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)