

California MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
Brief Bios for Lessons Learned Project Consultants
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Dr. Jonathan Raab is president of Raab Associates, Ltd. Dr. Raab is an experienced mediator, facilitator, evaluator and trainer. Dr. Raab is a national leader in applying consensus-building processes to energy, environmental, and regulatory issues. He authored *Using Consensus Building to Improve Utility Regulation* and is on both the mediation and arbitration panels for the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland (PJM) Power Pool, the mediation panel of the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP), and on the dispute resolution rosters of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution.

Prior to starting Raab Associates, Dr. Raab was the assistant director of the Electric Power Division at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. He has a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (energy and environmental policy, and resource economics), an M.S. from Stanford University's Civil Engineering Department (infrastructure planning and management), and an A.B. (distinction) in social sciences also from Stanford. Dr. Raab has taught courses at the University of Oregon, Stanford, U Mass (Boston) and MIT.

J. Michael Harty is an independent practitioner doing business as *Harty Conflict Consulting & Mediation (HCCM)*, located in Davis, California. He has over ten years of direct experience in the field of conflict management and resolution, and before that almost ten years as a practicing lawyer. Harty's diverse practice currently focuses on the resolution of environmental disputes, particularly natural resource issues including water, mining, ecosystem restoration and endangered species.

Harty holds a J.D. *cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC and a B.A. *cum laude* from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He also attended Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan, and Grenoble University in Grenoble, France. Harty received his training in environmental and public policy mediation from CDR Associates, in mediation from the American Arbitration Association, and in facilitation from Interaction Associates. He previously worked for *CDR Associates* in Boulder, CO from 1995-2004, and for the *Center for Collaborative Policy/Sacramento State*, from 2004-2006. He practiced law for approximately nine years in a variety of settings, including O'Melveny & Myers (NYC), The Hannon Law Firm (Denver), and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NYC).

DeWitt John is director of the Environmental Studies Program at Bowdoin College. His recent work includes evaluations of the Pew Center on Global Climate Change (with Michael McCabe), U.S. Forest Service watershed innovation projects (with Bob Doppelt et al.) and regulation of commercial fisheries in Maine (with Anne Hayden and Robin Alden). He is currently evaluating management processes of NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program. He was a member of the Science Advisory Panel to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

Dr. John received his doctorate in political science from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in economics (*magna cum laude*) from Harvard College. His past professional positions include director, Center for the Economy and the Environment, National Academy for Public Administration; director, State Policy Program, Aspen Institute; policy studies director for Economics, Trade, and Agriculture, State of Colorado and director, Governor's Office of Policy Research. He is the author of *Civic Environmentalism: Alternatives to Regulation in States and Communities*, CQ Press.