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Speaker Bios



Rick Williams

Partner, Van Meter Williams Pollack LLP, www.vmwp.com

A founding partner of Van Meter Williams Pollack, Rick has been a leader in urban design and transit-oriented development for over 25 years. With a background in both Planning and Architecture, Rick focuses on projects involving mixed-use, transit oriented community plans. Rick also continues to lead efforts on a variety of affordable housing developments within a wide number of communities in the Bay Area. He is leading the design efforts on a variety of projects in Marin and Sonoma, including Warner Creek Senior Housing in Novato, Peace Village, in Fairfax, Whistlestop Senior Community in San Rafael, and the Railroad Square Mixed Use development in Santa Rosa. He has lived in Marin for many of the past 55 years.



Bob Brown

Community Development Director, City of Novato

Bob Brown has been a Community Development Director or Planning Manager for over 35 years in Bay Area communities including the cities of San Rafael, Palo Alto, San Mateo, Berkeley and Milpitas. He has been Director in Novato for the past four years, coming out of retirement to update their General Plan, which he insists will be his last.

Bob also was the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of San Rafael where he authored San Rafael's Climate Change Action Plan and the BERST model green building ordinance, one of the most stringent in the nation. Bob has been an adjunct faculty member at Dominican University, teaching in the Sustainable Practices Certificate Program.

He holds a BS in Environmental Biology from the University of Santa Clara and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from San Jose State University.



Andrea Osgood

Director of Real Estate Development, Eden Housing Inc., <http://www.edenhousing.org/>

As the Director of Real Estate Development at Eden Housing Andrea leads new construction and acquisition efforts. Since joining Eden in 2008, Andrea has developed over 300 new units and overseen the acquisition of nearly 800 existing units in six California counties, from Sonoma to San Diego County.

Before her career in affordable housing, Andrea worked as a construction management consultant for Capital Projects of UC Berkeley and was involved in nearly every phase of large rehab and new construction projects – from planning and development through funding and construction. She also gained experience in construction litigation and public contracting as a lead paralegal in the construction group of the San Francisco law firm, Hanson Bridgett Marcus Vlahos & Rudy.

Andrea has served on the Board of Directors of the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County since 2013 and is an inaugural member of the Board of Directors of SV@Home, a newly formed affordable housing advocacy organization in Santa Clara County.

Andrea received her Bachelor's degree from Pomona College and her Master's degree in Urban Planning (MUP) from the UCLA Graduate School of Public Policy and Social Research.