

- **Name: Karin Fickerson**

- * **Title:** Air Quality Lead

- * **Company:** SoCalGas

- * **City, State/Province:** Ventura, CA

- **Join date:** 1996

- **Section/Chapter:** West Coast Section, Channel Islands Chapter

- **Education and professional credentials:**

- UC Berkeley, M.S. Civil & Environmental Engineering
 - UC Berkeley, B.S. Civil & Environmental Engineering
 - Institute of Professional Environmental Practice (IPEP), Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP)
 - South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Certified Permitting Professional (CPP)
 - San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), Certified Air Permitting Professional (CAPP)

- **Biographical summary**

- After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley with a Master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1997, Karin worked as an environmental engineer at three environmental consulting companies for about 20 years. For the past four years, she has been the Air Quality Lead at SoCalGas. As a consultant, she had project/program management, business development, and line management responsibilities. She managed projects providing multi-disciplinary environmental compliance and permitting support. She also supervised and mentored staff in multiple southern California offices. In her current job at SoCalGas, she leads a team of eight that provides air quality subject matter expertise across nine air District including managing air permitting, routine operations & maintenance compliance, implementation of new air regulations, and onsite support at several natural gas storage fields. Karin is a Certified Permitting Professional (CPP) in the South Coast Air Quality Management District and a Certified Air Permitting Professional (CAPP) in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, as well as a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP).

- **A&WMA activities and offices held**

- West Coast Section, Past-Chair, Current
 - West Coast Section, Chair, 2016-2018
 - West Coast Section, Director, 2014-Current
 - Channel Islands Chapter, Chair, 2005-2006
 - Channel Islands Chapter, Director, 2002-Current

• **Goals/vision for the organization**

- From attending my first dinner meeting in Santa Barbara hosted by the Channel Islands Chapter over twenty years ago to attending the first ever virtual Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) this past summer, I have observed that the Association does not falter. During times of prosperity and periods of financial uncertainty, the Association has remained steadfast in its commitment to its Mission and Core Purpose. This is an impressive feat and I am committed to carrying on this practice in my current roles as Director of the West Coast Section and Director of the Channel Islands Chapter, as well as if I am elected to Director of the Association. The reason for my strong commitment is that I am passionate about assisting in the professional development of environmental professionals. I also feel that it is essential to have a neutral forum for the exchange of information where environmental professionals can improve their environmental knowledge, forge relationships through networking, and support environmental decision making to benefit society. I believe it is important that the Association focus on presenting information in ways that capture the interests of Young Professionals while maintaining programming that also interests long standing members of the Association. I believe this can be accomplished by continuing to expand virtual platforms. For example, an A&WMA “Channel” could be developed where information can be viewed anytime along with live streaming sessions such as Webinars and Podcasts; and rounded out with opportunities for social interaction via virtual networking. This centralized programming can be supplemented by encouraging Sections and Chapters to host local in person (when safe to do so) events that focus on local issues and networking. I would also emphasize the importance of investing in our Students and Young Professionals. The youth is our future both literally and figuratively. The more we can support the STEM education of high school and college students; and the professional development of those starting out in their careers, the greater the success of the environmental profession and the Association. I support the continued offering of scholarships and platforms for presentations and interactions with professionals as an effective means to achieve this goal.