



Santa Lucia Group Company Background and Services

The Santa Lucia Group LLC provides a unique and significant service on the central coast. We are a multifaceted planning and environmental company, grounded in an ethic of conservation of natural resources while embodying the needs of society. Our mission is to help our clients create culturally diverse and economically viable communities and landscapes while protecting the environmental and conserving our natural resources.

The Santa Lucia Group LLC employs experienced professionals specializing in natural resource management, culturally diverse community planning, economic development, land use and environmental studies, grant preparation, conservation, project permitting and multi-agency collaboration, stormwater planning, public participation, meeting facilitation and conflict resolution. The extensive background of the Santa Lucia Group and our affiliates provides us with exceptional capabilities to meet the needs of our clients.

Community and Site Planning

- Specific plan preparation and sustainable site design
- General Plans, Zoning Code and Development Code
- Grading regulation development
- Create environmentally sound solutions
- Circulation design
- Community development and building department staffing assistance
- Alternative energy planning



South Palisades Specific Plan

Economic and Social Development Planning

- Economic development planning
- Cultural and historic center planning
- Social and community involvement planning



Community Involvement and Meeting Facilitation

Environmental Studies

- Environmental site studies
- Environmental planning for impact reduction
- Feasibility studies
- Environmental document preparation (initial studies, environmental impact reports and mitigated negative declaration preparation)
- Third party review

Permit Coordination

- Assist landowners in obtaining permits
- Attend public meetings and represent landowners/organizations
- Assist agencies in improving the planning and building review process

SWPPP Preparation and Erosion Control

- Surface erosion and sediment control design
- Stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPPs)
- Solutions to hydrologic and water management problems
- Assist farmers and ranchers in developing BMPs
- Drainage and flood management
- Grading design assistance
- Channel erosion control

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Stream and River Restoration and Stabilization

- River analysis and stream morphological surveys
- Evaluation of channel conditions, including erosion
- River fluvial geomorphology
- Stream channel stabilization and restoration design
- River re-alignment and/or restoration
- Stream channel habitat enhancement



Stream Channel Restoration and Stabilization

Education

- Training for negotiation, conflict resolution, land use planning, environmental assessment
- Training to enhance environmental stewardship
- Training for erosion control
- Training for environmental conservation BMPs
- Increase student involvement in the environment
- Involve teens at risk in conservation projects
- Build student good self-images
- Education for Spanish-speaking public

Volunteer Coordination

- Lead volunteer groups in conservation projects
- Assist organizations in volunteer outreach

Grant Application Assistance

- Prepare grant applications
- Assist organizations in grant administration

Meeting Facilitation and Dispute Mediation

- Lead group and public meetings
- Facilitate productive discourse
- Mediate disputes between opposing parties
- *On the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution Roster*

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Restoring the Environment



**Encouraging
Volunteer
Involvement**

**Facilitating
Community
Decision
Making**



COMPANY MANAGING PARTNERS



Doreen Liberto-Blanck AICP, MDR, ACR: Managing Partner with Santa Lucia Group, LLC. Ms. Liberto-Blanck is a community planner, environmental planner, economic development advisor, educator, permit coordination, professional facilitator and mediator. Ms. Liberto-Blanck has been a department director and agency director for small to medium sized 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. She is on the Udall Foundation US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals

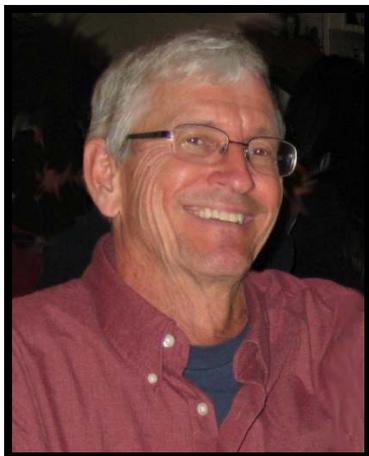
Ms. Liberto-Blanck currently serves as the consulting Community Development Director for the City of King. Ms. Liberto-Blanck served on the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission from 1999 to July 2005, and was Chairperson twice. She is on the Cal Poly University San Luis Obispo City and Regional Planning Department Adjunct Faculty lecturing undergraduate and graduate students. She has made a number of presentations at the League of California Cities' Annual Conference, Planners' Institute and American Planning Association conferences.

Ms. Liberto-Blanck has over 30 years of experience in the preparation of hundreds of general plans, specific plans, environmental impact reports, planning project designs, and economic development plans. Ms. Liberto-Blanck specializes in public policy and land use and environmental planning with an emphasis on conflict resolution techniques. Responsible for management (e.g., permit processing), mediation, and facilitation of land use and environmental projects, grant preparation, public policy analysis, environmental review, and economic development. Projects include management of all community development operations for the City of King; preparation of the State APA Award Winning Avila Beach Specific Plan, consulting for the City of Atascadero, City of Morro Bay and City of Solvang on land use planning and environmental projects; City of Desert Hot Springs on the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, General Plan, SB 18 and development applications; work with non-profit, private and public organizations to develop housing facilities; facilitate the Carrizo National Monument RMP for the BLM, DFG & TNC; prepare a Strategic Regional Action Plan for the six (6) Resource Conservation Districts within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary area; and consulting for private clients.

