



Who We Are

Since 1984, CEA has worked at the nexus of markets, policy, and science to address environmental challenges in California, the United States, and around the world.

We have extensive experience with the California regulatory process and political landscape, coupled with intricate knowledge of key environmental issues, including climate change, energy policy, marine conservation, sustainable agriculture, forest management, goods movement, air quality, toxic chemicals, and land-use planning.

CEA provides consulting services for a wide range of organizations and industries. We divide our projects into five practice areas but frequently work where these fields intersect, such as helping foundations promote sustainable finance and assisting businesses with both regulatory compliance and internal sustainability strategy.

Service Offerings

Philanthropic Services

CEA helps the philanthropic community improve its effectiveness by designing, managing, and evaluating environmental grants and investments around the world.

Practice Leaders: Andreas Merkl, Matthew Elliot

Regulatory & Compliance Strategy

CEA monitors the policymaking process, analyzes regulations, and partners with legal, communications, and technical experts to help our clients engage in the policymaking process, meet statutory requirements, and improve their environmental performance.

Practice Leader: Kirk Marckwald

Sustainable Business

CEA helps private sector clients in a variety of industries develop strategies to minimize their environmental impacts, reduce costs and grow revenues.

Practice Leader: Jill Kauffman Johnson

Sustainable Finance

CEA designs investment strategies and structures and manages investment vehicles that meet our clients' financial and conservation goals.

Practice Leader: Jason Winship

Recruiting Services

CEA recruits the highest level of talent for leading environmental organizations, foundations, and companies.

Practice Leader: Melissa Clack

Key Clients

Association of American Railroads

ClimateWorks Foundation

Sea Change Investment Fund

The David and Lucille Packard Foundation

Duke Energy/ Dynegy

Chemical Strategies Partnership

Environmental Defense Fund

Toyota Motor Sales, USA

Live Nation

The Pew Charitable Trusts

The Glass Packaging Institute & Glass Manufacturer

Roots of Change Fund

Walton Family Foundation

Conservation and Community Investment Forum (CCIF)

World Wildlife Fund