



# GREENSTREET KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

(FOR AGENCIES & ELECTEDS)

Join Us Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 8:30AM – 2:30PM  
at Ganesha Park in the City of Pomona!

## Expert Speaker Bios



**Daniel Apt**  
Founder & President, Olaunu

Daniel Apt is founder and President of Olaunu, an environmental protection company focused on stormwater, water resources, and coastal zone management, based in San Clemente. He has over 28 years of experience in stormwater management and water quality and specializes in green infrastructure, stormwater capture and use, watershed and integrated water resources planning, and stormwater credit programs. Daniel and Olaunu are at the forefront of green infrastructure including green streets including planning, design, inspections during and post construction, maintenance manuals, training, monitoring and monitoring plans, plan check and technical review, technical guidance, standard plans and specifications, protocols and procedural documents, construction oversight, BMP retrofit analysis, alternative compliance, public and community outreach, effectiveness evaluation, cost and multiple benefit analysis, grant applications, asset management guidance and tools, statistical analysis, regional tools, and codes and regulations. Daniel is former Chair of the California Stormwater Quality Association.



**David Diaz**  
Executive Director, Active SGV

David Diaz is a public health professional offering extensive and successful experience in planning, developing, and implementing community-based initiatives throughout Greater Los Angeles County. He's a dedicated public servant and advocate with project management, coalition building experience that has successfully worked with youth, schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and cities to advance environmental justice, equity, and community development.

As the Executive Director of ActiveSGV, David is responsible for overall organization management, development, supervision of staff, and execution of various transportation, open space, and energy-related initiatives. David also serves on the Measure A Oversight Committee, Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Measure W Scoring Committee (+USGR WASC) and serves on the board of the El Monte Union High School District. David lives in the City of El Monte with his wife Anais, baby boy Maceo, and pets Xoco and Xavi.



### **Rene Salas**

City Manager, City of South El Monte

Rene Salas currently works for the City of South El Monte. Rene has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Engineering from California State University Northridge. He's been with South El Monte for 5 years, starting out as the Public Works Director, then Community Development Director, Deputy City Manager, and now Interim City Manager. Prior to South El Monte, Rene worked for various cities as the Public Works Director in charge of budgets ranging from \$7 million to \$28 million. Prior to his public sector career path, Rene worked in the private sector for Southern California Gas Company and its parent company Sempra Energy International. While at Sempra Energy International, Rene worked in Uruguay for 2 years on a natural gas pipeline project and distribution infrastructure with partners from Spain and Argentina.



### **Chris Veirs**

Principal Planner, City of Claremont

Christopher Veirs is Principal Planner for the City of Claremont, serving as the City's lead on all design review matters including landscape review. Chris has more than 30 years of Planning experience that includes 8 years as the City's lead Sustainability Planner as well as short stints with Caltrans and LA Metro. Chris served as staff lead in completing the Foothill Boulevard Master Plan; a plan to redesign Foothill Boulevard in Claremont from a typical auto-focused highway to a more "complete" and "green" street. Improvements included diverse and climate appropriate trees, introduction of bioswales for use of local natives in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas, major improvements to stormwater catchment, and public art. During his tenure at Claremont, Chris has also served as planning lead on many significant projects including the Village South Specific Plan, College Master Plans, Village Expansion Specific Plan, and several City ordinances. Chris has an MA in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona and a BA in Economics/Mathematics from UC Santa Barbara.



### **Robert Perry**

Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture, Cal Poly Pomona

Robert Perry is Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at Cal Poly Pomona. His academic career began in 1972 and still continues today. During this time he has taught in the UCLA Extension Program in Landscape Architecture, Landscape Architecture Studies at USC, and at Cal Poly University Pomona. His career has been focused on the study of plants and water conservation. Bob has written two previous books on landscape plants and water conservation including: *Trees and Shrubs for Dry California Landscapes*, 1980, and *Landscape Plants for Western Regions*, 1992. His latest effort, *Landscape Plants for California Gardens*, continues in this tradition. This latest book greatly expands the scope of coverage and thoroughness of photography.

Bob has been a licensed landscape architect since 1972 and has actively participated in many professional projects where his expertise on California native plants and landscapes for water conservation has been applied and refined. He continues to be an active proponent of resource conservation in landscapes through teaching, writing, public speaking and professional work.