Ms. Liberto-Blanck is the contract Community Development Director for King City. Services for King City include: sphere of influence amendments and annexations, general plan and development code updates, redevelopment agency assistance, development applications updates, processing specific plans proposing approximately 5,000 residential units and 500,000 square feet

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of commercial area, design manual preparation of industrial park, work on a multi-modal transit station, and Historic Downtown Corridor Area (document in English and Spanish); environmental review analysis and processing of Environmental Impact Reports, grant preparation and award of approximately \$1,000,000 for various activities, and other community development functions.



Donald J. Funk: Managing Partner with Santa Lucia Group, LLC. Mr. Funk is river morphologist, community planner, environmental planner, educator, site construction manager, permit coordinator, mediator and professional facilitator. He is also a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) and a Qualified SWPPP Developer (QSD) approved by the California State Water Resources Control Board and California Stormwater Quality Association (“CASQA”).

Mr. Funk was the former Executive Director and River Morphologist with the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District and former Vice-President of the Morro Group, Inc, a San Luis Obispo environmental consulting company. He was a department director and city planner. He currently serves as the US-LT RCD Technical Advisor and as an advisor to the Public Works Department of the County of San Luis Obispo. He also is co-founder and Board Director of Fundación Manos Hermanas (www.manoshermanas.org) in Bogotá, Colombia.

Mr. Funk has over 30 years of experience. He has prepared city general and specific plans, park design layouts, environmental impact reports, zoning ordinances, river restoration projects, public trails, and erosion control design. He conducts river morphology and fluvial geomorphology studies and designs stream restoration projects. Mr. Funk is a mediator and facilitator of environmental and public policy disputes. He has taught river morphology and watershed planning at Cuesta College and city and regional planning in both the undergraduate and graduate programs at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He has extensive experience in writing successful grant programs for over \$2,000,000. He studied under three of the most respected hydrologists in the United States: David Rosgen, the late Luna Leopold and Hilton Lee Silvey.

Mr. Funk collaborated with Sustainable Conservation in preparing the environmental documents and preparing the foundation for the Partners in Restoration Permit Coordination Program for San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Funk has been the principal designer and author of hundreds of planning and watershed documents, stream channel restoration project designs, as well as the principal investigator in the preparation of over 800 multidisciplinary Environmental Impact Reports (EIR's) and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS's), constraints studies, negative declarations and other environmental studies. He has prepared Conservation Plans, Open Space Plans, Master Plans, Feasibility Studies, Specific Plans, General Plans and Zoning Ordinances. He has managed the preparation of over sixty major planning projects, specific plans and master plans, such as General Plans for the Cities of Pismo Beach, Buellton, Guadalupe and Palm Springs.

SANTA LUCIA GROUP AFFILIATES and PARTNERSHIPS

Santa Lucia Group (SLG) regularly collaborates with many organizations and companies. Following is a partial list of companies and organizations:

American Watersheds: One of SLG's primary partners is American Watersheds, a nonprofit organization. American Watersheds was a major contributor to the 2002 Upper Salinas River Fisheries Study and helped to organize the citizen's task force for the preparation of the Upper Salinas River Watershed Action Plan. American Watershed's primary purpose is to assist public agencies and landowners in effective habitat restoration projects, addressing flooding, erosion and water quality issues. American Watersheds has assisted in monitoring stream water quality, evaluating stream channel morphology, restoring wetlands, as well as helping prepare the Watershed Action Plan (WAP) for the Upper Salinas River.

Oliveira Environmental Consulting: Jeff Oliveira assists SLG with environmental constraints assessment, natural resource management, multi-agency coordination and permitting, watershed planning, land use planning and a background in cultural resource management, biological resources, wildlife management and ecology.

Associated Traffic Engineers (ATE): ATE provides traffic studies for the SLG. ATE is a full-service engineering consulting firm specializing in traffic engineering, transportation planning, traffic signal design, parking and Caltrans processing. ATE has demonstrated the capability of developing innovative solutions and providing quality services at competitive costs.

Rick McManis: Mr. McManis has over 36 years of construction industry experience as a Building Official for one County and two City jurisdictions as well as a licensed General Builder in California and Nevada, a Construction Manager for commercial and California Division of the State Architect K through 12 school construction projects, and a Project Manager/Superintendent for large commercial developments. He has ICC Master Code Professional certification, Building Official, Fire Code Official, California Water Board QSP, CESSWI – SWPPP specific and ICC Professional Instructor position with more than 30 professional certifications and licenses.

Dr. Thomas Rice: Dr. Rice is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist (C.P.S.S.) since 1982. Dr. Rice has published numerous journal articles, research reports, and popular press articles. He has been the project director for funded studies involving soil taxonomy updates in California, Nevada, and Utah; a comprehensive soils database for California; nonpoint source pollution in western rangelands; mercury pollution in a California watershed; soil mapping of a national wildlife refuge; and soil map unit interpretation record updates for California.

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Julie Thomas: Ms. Thomas provides general biological services as a sub-consultant to the SLG. Ms. Thomas has twenty years of experience working in natural resources, including 7 years as senior watershed coordinator for Coastal San Luis RCD, where she was responsible for implementation of soil and water conservation and stream restoration projects on lands in coastal San Luis Obispo County. Ms. Thomas has conducted biologic assessments in San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties, including surveys for sensitive plant species and habitats. Since 1998, Julie has held a USFWS 10(a)(1)(A) permit to conduct protocol surveys for listed vernal pool branchiopods. In addition, she is listed on the SLO County Planning Department list of qualified consultants for general biologists and for vernal pool fairy shrimp.

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Educating Students about the Soil and the Environment