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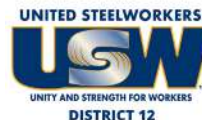


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Ground-Breaking High-Impact Advocacy

This year the Local Clean Energy Alliance (the Alliance) celebrates 10 years of achievement at the local, state, and national level in promoting community-based renewable energy to empower communities—especially low-income communities and communities of color, which are most negatively impacted by the fossil fuel economy.

We are the Bay Area's foremost membership organization working to promote a clean energy future through the development and democratization of local renewable energy resources. We see these resources as key to addressing climate change, advancing social and racial justice, and building sustainable and resilient communities.

The Alliance advocates for the development of decentralized energy systems—integrating energy demand reduction, local renewable generation, and other distributed energy resources—as the best way to address climate change while enabling communities to transition to a clean energy economy, one that promotes local investment, creates family-sustaining clean energy jobs, advances social equity, and improves community health.

The Alliance's work in educating, convening, organizing, and mobilizing communities has had a powerful impact, especially in California, driving the movement for local energy investments that benefit and empower our communities. Check out the 10-year timeline of Local Clean Energy Alliance accomplishments at this conference.



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Clean Power, Healthy Communities 2017

Bringing Energy to the Movement for Justice

The national elections of a year ago not only underscored the urgent need to transform American political, economic, and social structures, but they also laid bare the close relationship of climate solutions to the issue of racial and economic justice.

It has become increasingly clear that climate solutions must be part and parcel of a broader transformation, that the transition to a renewable energy future must mean a new kind of energy economy with justice at its core.

More explicitly, the shift to renewable energy must be a shift from the development of large-scale corporate centralized energy to smaller-scale community-based decentralized energy, where renewable energy resources are used to address poverty, unemployment, inequality, personal and community health, displacement, and, of course, climate change.

Accordingly, the theme of Clean Power, Healthy Communities 2017—Bringing Energy to the Movement for Justice—is about building a path forward to community control and ownership of renewable energy resources. We will explore how democratizing energy can empower and address the needs of our communities—especially low-income communities and communities of color—and strengthen the movement for environmental, economic, and social justice.

The Clean Power, Healthy Communities 2017 conference is meant to strengthen the movement for a new energy paradigm, in which communities and grassroots organizations are playing an increasingly decisive role. The conference is a venue for us to discuss how to overcome political and financial obstacles to advancing community control and ownership of energy resources—what we call energy democracy. It provides us an opportunity, as organizations and individuals committed to these efforts, to interact and share experiences.

Thank you for being part of this effort.



Al Weinrub
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Let's Build a Powerful Movement for Energy Democracy!

Local Clean Energy Alliance Publications

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Energy Democracy: Advancing Equity in Clean Energy Solutions

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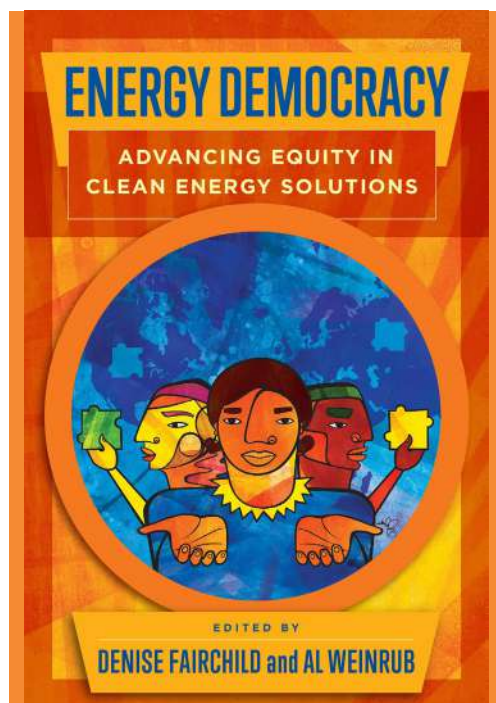
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—Naomi Klein, Author of *No Is Not Enough* and *This Changes Everything*

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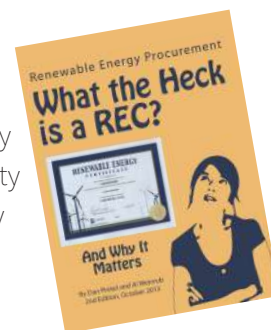
Democratizing Our Energy Future

Lays out a vision, political framework, strategies, and principles of democratized energy development as the basis for a platform to advance climate justice in the U.S.



What the Heck is a REC?

