



# Julia Rose Golomb

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Seven years of experience as a mediator and facilitator in consensus building and collaborative planning, with a rich background in domestic and international environmental management issues including water, energy, food and agriculture, climate mitigation and adaptation, marine planning, and land use and transportation planning.

## EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present **Consensus Building Institute** San Francisco, CA  
*Associate*
- Assess, design and facilitate consensus-building processes. Mediate complex public policy disputes related to natural resources.
- 2015-Present **California Agricultural Mediation Program (CALAMP)** San Francisco, CA  
*Mediator and Program Manager*
- Mediate and manage outreach and development of the official agricultural mediation program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the CA Department of Food & Agriculture.
- 2013, 2015 **Kearns & West** San Francisco, CA  
*Associate*
- Assessed, designed and facilitated consensus-building processes and mediated complex public policy disputes related to natural resources.
- 2012-2015 **Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies** New Haven, CT  
*Graduate Teaching Fellow*
- Teaching fellow for graduate level courses on Environmental Mediation and Financial Concepts, and for undergraduate courses on Food and Agriculture.
- 2010-2012 **Emerald Necklace Conservancy** Boston, MA  
*Director of Youth Programs*

- Managed a parks-based environmental leadership program for high school youth. Hired, trained and managed a staff of seven supervisors and fifty youth employees, managed a \$300k annual program budget, and developed and maintained strong relationships with public and private partners, funders, and community members.

## EDUCATION

- 2012-2015 **Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies** New Haven, CT  
*Masters of Environmental Management*
- Specialization in Environmental Conflict Resolution; Co-Founder, Yale Mediation Mavens; Student Representative, Yale F&ES Alumni Association Board
- 2004-2008 **Vassar College** Poughkeepsie, NY  
*Bachelors of Arts, Sociology*
- Graduated with Departmental Honors in Sociology and General Honors

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

SEEDS Community Dispute Resolution Center: Volunteer Mediator, Facilitator and Mediation Trainer, 2015-present

Mediation Works Incorporated (MWI): Mediator, Volunteer Roster of Mediators, 2009-2012. Mediated small claims and Summary process cases in the Greater Boston court system.

## SELECTED PROJECTS

### Water Resources

**Cosumnes Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Management**, 2017-Present. Provide strategic planning support and facilitate two separate work groups tasked with developing a collaborative approach to sustainably managing groundwater usage in the Cosumnes Subbasin just south of Sacramento, California. Manage public outreach and engagement, including development of a project website ([cosumnes.waterforum.org](http://cosumnes.waterforum.org)) and public workshops. The effort, begun in 2016 and expected to last for several years, requires agricultural water suppliers, county and city water managers, and others to identify long-term water needs and then map out a strategy to ensure future pumping avoids triggering undesirable results ranging from falling water levels and water quality impacts to land subsidence and dewatering important environmental flows.

**Salinas Valley New Public Groundwater Agency Governance Structure**, California, 2016-2017. Facilitated diverse collaborative stakeholder group and mediated agreement on the governance for a public groundwater sustainability agency, including voting, board

composition, and legal structure. Required by law, the new agency will regulate groundwater in the Salinas Valley, the only source of water for the cities, rural residents, and the Valley's \$8 billion annual agricultural economy. CBI conducted an issue assessment and designed the transparent collaborative process, including [www.svbgsa.com](http://www.svbgsa.com) and a robust public outreach program, including efforts to engage Spanish-speaking communities.

**Salton Sea Summit**, California, 2017. Designed and coordinated a one-day summit for members of the California assembly, senate, and governor's administration to experience California's Salton Sea from the air and on the ground. Participants deepened their understanding of the near-term threats and opportunities to protect public health, enhance the ecology, provide secure water management, and improve economic development for the benefit of the region and the state.

**Merced Groundwater Management Plan Assessment**, California, 2015. Stakeholder Assessment, Process Design. Conducted an assessment to explore interests, technical issues and potential areas of agreement for groundwater planning in Merced Groundwater Basin. Developed process recommendations for establishing a groundwater sustainability agency by June, 2017.

**Fish Restoration Program Agreement**, California, 2013. Contracted by the Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to facilitate public outreach and engagement around implementation of the Fish Restoration Program Agreement, which addresses specific habitat restoration requirements of the US Fish and Wildlife Services and National Marine Fisheries Service biological opinions for State Water Project and Central Valley Project operations. Conducted a situation assessment and prepared a communications and engagement plan; prepared outreach materials; planned and facilitated outreach meetings and briefings with key stakeholders and Delta programs; and supported the NEPA/CEQA environmental review process.

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program**, California, 2013. Facilitated a suite of collaborative processes - including Fisheries Management Technical Feedback Group meetings, public workshops, technical issue meetings, and internal agency coordination meetings - intended to inform salmon reintroduction in the San Joaquin River. Topics included restoration flows, donor stock selection and collection, genetic analysis, and molecular marking. Key parties include federal and state resource management agencies, local governments, water purveyors, environmental groups, a wide variety of recreational interests, scientists, and local landowners. This work supported implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement between NRDC/Bay Institute and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Friant Water Users Authority.

