



MATT BURRIS, AICP, LEED AP

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Mr. Burris is a community planner with more than a dozen years of experience and a Senior Associate with the urban planning firm Raimi + Associates. Mr. Burris is also the Planning Commissioner Chair for California's newest City of Jurupa Valley. He was drawn to the field of planning by his interest in resource efficiency and sustainable communities. Mr. Burris' environmental and engineering background, coupled with his work in planning, has given him a unique perspective on the interaction of the built and natural environments, especially in regard to how green design and sustainability are implemented in real world situations. Mr. Burris specializes in the preparation of General Plans, Climate Action Plans, neighborhood plans, and the implementation of community-scale health and sustainability principles that holistically consider and address the complex interrelationships of land use patterns and transportation systems. In addition to his work as a planner, he teaches Public Health and the Built Environment and Sustainable Planning, Design, and Development at UC Riverside.

EDUCATION

California Polytechnic University,
San Luis Obispo
Master of City and Regional Planning, 2003

California Polytechnic University,
San Luis Obispo
Master of Science in Engineering,
Specialization in Transportation Planning,
2003

University of California, Santa Barbara
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies,
1999

AFFILIATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Board of Directors. Planning Commissioner
Representative, American Planning
Association Inland Empire Section

Past Council Member. Sustainable
Communities Initiative Council, Urban Land
Institute, Orange County-Inland Empire
Section

EXPERIENCE

Raimi+Associates
Berkeley, CA
Director of Southern California Operations,
2010-present

Constructive Technologies Group
Irvine, CA
Director, Sustainable Communities and
Climate Services, 2008-2010

RBF Consulting
Ontario, CA
Planning and Environmental Services
Manager, 2003-2008

KEY PROJECTS

- **City of Delano Health and Sustainability Element (Delano, CA)**
Served as Project Manager. Organized meetings with City and community members with mart Valley grant funding and requirements to create health initiatives for the Delano General Plan. Drafted policies for sustainable strategies that addressed agricultural adjacent mitigation measures for environmental impacts and health effects.
- **General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan (Coachella, CA)**
Developing General Plan update with focus on health, land use, urban design, and street connectivity to support a sustainable and economically viable growth pattern. Drafting supporting policies that will facilitate healthy community guidelines and implementation measures for the City to use through 2035.
- **El Monte Health Element (El Monte, CA)**
Served as Senior Planner. Drafted policies and implementation actions focused on air quality, transportation, land use, and food systems. The sole standing Health Element serves El Monte's General Plan and community members with immediate and long term action items.
- **Hermosa Beach General Plan (Hermosa Beach, CA)**
Serving as Project Manager. Working with stakeholders, advisory committee, and community members to create a carbon neutral City. Executing ground work that will focus on the plan's health element, and emphasize sustainable practices the City will benefit from beyond the General Plan time-line.
- **East SR-60 Corridor Study (Moreno Valley, CA)**
Served as Project Manager. Facilitated engagement with City staff, key stakeholders, and community members to form a comprehensive land-use study. Developed key recommendations for land use scenarios, including strategies connecting surrounding land uses and supporting a pedestrian oriented development scenario along the regional transit corridor.

- **International Boulevard TOD Plan (City of Oakland, CA)**
Provided senior Project Management services to lead team in policy and plan development. Facilitated meetings, coordinated with City staff, managed scheduling and time-line, and facilitated vision development.
- **Bellflower Climate Action Plan (Bellflower, CA)**
Served as Project Manager. Developed climate and transit ready development standards to meet GHG reduction goals. Supported client, community, and consultant collaborations throughout planning process.
- **Inglewood Energy and Climate Action Plan (Inglewood, CA)**
Served as Project Manager. Facilitated community meetings, prepared reports to Planning Commission and City Council on outreach efforts and community supported reduction strategies. Drafted actions regarding land use pat-terns, transportation modes and systems, incorporating energy efficiency standards, increasing the City's renewable energy supply, and adaptation measures.
- **Encinitas General Plan Health Element and Climate Action Plan (Encinitas, CA)**
The City of Encinitas initiated the development of its Climate Action Plan as a precursor to the development of the City's General Plan Update. As part of the work effort while with another firm, Mr. Burris peer reviewed existing ICLEI inventories, made recommendations on areas of improvement, and prepared alternative inventories for comparison. He also conducted stakeholder workshops to garner input on overall goals and emissions reduction strategies that would be acceptable to the community, prepared an emissions reductions analysis, and drafted the CAP.
- **Southgate GHG Inventory, Health Element, CAP (Southgate, CA)**
Served as Project Manager for Climate Action Plan and assistant Project Manager for General Plan. Facilitated necessary meetings and analysis for Climate Action Plan and health aspects of the General Plan. The grant funded project focused on community well-being, health, and sustainable planning measures for the City's General Plan Update.
- **Los Angeles Health Element (Los Angeles, CA)**
Serving as Senior Planner. Working with City officials and supporting project manager in health data analysis and policy strategies. Providing continious consulting services and project management support to advise policy direction for the City.
- **GHG Inventory and Climate Action Policy (South Gate, CA)**
Served as Project Manager. Assisted City to create emissions baseline data, prioritize and evaluate potential city action items, and provide policy decisions related to greenhouse gas emissions reduction. Used key findings and expertise to work with City on establishing Climate Action Policy's to reduce greenhouse gases and monitor progress.
- **GHG Inventory and GHG Training Program (El Segundo, CA)**
Served Project Manager. Executed greenhouse gas emissions data collection from combusted fuels, use of electricity, use of water, generation of solid waste, and generation of waste water. Developed an effective training and education cirriculum for City staff involved in the development process and implementation of efforts to achieve the emissions reduction targets is necessary.
- **Irvine Climate Action Plan (Irvine, CA)**
Having identified the need to establish an enforceable, actionable Climate Action Plan, the City of Irvine worked with a multi-disciplinary team of consultants to establish a new generation of Climate Action Plan. As part of the project, while working for another firm, Mr. Burris helped to develop and implement tools designed to quantify GHG emissions from buildings and infrastructure, and worked to develop approaches for prioritizing emissions reduction opportunities.
- **San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District Regional Climate Action Plans (San Luis Obispo, CA)**
Served as Project Manager. Provided County consultant services to conduct countywide inventory, identify mitigation grant funds for emissions reductions, and collaborate with county incentives to reduce local greenhouse gas levels.