County.
- * Prepared housing elements for the cities of Wheatland, South Lake Tahoe, and Sutter Creek.
- * Miscellaneous plans and studies:
 - City of Woodland Urban Limit Line and Open Space Protection Study
 - Genentech Campus Master Plan (South San Francisco)
 - Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort Specific Plan (Sutter Creek)
 - Heritage Oaks Estates and Jones Ranch Technical Studies (Wheatland)
 - Live Oak Specific Plans
 - Tahoe Valley Community Plan (South Lake Tahoe)
 - White Mountain Golf Resort (Hainan Island, Peoples Republic of China)



Dan Amsden is an Associate with Mintier & Associates. He specializes in land use planning and policy, university planning, parks planning, urban design, and computer applications in planning. Mr. Amsden is currently working on general plan updates for the cities of Galt, Sacramento, and the county of Merced. He is also working on the Southwest Live Oak Specific Plan and the Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort Specific Plan in Sutter Creek.

Mr. Amsden has also worked on an urban limit line study for the city of Woodland, a housing element update for the city of Wheatland, technical studies for the Heritage Oaks and Jones Ranch developments in Wheatland, and planning for the White Mountain Golf Resort in China.

Prior to working for Mintier & Associates, Mr. Amsden was an Assistant Parks Planner for the County of San Luis Obispo. He has also interned with the City of Novato's Community Development Department, worked as a Graduate Assistant for the Planning Department at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and worked as a Planning Technician for the County of Santa Barbara's Zoning Administration Division. He completed a master's on public participation and urban design issues related to outdoor university spaces, of which a portion was published in the winter 2005 issue of Planning for Higher Education magazine and re-printed in the spring 2006 issue of Facilities Manager magazine.