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October 29th: Main summit – Day 1

7:30am-8:20am *Registration and Networking Breakfast*

8:20am-8:30am **Welcome Remarks by Main Summit Chair**

8:30am-9:00am Keynote Presentation: **California Energy Policy Outlook**

9:00am-10:00am Panel Discussion: **Lessons Learned from the 2019 IRP Cycle**

The adoption of a Preferred System Portfolio includes the procurement of 12 GW of new solar, wind, battery, and geothermal resources. Regulators further launched a “procurement track” to address potential reliability questions between 2019 and 2024 to meet the state’s peak system reliability needs. This panel will feature LSEs discussing what they learned from the most recent filings, challenges they face in executing those procurements, and how rates will be impacted in the short-term and long-term.

Panelists:

Howard Chang, COO, EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY

Additional Panelists to be Announced

10:00am-10:30am *Networking Break*

10:30am-11:30am Panel Discussion: **Public Owned Utility Renewables Procurement Plans and Initiatives**

Public owned utilities (POUs) are facing challenges in terms of gearing up to procure renewables mandated by SB100. LADWP, for example, is currently evaluating several paths to renewables including additional distributed generation, added transmission, and increasing levels of demand response. Municipal and POU representatives will discuss the current challenges they face in buying renewables and potential solutions.

- How are POUs keeping up with aggressive renewables mandates?
- Is there enough customer engagement to support renewables programs?
- What type of policy changes need to happen to achieve clean energy goals?

Panelists:

Frank Harris, Manager of Energy Regulatory Policy, CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION (CMUA)

Additional Panelists to be Announced



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- 11:30am-1:00pm *Group Luncheon*
- 1:00pm-2:00pm **Panel Discussion: Impact of Changes to Utility Distributed Storage Programs on Storage Procurement**
IOU storage procurement in California is well underway to meeting the CPUC's current mandates of 1900 MW. In the meantime, an ALJ proposal in February 2019 directed utilities to allow independent developers to compete with utility owned storage projects.
- What is the state of implementation of the ALJ's proposal?
 - What new storage procurements are under way and how is the proposal impacting those procurements??
 - How will the proposal impact how storage can be used to transition over from gas generation?
- 2:00pm-3:00pm **Panel Discussion: ESP Perspectives on Renewable Energy Procurement**
With the expansion of DA, ESPs are now looking at an increase in customer load and the potential for even greater expansion in the future. This panel will bring together ESPs to discuss how they are adapting.
- What are the main challenges ESPs are facing in the current market?
 - What efforts are being made to comply with RA standards and longer term RPS mandates?
 - What are ESPs' thoughts on a central buyer?
- 3:00pm-3:30pm *Networking Break*
- 3:30pm-4:30pm **Panel Discussion: Impacts of the PG&E Bankruptcy on Existing Renewables Contracts**
California's recent wildfires and PG&E's bankruptcy are having huge effects on the energy landscape, forcing the state to reconsidering wildfire prevention measures and key energy players' roles. This panel will discuss the status of PG&E's existing renewables contracts, compensation plans, and how procurements will move forward post-bankruptcy.
- Panelists:
Matthew Reilly, CFA, Senior Director, FITCH RATINGS
Additional Panelists to be Announced

October 30: Main summit – Day 2

- 8:00am-9:00am **Panel Discussion: The Corporate Renewable Buyer's Perspective**



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Corporate renewable energy buyers have more options now than ever with more CCAs launching and DA expansion. This panel will bring together corporate renewable energy representatives to discuss their perspectives on what they need in order to procure more renewables.

9:00am-10:00am Panel Discussion: **Readying Transmission for 100% Renewables Procurements**
LSEs will have to make significant infrastructure changes in order to accommodate the renewables coming online for SB100. Munis and IOUs are currently grappling with how to accommodate including potentially undergrounding lines. This panel will discuss how LSEs are adapting to renewables procurements in terms of transmission buildout and updates.

10:00am-10:30am *Networking Break*

10:30am-11:30am Panel Discussion: **Advancing Community Solar in the Current Procurement Landscape**
The Community Solar Green Tariff and Disadvantaged Communities programs were enacted to increase solar power saturation in low income communities. Despite SB350, deployment of community solar is slow as a result of the many regulatory uncertainties. This panel will discuss what's being done to kick-start community solar initiatives.

- Where will the funding for these projects come from?
- How can cost be driven down to expand community solar without driving away developers?
- What initiatives are necessary to develop more community solar and how will these initiatives be accomplished considering challenges the market currently faces?

Panelists:

Michael Kadish, *Executive Director*, GRID ALTERNATIVES GREATER LOS ANGELES
Additional Panelists to be Announced

11:30am-12:30am Panel Discussion: **The Role of Offshore Wind in California's Energy Future**
Offshore wind opportunities in California are gaining traction. It is a more constant source of wind power than wind farms on land, which makes it an attractive energy source as California integrates more renewables.

- What is the current status of Pacific offshore wind?
- How much offshore wind will be needed to edge the state towards SB100?



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- What is the timeline for integrating offshore wind?

Panelists:

Robert Collier, *Policy Analyst*, UC BERKELEY GREEN ENERGY PROGRAM

Commissioner Karen Douglas, CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Stephanie McClellan, *Director*, SPECIAL INITIATIVE ON OFFSHORE WIND

12:30pm

Main Summit Adjourns