



JIM HARNISH, JD

PRINCIPAL/OWNER

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor
McGeorge School of Law,
University of the Pacific

Bachelor of Arts, History
University of California, Davis

CERTIFICATIONS/ AFFILIATIONS

California State Bar Association
(Bar No. 99326)

American Planning Association

EXPERIENCE

Mintier Harnish
Principal/Owner

City of South San Francisco
Chief Planner

Sugnet & Associates
Vice President

City of Folsom
Community Development Director

City of Sacramento
Environmental Coordinator

Balfrey & Abbott
Attorney

Mintier Harnish & Associates
Partner

Sacramento Area Council of Governments
Planner

County of Sacramento
Planner

PROJECTS

General plans for over 25 cities and counties throughout California

Environmental impact reports for over 100 general plans and other projects

Zoning and subdivision ordinance revisions for 10 cities and counties

Jim Harnish is the Principal/Owner of Mintier Harnish. He has been a planner and project manager since 1970. He is also an attorney with extensive experience in land use and CEQA. He has managed public agencies and private consulting firms. He specializes in project management for general plans, specific plans, and large private planning projects; CEQA compliance and environmental document peer review; zoning and regulatory ordinance preparation; and public outreach and consensus-building.

Jim is currently Project Director on general plan updates for the cities of American Canyon, Livingston, Los Gatos, Millbrae, Rohnert Park, and the counties of Fresno, Kern, and Ventura, and zoning code updates for the cities of Folsom, Gilroy, and Santa Clara, and the counties of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Sierra.

Jim's 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 him to bring a wealth of experience to every project.

Jim has extensive experience in supervising large planning staffs and managing interdisciplinary consultant teams on complex planning projects. Jim has managed or prepared general plans for the cities of Alturas, American Canyon, Folsom, Galt, Gilroy, Hayward, Healdsburg, Isleton, Livingston, Millbrae, Rohnert Park, Sacramento, South San Francisco, Ukiah, Union City, Wheatland, and Windsor, and the counties of Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Merced, Modoc, San Benito, San Joaquin, and Ventura.

He has managed the preparation of specific plans for Southwest Live Oak, the Mountain House New Town in San Joaquin County, and the Gold Rush Ranch in Sutter Creek. He also assisted Genentech with the preparation and approval of its South San Francisco Campus Master Plan and EIR. Jim has also prepared zoning ordinance updates for several jurisdictions, including, Kern, Merced, and San Joaquin Counties and the cities of Santa Rosa, and South San Francisco.

Jim has been principal-in-charge of several regional planning projects in the San Joaquin Valley, including the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint implementation project, which included the Valley Planners Toolkit. He also managed the Metro Rural Loop Study for the Fresno Council of Governments and the San Joaquin Valley Greenprint II program.

Jim has managed the preparation of or conducted critical third party review 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.