



**AGENDA**  
**California Community Choice Association**  
**2018 Annual Meeting: The Power of Partnerships**  
**September 5–6, 2018**

**DAY 1: Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>—Merrill Hall**

- 12:30            Registration Opens
- 1:30            **Welcome – Beth Vaughan**, Executive Director, California Community Choice Association
- 1:35            **Workshop 1: Breaking Down the PCIA – What Does it Mean for Your CCA?**  
**Facilitator: Hilary Staver**, Manager of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, Silicon Valley Clean Energy  
**Evelyn Kahl**, Shareholder, Buchalter  
**Matt Langer**, Chief Operating Officer, Clean Power Alliance  
**Neal Reardon**, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Sonoma Clean Power
- 3:00            Meet and Greet Break
- 3:30            **Workshop 2: Designing Rates: Art or Science?**  
**Facilitator: Tom Habashi**, CEO, Monterey Bay Community Power  
**Michael Champ**, Manager of Finance and Analytics, Community Energy Services, SMUD  
**Nancy Ryan**, Partner, EThree  
**Jian Zhang**, CEO, GridX
- 5:00            Adjourn
- 6–9:00        **Welcome Reception & BBQ (The Grove) Sponsored by Calpine Energy Solutions**

**DAY 2: Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>—Merrill Hall**

- 7:30–8:15     Breakfast (Crocker Hall) **Sponsored by Terra-Gen**
- 8:30–8:40     **Welcome to Monterey Bay**  
**Mayor Bill Kampe**, City of Pacific Grove

**Bruce McPherson**, Chair, Monterey Bay Community Power and Santa Cruz County Supervisor

8:40–9:00 **CalCCA: Where are We Now, and What Lies Ahead?**  
**Beth Vaughan**, Executive Director, CalCCA

9:00–10:10 **Session 1: Partnerships Driving Innovation**  
What are some of the innovative programs and partnerships delivering quantifiable benefits to communities and the state? This session will examine projects that include microgrids, transportation electrification, fuel switching, and new clean energy supplies, and the variety of partnerships needed to make them possible.

**Moderator: Matthew Marshall**, Executive Director, RCEA  
**Kevin Banister**, Vice President of Development, Principle Power Inc  
**David Erne**, Energy Systems Research Office Supervisor, CA Energy Commission  
**Jeff Lifur**, Project Manager, Cenergy Power  
**Cordel Stillman**, Director of Programs, Sonoma Clean Power  
**Jason Caudle**, Deputy City Manager, City of Lancaster

10:10–10:30 **Keynote: Assembly Member Mark Stone, District 29**

10:30–10:50 Meet and Greet Break **Sponsored by Skylar Energy Resources**

10:50–12:00 **Session 2: Affordable Reliability: Getting the Policy Right**  
How do we set policies to guide California toward a low-carbon future? As California's grid moves increasingly toward solar and wind resources, the costs of reliability are increasing. This panel will discuss the affordability of our choices for sustaining a reliable grid.

**Moderator: Geof Syphers**, CEO, Sonoma Clean Power  
**Melissa Brandt**, Senior Director of Public Affairs and Deputy General Counsel, East Bay Community Energy  
**Kendall Helm**, Director of Origination and Portfolio Optimization, San Diego Gas & Electric  
**Phil Pettingill**, Manager of Regulatory Policy, CAISO  
**Edward Randolph**, Director, Energy Division, California Public Utilities Commission

12:00–1:00 Lunch (Crocker Hall) **Sponsored by Sacramento Municipal Utility District**

1:00–1:30 CCAs and California's Clean Energy Transition  
**Ralph Cavanagh**, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council

1:30–2:30 **Session 3: From Competition to Partnerships**

How do the IOUs and POUs cross the divide and embrace the notion of becoming service providers to CCAs? This session will examine the transition of the business relationship between start-up CCAs and the more established investor owned and public utilities and future plans to increase business offerings and partnerships to support the expansion of CCAs in California.

**Moderator: Tom Habashi**, CEO, Monterey Bay Community Power

**Cathy DeFalco**, Executive Director, Lancaster Choice Energy and California Choice Energy Authority

**David Gutierrez**, Senior Manager, 3rd Party Relations, PG&E

**Gary Lawson**, Manager Wholesale Energy Services, Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Tony Zimmer**, Assistant General Manager, Northern California Power Agency

2:30–3:00 Meet and Greet Break Sponsored by **California Choice Energy Authority**

3:00–4:00 **Session 4: Embracing our Communities: Developing Leading Community Investment Strategies**

How can CCAs develop high impact local investments that meet their community needs? This session will identify opportunities for strategic alignment between the mission of CCAs, local needs, and energy investments, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

**Moderator: Deidre Sanders**, Director Government and Community Affairs, East Bay Community Energy

**Emily Lam**, Director, Policy and Government Affairs, SFPUC

**Dennis Osmer**, Executive Director, Central Coast Energy Services & Member, Community Advisory Council, MBCP

**Violet Saena**, Resilient Communities Program Manager, Acterra

**Renee Sharp**, Bay Area Regional Director, GRID Alternatives

**Kathy Wells**, Energy Projects Coordinator, Lancaster Choice Energy

4:00–4:10 Closing Remarks — **Dawn Weisz**, President, CalCCA

4:10–4:45 **CalCCA Member Meeting** (Operational and Affiliate Members Only)  
**Dawn Weisz**, President, CalCCA

4:15–6:15 Onsite Reception and Networking (Seascape Hall) **Sponsored by Intersect Power**