## Forestry and Land Management

**South Fork of the American River Cohesive Strategy Facilitation**, California, 2017 and ongoing. Facilitating collaboration among federal and state agencies, public and private land managers, and local stakeholders to address fire safety and ecosystem management in a large swath of land in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

**Browns Canyon National Monument Situation Assessment and Stakeholder Engagement**, Colorado, 2016-2017. Conducted situation assessment in parallel with human ecology mapping as part of national monument designation. Analyzed and developed representative list of stakeholders by interest nationally to support effective communication on monument management. Facilitated listening sessions in project area. Developed report on assessment and crafted best practices to blend the stakeholder situation assessment with human ecology mapping process.

**Cohesive Fire Strategy Situation Assessment**, California, 2016. Conducted stakeholder issue assessment to make recommendations on collaboration among federal and state agencies, public and private land managers, and local stakeholders to address fire safety and ecosystem management in a large swath of land in the South Fork of the American River Watershed in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Presented assessment recommendations at meeting with over 100 interested stakeholders.

**Emerald Necklace Urban Forest Assessment**, Boston, 2011-2012. Designed and managed a comprehensive assessment of tree inventory and health in the Emerald Necklace park system. Based on the assessment, developed recommendations for management priorities.

## Coasts & Oceans

**San Francisco Littoral Cell Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan**, California, 2015-2016. Stakeholder Assessment, Process Design, Facilitation and Mediation. Conducted assessment interviews and targeted meetings with jurisdictions responsible for the San Francisco Littoral Cell Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan implementation, developed broadly supported recommendations for a governance structure and implementation approach, and then conducted broad public outreach and engagement around the review and finalization of the Draft Plan. The purpose of the plan is to assist government entities, municipalities, stakeholders, and communities in developing strategies for beneficial reuse of sediments within the region to address coastal erosion and storm damage.

**Marine Spatial Planning Evaluation**, California, 2013. Program Evaluation. Teamed with the University of California at Davis to evaluate progress in marine spatial planning for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, which supports marine spatial planning projects in Canada and the United States. Conducted interviews with grantees, Moore Foundation staff, and other stakeholders familiar with Moore Foundation-funded marine spatial planning projects, and developed and administered an online survey to a broader group of stakeholders. Developed an internal report on changes in marine spatial planning since 2004 and challenges to future progress.

## Natural & Cultural Resources

**California Gray Wolf Conservation Plan**, California, 2015-2016. Facilitated meetings throughout California to share information and receive public input on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's draft California Gray Wolf Conservation Plan.

## Energy & Extractives

**Ten West Transmission Line**, California and Arizona, 2015. Facilitated a series of public meetings to share information and receive public input on the siting of the proposed Ten West transmission line between Southwest Arizona and Blythe, California. Also conducted targeted outreach meetings with 75 key stakeholders and managed a project website, comment form and phone line.

## Land Use & Transportation

**LA Metro Senior Leadership Team Strategic Planning Workshops**, Los Angeles, 2017. Designed and facilitated a series of strategic planning workshops for the LA Metro Senior Leadership Team.

**Boston Bicycle Infrastructure Assessment**, Boston, 2012. Led an assessment of bicycle infrastructure, including bike lanes and signage on behalf of the City of Boston Bicycle Program. Collected data on cyclist safety and developed recommendations for priority infrastructure improvements.

## Agriculture & Commodities

**PepsiCo Sustainable Farming Initiative**, New Haven, 2014. Updated PepsiCo's Sustainable Farming Initiative to maximize land conservation benefits for growers, as outlined in the 2014 U.S. Farm Bill.

**United Nations Conference of Parties 19 (COP19)**, Warsaw, Poland, 2013. Represented the Union of Concerned Scientists at the U.N. Conference of Parties Climate Change Negotiations. Authored and presented a report on Land Use and Climate Change, with a focus on global food systems.

## Economic & Social Policy

**Say Yes to Education Stakeholder Assessment**, Guilford County, North Carolina; 2016-2017. Conducted an assessment of alignment-building efforts between Say Yes to Education, the Duke Endowment, and Guilford County community leadership to enhance effectiveness and buy-in for Say Yes to Education's collective-impact education reform initiative.

**Piedmont Unified School District Facilities Planning**, Piedmont, California, 2017. Supported the design and facilitation of a series of public workshops to solicit input to inform Board of Education decision on new facilities for the district.

## Technology

**Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Number (ICANN) Assessment**, Workshop Design, Facilitation and Whitepaper, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2017. Designed and facilitated two workshops to develop policy on the use of top-level domain names consisting of terms of geographic significance. Conducted a stakeholder assessment in advance of the sessions, held

a series of ad hoc meetings between sessions, and developed a comprehensive whitepaper outlining the issues and recommended path forward.