

Education

Juris Doctor

McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific

Bachelor of Arts, History

University of California, Davis

Expertise

Land use planning and policy; general, community, and specific plan preparation; CEQA compliance and environmental document peer review; zoning and regulatory ordinance preparation; project management; and public outreach and consensus building.

Certifications/Affiliations

* California State Bar Association (Bar No. 99326)

Experience

Mintier & Associates

Principal

City of South San Francisco

Planning Director

Sugnet & Associates

Vice President

City of Folsom

Community Development Director

City of Sacramento

Environmental Coordinator

Balfrey & Abbott

Associate Attorney

Mintier Harnish & Associates

Partner

Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Associate Planner

County of Sacramento

Assistant Planner

Projects

General Plans: Preparation, administrative oversight, or legal review of over ten general plans.

CEQA: Preparation, administrative oversight, or legal review of over 100 environmental documents, including general plans, major land and high-rise development projects, landfills, and hazardous waste facilities.

Regulatory Ordinance Preparation: Preparation or administrative oversight of local zoning ordinances and environmental review procedures, including the complete restructuring of the environmental review process for the City of Sacramento.



Jim Harnish is a principal with Mintier & Associates. He has thirty-five years of experience in land use and environmental planning. He is also an attorney with extensive experience in regulatory and environmental compliance. He has managed large organizations for both public agencies and private consulting firms. He is familiar with every aspect of the local government planning process and regulatory environment.

Mr. Harnish has a wide range of professional skills. He is very effective interacting with staff, elected officials, and large groups of people. He has extensive experience in public outreach and consensus building. He relates well to a broad spectrum of people and has an understanding of competing community interests, making him an effective problem solver.

His broad experience, in both the public and private sector, in land use planning, regulatory codes and ordinances, permit processing, environmental analysis, toxics and hazardous materials, wetlands and endangered species, and legal analysis enables Mr. Harnish to bring a wealth of experience to every project.

Mr. Harnish also has extensive experience in supervising large planning staffs and managing interdisciplinary consultant teams on complex planning projects. Mr. Harnish has managed or prepared General Plans for the cities of Alturas, Healdsburg, South San Francisco, Galt, and Wheatland and the county of Modoc.

He has prepared community or specific plans for Carmichael (Sacramento County), Fair Oaks (Sacramento County), Airport/Meadowview (Sacramento), Martis Valley (Placer County), Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort (City of Sutter Creek), and the Southwest Live Oak Specific Plan. He has prepared zoning ordinance revisions or updates for the cities of Roseville, Galt, Folsom, Santa Rosa, and South San Francisco, Kern County, and the Mountain House New Town in San Joaquin County.

He has conducted critical third party review of dozens of environmental documents and managed the preparation of numerous EIRs and negative declarations. As Environmental Coordinator for the city of Sacramento, he led the restructuring of the city's environmental review procedures. He has worked extensively with State and Federal regulatory agencies in creating and negotiating Habitat Conservation Plans (Coalinga), 404 permits, and wetland mitigation plans.