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***Firm Principal Round Table meeting: May 4, 2010 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.***

Three times a year, we bring together firm leaders, our Chapter Corporate Partners and our allied members for a hosted breakfast and discussion on a variety of important issues.

For this meeting, we have invited AIA California Council Lobbyist Ralph Simoni, Hon AIACC to provide “insider feedback” on the current political climate at the capitol, the latest on the budget, upcoming elections and more related to the profession. Ralph is an engaging speaker and his anecdotes on politics and the profession are always insightful and enjoyable—this is not a roundtable to miss!

Ralph has 38 years of experience as a legislative advocate. He served as assistant director-government affairs for the California State University and Colleges, vice president-legislative counsel for the California Land Title Association and chief legislative advocate for the State Bar of California. Ralph also had four years experience working with another lobbying firm as the vice president responsible for management of the firm's legislative office.

In recent years Ralph has developed expertise in complex resource and recycling issues. On behalf of the plastics industry, soft drink manufacturers and distributors, battery companies, and waste companies, Ralph has participated extensively in legislative and regulatory issues involving recycled content requirements, consumer refund programs, landfill siting limitations, environmental issues such as groundwater treatment, waste stream treatment, and others. Additionally, he represents several local government clients in the complex issue of California water policy.

Ralph is a graduate of San Francisco State University and the University of California at Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr., School of Law. He is admitted to practice before state and federal courts in California.

The Round Table is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 4th** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at The Sutter Club, 1220 Ninth Street in Sacramento. Hosted parking is located at 824 L Street (the second garage on the left after crossing 9<sup>th</sup> Street). Cell phones and

paggers are not permitted in the Club and guests must meet the minimum dress code of collared shirts and slacks.

We encourage you to circulate this invitation to other principals or senior management personnel as appropriate within your firm.

We also ask that you kindly **RSVP** no later than **Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** via e-mail: to [kanderson@aiacv.org](mailto:kanderson@aiacv.org). Due to generous underwriting from Ideate, Inc. this roundtable breakfast is free.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Comstock", is centered below the word "Sincerely,".

Don Comstock, FAIA  
Executive Director, AIA Central Valley