

Environmental Law (ES 6) – Possible Paper Topics

The following suggestions are only intended as a “starting point” for students to begin thinking about what sort of paper they’d like to prepare as part of the ES 6 course requirement. The “best” paper topic for any student will probably be a topic in which the student has a personal interest. Please do not hesitate to propose topics not suggested here. The instructor will be happy to help students explore possible paper topics, including topics both on and off this list.

- ISO 14000 and the “Audit Privilege.” Comparing this system to regulation.
- Forestry Regulation in California.
- The “Rigs to Reefs” Controversy.
- Marine Life Protected Areas – Current Status and Future Possibilities.
- Mining Regulations – Comparing the Federal System to California’s System
- How Does The Federal Farm Bill Support Conservation?
- How Do Land Trusts Conserve Critically Important Natural Resources?
- An Analysis of Carbon Trading Proposals.
- What Is The California Attorney General Doing About Global Warming?
- How Does NAFTA Affect State Environmental Protection Laws?
- “Feebate” Proposals To Increase Vehicle Gas Mileage.
- The President’s Environmental Justice Executive Order – What Has It Accomplished?
- Comparing The Santa Clara Valley HCP To Another HCP.
- Analyzing A Specific California Legislative Proposal.
- Wildlife Corridors: What Laws Protect Them?
- An Analysis of the *Kelo* Decision and Eminent Domain.
- A Proposal For New Policies For The City of San Jose General Plan.
- Drafting A Proposed Presidential Order Designating Coyote Valley As A National Monument.
- Explaining AB 32, The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.
- Coastal Protection in California.
- A Typical “Bottle Bill” Versus The California Beverage Recycling Program.
- Senate Bill 375, Land Use, and Global Warming