



ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS CHANNEL COUNTIES CHAPTER NED ROGOWAY BIOGRAPHY

Ned Rogoway, AICP, 1929-2008

The Channel Counties Chapter is honored to name our student scholarship program after our colleague, friend, veteran, and environmental pioneer Ned Rogoway, AICP, who passed away in May 2008. Ned was instrumental in shaping the land use and landscape of San Luis Obispo County while serving in leadership capacities as the longest standing Planning Director in San Luis Obispo County history, as well as serving as a planning director for numerous cities, and as an educator at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The Association of Environmental Professionals and the American Planning Association are forever indebted to Ned for his vision in planning and resource protection, and his volunteer leadership in both organizations. His accomplishments include:

- Bachelors of Architecture, University of Washington, 1951
- Navy Lieutenant, USS Doyle, Korean War, 1954
- City of Long Beach Senior Planner 1956-1959
- County of San Luis Obispo Planning Director 1959-1981
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Lecturer, City and Regional Planning Department 1965-1980
- Certified Planner, American Institute of Certified Planners – Charter member
- Rogoway Planning, 1981 to 2008
- Planning Director/Staff for cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Pismo Beach, Simi Valley
- AEP Channel Counties Chapter President
- APA Central Coast Section Director
- Chairman of the Board Peoples Self Help Housing Corporation

Ned's groundbreaking career in San Luis Obispo county began in 1959 when he was offered the position of Planning Director of the San Luis Obispo County Planning Department. When he arrived he found very little existing planning or zoning policies and no building department in the County, and began his work with one part-time draftsman and a secretary. When he left the County in 1980, there were 85 staff members in the Planning Department. During his 20 plus years of service to SLO County he supervised the preparation of General Plans for all urban and rural areas, wrote all the ordinances and policies which govern their administration, and started the process of issuing building permits. Ned formed countywide advisory committees, created agencies to govern airport areas, transportation, and housing and created a new land use systems unlike any other in the state. During his tenure at SLO County he fostered the increase in parkland, recreation opportunities, and facilities to more than triple from when he first arrived. Most significantly he administered the closing of Camp San Luis Obispo lands (5,000 acres of military development) and the redevelopment of those lands for public uses for parks, Cuesta College, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He also authored the operating procedures for the Transportation Agency, the Regional Planning Council, the Air Pollution Control Agency, the Airport Land Use Commission, and the Subdivision Review Board.

Ned captured the opportunity to bring a conservative agricultural county into the mainstream of modern land use planning and vital resource planning. Because the Central California Coast is endowed with rich and abundant resources, many of the programs were aimed at protecting the environment and wisely using limited resources. These complex and forward thinking land use programs are still operative and relevant today. We thank Ned and honor his legacy.