

Daryl Koutnik

Managing Principal, Biology Group

Education

*Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics and
Biology
California State University,
Northridge*

*Master of Science and Doctor of
Philosophy, Botany
University of California, Davis*

Dr. Koutnik has over 25 years of experience in biology, environmental planning and project management. He has directed, managed, prepared and conducted environmental impact assessments, mitigation monitoring plans, plant and wildlife studies, biological resource inventories, sensitive species surveys, biological constraints analyses, and habitat restoration plans for private and public sector clients throughout Southern California.

Dr. Koutnik has a thorough understanding of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), having worked in and managed the environmental review section of the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning for more than 14 years. He has managed more than 30 Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) within Los Angeles County, including residential, commercial, industrial, and educational developments. In addition, he has substantial experience in processing of coastal development projects with the California coastal zone.

Dr. Koutnik has broad knowledge of both state and federal Endangered Species Acts, and state and federal regulations involving biological resources. His biological expertise includes knowledge of biological and ecological relationships, with particular emphasis on habitat impact analysis, special-status plant species, and wildlife movement corridors. He has an exceptional knowledge of Southern California flora, and was an active participant in the drafting of the West Mojave Plan for multi-species habitat conservation.

Dr. Koutnik is a contributor to the *The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California* and *The Jepson Desert Manual*. He is recognized internationally as an expert on prostrate spurges and other members of the spurge family (Euphorbiaceae). He is co-author of the book *Cotyledon and Tylecodon*, published in 2004.

Representative Professional Experience

- Managed the preparation and certification of the EIR for a **13,000-acre Specific Plan area** located near Magic Mountain Entertainment Center in Valencia, California. Environmental factors analyzed included oak resource management per County of Los Angeles requirements, SEA stewardship for both the Santa Clara River and the Santa Susana Mountains, and detailed water resource analysis in completing recertification of the EIR. Coordinated all subsequent environmental reports through 2006, including individual residential and wastewater treatment development located within the Specific Plan area.



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- Managing the preparation and certification of the EIR for the multi-component **Neptune Marina** residential and hotel project in the community of Marina del Rey, California.
- Managed and coordinated the **Significant Ecological Areas Technical Advisory Committee of Los Angeles County** in implementing that jurisdiction's General Plan designated Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs).
- Initiated and managed the Los Angeles County Environmental Review Board (ERB) for development proposed with the Coastal Zone of the Santa Monica Mountains.
- Managed for the County of Los Angeles the preparation and certification of the EIR for the **Cemex Surface Mining** project in Soledad Canyon, California.
- Managed the preparation and certification of the EIR for the **Athens Waste Disposal** materials recovery facility near Industry, California.
- Managed the preparation and certification of the EIR for the replacement conditional use permit of the **Sunshine Canyon Landfill** near Los Angeles, California.
- Managed the preparation of the EIR for the 3,600-unit **Northlake** residential project in the community of Castaic, California.



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