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This email confirms that you have been registered to participate in the upcoming ***Building Livable Communities: The 18th Annual Ahwahnee Conference for Local Elected Officials*** on March 13th –15th in Yosemite National Park.

A copy of the conference agenda is attached to this email. **Please note that conference registration will run from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday evenings, at the entrance to the Solarium in the Ahwahnee Hotel.** The main conference program begins promptly at 7:15 p.m. on Friday in the Tudor Lounge at the Ahwahnee Hotel. On Saturday, the conference sessions will be held in the Cliff/Falls Room at the Yosemite Lodge. On Sunday, the conference will resume at the Tudor Lounge of the Ahwahnee Hotel. The conference concludes Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Conference dress is casual.

Special Pre-Conference Session – Thursday, March 12 – 7:30 - 9:30 pm

A panel will address adaptation to climate change and how cities or counties can begin to address the related challenges ahead. Marin County Supervisor, Charles McGlashan, and Alex Hinds, California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, will highlight Marin County's approach to the adaptation issue. Sydney Coatsworth, AICP, from EDAW will discuss why it is important to address adaptation in general plans or greenhouse gas reduction plans, and what other communities in California are doing. This dialogue session will be held in the Tudor Lounge at the Ahwahnee Hotel. If you are interested in attending this session, the cost to attend is \$30.00.

Getting There and Around in Yosemite

Please note: There is a \$20.00 entrance fee per vehicle collected by the National Park Service at park entrance stations. The weather in Yosemite Valley during March is very unpredictable; we recommend that you phone (209) 372-0200 (press 1 then 1) for road and weather information prior to your arrival. Once you are in the park, we highly recommend that you leave your vehicle in the parking lot and take advantage of the Yosemite Valley Shuttle bus. The buses are free and operate daily at 20-30 minute intervals from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Driving directions are available at:
<http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/driving.htm>

For a map of Yosemite National Park, go to:
<http://www.nationalparkreservations.com/yosemitemap.htm>

Bicycles are available for rent by the hour or by the day in the Valley. For more info:
http://www.yosemitepark.com/Activities_Biking_BikeRulesandTrailMap.aspx

You may check into your hotel room at 5:00 p.m. Please note that dinner will not be provided on Thursday or Friday evening. If you will be arriving in time for dinner on either of these nights, there is a restaurant at the Yosemite Lodge, and one at the Ahwahnee Hotel. If you plan to eat dinner in the Ahwahnee Dining Room during your stay, please note that men are requested to wear coats and ties, and women, dresses or evening pantsuits. To make reservations at the Ahwahnee Dining Room, please call (209) 372-1489.

Guests

If you are bringing a guest, and she/he would like to attend the conference meals and any portion of the program, please register your guest in advance of the conference. The special "guest registration fee" is \$149, which includes all conference meals. The rate for each child under the age of 12 is \$60.

Please let us know if you are bringing a guest who will not be participating in the conference but would like to join the group for the Saturday evening dinner. Cost for the Saturday Dinner alone will be \$40. Please be sure and indicate if you, or a guest, are vegetarian or have special dietary needs so we may accommodate that.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Laura Podolsky at (916) 448-1198 ext. 311 or lpodolsky@lgc.org, or contact me.

We look forward to seeing you in Yosemite!

Regards,
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