



2025 AEP Renewable Energy Symposium Agenda

August 13th | 8:30am-4pm PST | Virtual Program

8:30-8:45am | Opening Comments

8:45-10:00am | Legislative Update

Matt Klopfenstein, Summit Advocacy

McKinley Thompson-Morley, Seaside Advocacy

Fresh off the legislature's efforts through the Select Special Committee for Permitting Reform, highlighting renewable energy as one of the key components, Sacramento has been busy putting pen to paper and enacting legislation. Join AEP's lobbyist to break down the ins, outs, and what's to come from the Capital.

10:00-10:15am | Break

10:15am-Noon | Lunch with the Lawyers: Panel of Attorneys Discuss Renewable Energy Permitting Processes

Ian Michael Forrest, Forrest Environmental Law

Jeffery Harris, Climate Edge Law Group

Zachary Kearns, Bell-Kearns

Annie Mudge, Cox Castle

Join some of California's preeminent attorneys for a lively panel discussion on the alphabet soup of permitting and judicial processes that are specialized for or have an outsized influence on renewable energy projects. From the AB 205 opt-in process to fully protected species take permitting and candidate species under CESA and SB 7 / SB 149 Judicial Streamlining to the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (and everything in between), California's path to clean energy winds its way through these intricate procedures, and who best to guide us than this panel of...dare we say it...legal eagles?!

Noon-12:30pm | Lunch Keynote: Lake Effect or Data Mirage? How accounting for technology differences at utility scale solar energy facilities can change fatality data interpretation

Karl Kosciuch, PhD, Tetra Tech

Marisa Mitchell, Intersect Power



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12:30-2:00pm | BESS(t) Practices: How to Permit BESS Projects

Josh Adams, *NextEra Energy*

John Bellas, *Michael Baker International*

Anastasia Shippey, *Sacramento County*

California is a world leader in energy storage with the largest fleet of batteries that store energy for the electricity grid. Energy storage is an important tool to support grid reliability and complement the state's abundant renewable energy resources. At the same time, these projects can present unique challenges for completing environmental permitting and CEQA review. A multidisciplinary panel will highlight some of the best practices associated with these projects.

2:00-2:15pm | Break

2:15-4:00pm | Fed Up: Renewable Energy Developer Round Table Discussing Federal Implications and Updates in Permitting Renewable Energy

Moderator: **Corinne Lytle Bonine**, *AES Clean Energy*

Theresa Carroll, *AES Clean Energy*

Erek DeVost, *TerraGen*

Aarty Joshi, *Clearway Energy Group*

Marisa Mitchell, *Intersect Power*

Devon Muto, *EDF power solutions*

A topic so relevant, any description becomes obsolete the moment it's put in writing. Between presidential memorandums, Secretarial and Executive Orders, court decisions, legislation, and just about everything in between, this panel of seasoned environmental professionals working in renewable energy development will keep pace with our news notifications and doom scrolling as they share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned from riding the renewable energy rollercoaster during these first 200 days.