The ins and outs of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), especially their significance for electricity procurement by Community Choice energy programs.



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Local Clean Energy Alliance Initiatives

East Bay Clean Power Alliance

The East Bay Clean Power Alliance advocates for Community Choice energy programs in the East Bay that serve to spur equitable economic development and family-sustaining clean energy jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stabilize or lower the cost of electricity, improve community health and social equity, and provide other community benefits.

We see engagement of the East Bay community, broadly and equitably, including in the governance structure, as central to achieving these goals.



East Bay Shared Solar Collaborative

The East Bay Shared Solar Collaborative is promoting a community shared solar program for East Bay Community Energy, Alameda's Community Choice energy program. Community shared solar can enable East Bay communities—including low-income families and renters—to participate in developing and benefiting from solar energy through investment or participation in a nearby solar facility. Participation offers a wealth-building opportunity through ownership of solar energy resources.



Community shared solar can further community economic empowerment, advance social equity, and strengthen community resilience.

California Alliance for Community Energy

The California Alliance for Community Energy is a statewide organization that brings together individuals and affiliated organizations committed to supporting and defending Community Choice energy programs in California that advance local clean energy for the environmental, economic, and social justice benefit of our communities.

We see Community Choice energy programs as an opportunity to democratize and transform our local energy systems—addressing climate change in a way that strengthens local economies and builds community resilience.



Energy Democracy Project

The Energy Democracy Project brings together organizations and individuals across the country to popularize and advance energy democracy as a key strategic perspective within the climate and new economy movements.

Energy democracy seeks to replace our current corporate fossil-fuel economy with one that puts racial, social, and economic justice at the forefront of the transition to a 100% renewable energy future.



Conference Schedule

9:00-9:30 Opening

Honoring ancestors, welcome, and opening remarks

9:30-10:30 Morning Plenary 1: The National Energy Democracy Movement

The current political moment, the forces at play nationally, the significance of the energy democracy movement, and where it needs to go. The session concludes with an audience Q&A.

Panelists

- Strela Cervas, California Environmental Justice Alliance
- Anthony Giacatarino, Just Community Energy Transition Fellow
- Aiko Schaeffer, 100% Renewables Network

Moderator: Al Weinrub, Local Clean Energy Alliance

10:30-10:45 15-Minute Break

10:45-11:45 Morning Plenary 2: Energy Democracy and Local Movements

What *Bringing Energy to the Movement for Justice* means at the level of local organizing—the kinds of local institutions and initiatives that democratize energy, empower communities, build resilience, and address the critical day-to-day issues that we face. The session concludes with an audience Q&A.

Panelists

- Vivian Huang, Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- Carla M. Pérez Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project
- Ashura Lewis, One Voice
- Jessica Tovar, Local Clean Energy Alliance

Moderator: Tara Marchant, Emerald Cities Collaborative

11:45-1:00 Lunch and Networking

1:00-1:15 Introduction to Breakout Sessions

Brief introductions to the breakout session topics and some of the issues involved. The following topics will be covered in both breakout sessions—see following page for more detail.

1. Housing, displacement and other community crises
2. Stronger unions and workforce development
3. Local economic development
4. Community Choice energy programs
5. Cooperatives, shared solar, and neighborhood microgrids

1:15-2:30 Breakout Session 1

2:30-3:00 30-Minute Break

3:00-4:15 Breakout Session 2 (Repeat of Session 1)

4:15-4:30 15-Minute Break

4:30-5:15 Report Back from Breakout Sessions

5:15-5:20 Closing

6:00pm Start of Happy Hour and Socializing at Tay Ho Oakland, 344 12th St., Ste. B, Oakland, CA

Breakout Session Descriptions

The five afternoon Breakout Sessions will be facilitated brainstorming sessions that focus on the community benefits that can come from local ownership and control of clean energy resources.

There are three topics examining how those benefits can be directed toward developing more resilient, sustainable communities, and two that focus on different strategies for increasing local control and ownership of clean energy resources.

How can local ownership and control of clean energy resources address pressing social justice issues in our communities?

1. Housing, displacement and other community crises:

How can clean energy projects be utilized to address soaring rents, reduce evictions and displacement and create cleaner, healthier environments, especially for communities most impacted by fossil fuels? How can the jobs, the revenue, and savings from such projects stabilize our communities? What are ways that communities can use local control of energy resources to address social justice issues in low income communities and communities of color?

2. Stronger unions and workforce development:

How can development of local clean energy projects generate good paying union jobs? How can effective workforce development programs be implemented in local renewable resource development? How can local development spur an increase in project labor and community benefit agreements?

