

SOLAR VALLEY CONFERENCE

September 14, 2020
8:30 AM - 12:15 PM

8:30 Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Master of Ceremonies: **Dr. Ronald Loveridge** Co-Chair, Solar Valley Consortium, and Deputy Director, Inland Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD), UC Riverside

Welcoming Remarks: **Dr. Chris Lynch** Dean, Bourns College of Engineering, UC Riverside
Dr. Matthew Barth Director, Bourns College of Engineering Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT), UC Riverside

8:40 Morning Keynote

Karen Douglas Commissioner, California Energy Commission (CEC)

8:55 Solar, Storage, and Low Carbon Reliability

V. John White Executive Director, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT)

9:05 1st Panel Discussion: State of Solar Energy in Southern California

Panelists:

Katie Barrows Director of Environmental Resources, Coachella Valley of Associated Governments (CVAG)

Casey Dailey Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

Duane Baker Deputy Director, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)

In this panel, representatives from the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the Western Riverside council of governments, and San Bernardino Transportation Agency will discuss the latest developments at the State, County, and City levels with a focus on solar in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Moderated by: **V. John White**
Executive Director, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT)

9:35 2nd Panel Discussion: Solar Initiatives for Communities

Panelists:

Poloi Lin Advisor, Education and Outreach, Southern California Edison

Todd Corbin General Manager, Riverside Public Utilities (RPU)

Michael Frasure Building and Safety Services Manager, City of Rancho Cucamonga

Devon Hartman President, Claremont Home Energy Retrofit Project (CHERP)

Across the state, communities are taking advantage of their solar resource. This panel will focus on the various tools and ways in which solar energy can be useful to utilities and communities. This will be a lively session with representatives from Southern California Edison, Riverside Public Utilities, the City of Rancho Cucamonga, and the Claremont Home Project.

Moderated by: **Rob Bernheimer** Attorney and Principal, Robert A. Bernheimer, A Professional Law Corporation

10:05 Keynote: Lessons from COVID-19 for Climate Change

Our Keynote Address is being delivered by **Dr. Daniel M. Kammen**, distinguished advisor to Presidents and to State and US Federal agencies, award winning Goldman Professor of Public Policy, author, and Founding Director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory, U.C. Berkeley

10:25 3rd Panel Discussion: Industry Perspectives

Panelists:

Nate Lewis Chief Revenue Officer, Renova Energy Corporation

David A. Allen Sales Manager, CED Greentech

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Find out how the landscape for solar has been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Learn about increased customer interest, and progress in streamlining the process. This panel focuses on existing policies, and policies needed to drive solar development and growth of related businesses. Initiatives will be identified at the state, county, and municipal levels, as well as effective

communication strategies between industry and government at various levels.

Moderated by: **Bernadette Del Chiaro** Executive Director, California Solar & Storage Association (CalSSA)

10:55 4th Panel Discussion: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats in Southern California

Panelists:

Curt Hagman Supervisor, Fourth District San Bernardino County

V. Manuel Perez Supervisor, Fourth District Riverside County

Ed Smeloff Director of Grid Integration, Vote Solar

Eduardo Garcia California Assemblymember, District 56

Anchored by Supervisors Hagman (San Bernardino) and Perez (Riverside), with the added perspective from Ed Smeloff of Vote Solar and California Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, this panel will focus on counties, state and local initiatives. What exactly is going on, what are the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats before us? What needs to happen to supercharge solar in Southern California?

Moderated by: **Bambi Tran** Vice President, Regions, GRID Alternatives

11:40 5th Panel Discussion: Solar Valley as Pathway to Local Benefits

Panelists:

Dr. Ronald Loveridge Co-Chair, Solar Valley Consortium, and Deputy Director, Inland Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD), UC Riverside

Dr. Alfredo A. Martinez-Morales Co-Chair, Solar Valley Consortium, and Managing Director, Southern California Research Initiative for Solar Energy (SC-RISE), UC Riverside

Our economy can be the foundation of a clean prosperous sustainable future for ISC and the consortium has this squarely in our sights. This panel focuses on how the consortium can help craft localized solutions with localized benefits for the counties, cities, industry and our citizens.

Professor Fred Schwartz Deputy Director, SC-RISE Solar Valley Consortium, UC Riverside