# Clean Power, Healthy Communities October 17, 2013



# **Conference Program**

Registration and light breakfast (8:00 – 9:00)

**Opening Introductory remarks** (9 – 9:15)

• Al Weinrub, Coordinator, Local Clean Energy Alliance

Plenary: What's at Stake and What's Possible for Bay Area Communities (9:15 – 10:10)

Why local, decentralized energy systems are key to greenhouse gas reductions, economic vitality, jobs, resilience, and healthy communities.

Moderator: Kirsten Schwind, Program Director, Bay Localize

- Gopal Dayaneni, Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project
- Mia Yoshitani, Associate Director, Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- David de la Torre, Secretary/Treasurer, Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 261
- Annie Loya, Executive Director, Youth United for Community Action

#### Bay Area Energy Initiatives (10:20 – 11:15)

Breakout sessions on initiatives in the Bay Area that confront fossil fuels and that point the way forward for local clean energy.

#### **Breakout Session 1: Movements Opposing Fossil Fuels**

Moderator: Mari Rose Taruc, Filipino American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity and State Organizing Director, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

- Zen Trenholm, Development Chair, California Student Sustainability Coalition
- Rose Braz, Climate Campaign Director, Center for Biological Diversity
- Andrés Soto, Richmond Community Organizer, Communities for a Better Environment

#### **Breakout Session 2: Community Solar**

Moderator: Linda Barrera, Community Renewable Energy Program Director, Sustainable Economies Law Center

- Andreas Karelas, Executive Director, *RE-volv*
- Shiva Patel, Co-founder, Energy Solidarity Cooperative
- Lela Turner, Graduate, Solar Richmond; Worker Owner, Pamoja Energy Solutions Cooperative

#### **Breakout Session 3: Energy Efficiency**

Moderator: Chris Cone, Membership and Policy Manager, Efficiency First California

- Cal Broomhead, Energy Programs Manager, San Francisco Department of the Environment
- Tara Marchant, Director, Emerald Cities Collaborative, Oakland
- Miya Kitahara, Multifamily Outreach, StopWaste.org

#### **Breakout Session 4: Community Choice Energy Programs**

Moderator: Larry Chang, Steering Committee, Local Clean Energy Alliance

- Woody Hastings, Renewable Energy Implementation Manager, Climate Protection Campaign
- Kim Malcolm, Director, CleanPowerSF
- Bill Powers, San Diego Energy District Foundation
- Barbara Stebbins, Steering Committee, Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland Campaign

**Keynote Address**: Tom Steyer on the Political Challenge and How to Address It (11:30-12:00) Climate policy mover and shaker Tom Steyer discusses lessons learned on the front lines of state-wide and national energy advocacy and their application to building the local clean energy movement.

# Lunch and Networking (12:00 –1:00)

#### Plenary: Organizing to Democratize Energy (1:00-2:00)

Representatives of game-changing energy campaigns/initiatives explore political strategy and organizing models.

Moderator: Nile Malloy, No. California Program Director, Communities for a Better Environment

- Allen Hernandez, Organizer, Sierra Club My Generation Campaign
- Susannah Churchill, California Policy Advocate, Vote Solar
- Woody Hastings, Renewable Energy Implementation Manager, Climate Protection Campaign
- Michelle Mascarenhas-Swan, Climate Justice Alliance, Our Power Campaign

### **Building Our Political Constituency** (2:10 – 3:00)

Workshops on building political clout by sector

#### **Workshop Session 1: Community**

• Rosa Gonzalez, Director of Programs, Alliance for Climate Education

#### **Workshop Session 2: Government**

- Jess Dervin-Ackerman, Conservation Organizer, Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter
- Shawn Marshall, Executive Director, *LEAN Energy US*

#### **Workshop Session 3: Business**

- Danny Kennedy, President, Sungevity
- Barry Vesser, Deputy Director, Climate Protection Campaign

#### **Workshop Session 4: Labor**

- Brooke Anderson, Labor Fellow, Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project
- Jack Buckhorn, Business Manager, Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 551

# Finding Solutions to the Financing Challenge (3:10 – 4:10)

Bay Area financial analysts and advocates explore approaches to overcoming obstacles to financing the development of local renewable energy resources.

Moderator: Al Weinrub, Coordinator, Local Clean Energy Alliance

- Angelica Banks, Chief Operating Officer, Cutting Edge Capital
- Darwin Bond-Graham, economic analyst and journalist
- Strela Cervas, Co-Coordinator, California Environmental Justice Alliance
- Rachel Neil, Energy Policy Fellow, Environmental Defense Fund

#### **Conference Wrap Up** (4:15 – 4:30)

**Post-Conference Social Hour** (5:00 – 7:00)