3. Local economic development:

How do local clean energy projects spur local economic development? What measures need to be taken to maximize that impact for local businesses, especially small and emerging businesses, and community residents? What are alternative ways of financing local clean energy projects that keep wealth in our community, other than Wall Street and big corporate banks?

How do we increase local ownership and control of clean energy resources?

4. Community Choice energy programs:

How can a public, not-for-profit alternative to the investor-owned utilities, such as East Bay Community Energy, increase local ownership and control of clean energy resources, including renewable generation and energy efficiency? How can communities ensure that there is equity in policy decisions that determine the operation of the program? How can the design of the Community Choice program maximize community benefits, especially for low income communities and communities of color?

5. Cooperatives, shared solar, and neighborhood microgrids:

How can alternative economic models and technological innovations help communities gain control and ownership of clean energy resources? What are ways to organize, plan and finance community energy cooperatives? How can community shared solar projects benefit renters and others who cannot put solar on their roofs? How can microgrids be utilized to create self-sufficient neighborhoods with regard to electricity, and encourage power sharing and storage capacity?

A large field of solar panels stretches across the middle ground, with a dirt path in the foreground and a vibrant, cloudy sky above. The sky features streaks of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The solar panels are blue and arranged in neat rows.

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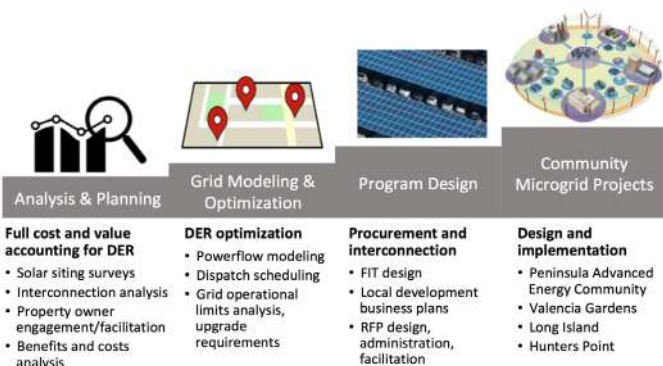
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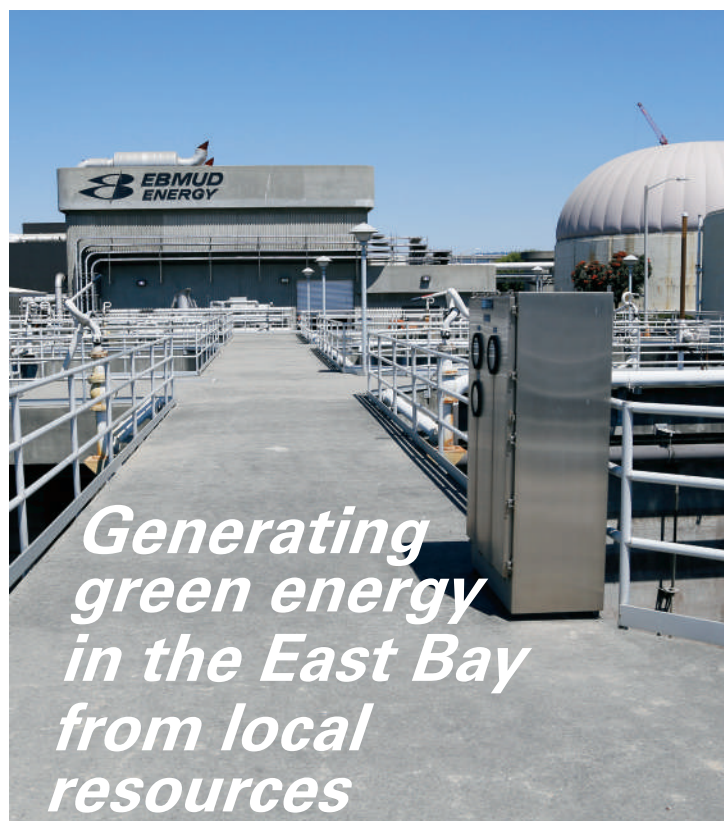


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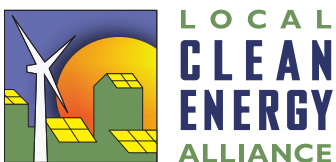
To the panelists and participants in the conference, to the many individual and organizational allies of the Local Clean Energy Alliance over the past 10 years, to those who will join us in building an Energy Democracy movement that empower our communities and struggle for environmental, economic and social justice.

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