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California Lawyers Association - Environmental Law Section

## 2019 ENERGY LAW CONFERENCE

### SB 100 and the Race to a Carbon Free Grid in California

# Thursday, March 28, 2019

Auditorium at Elihu M Harris State Building  
1515 Clay St, Oakland, CA

### General Information

On March 28, 2019, the Environmental Law Section of the California Lawyers Association (CLA) will present its third bi-annual Energy Conference in downtown Oakland. This year's program will focus on California's aggressive plans to de-carbonize its electricity sector, including a 60% renewable portfolio standard by 2030 and a carbon-free grid by 2045. This one-day conference will be preceded by an optional primer on California energy law for those new to the field, followed by the day's main program on the landmark "100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018" (SB 100). SB 100 will be studied from the perspectives of those who helped write it, of those who must implement it, and stakeholders who must manage the various risks of transforming California's electric grid.

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- \$175 Environmental Law Section Members
- \$260 Non-Section Members  
(includes enrollment in the Environmental Law Section for 2019)
- \$100 Government/Non-profit Attorneys
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(Attorneys with less than 8 years in practice)
- \$25 Students

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Register Online: <http://CALawyers.org/Environmental>

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Deadline:** In order to pre-register, your form and check, payable to California Lawyers Association, or credit card information, must be received by 3/21/19.

**Special Assistance/ Questions:** For special assistance, please call 916-516-1716. For registration information, please call 916-516-1757. For information regarding the program, please call 916-516-1744.

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.**

**Pre-conference Session: *Energy Law Basics 101***

**8:45 a.m. - 10 a.m.**

This optional pre-conference panel is geared toward attorneys who are new to energy law or would like to learn more about the basics of energy law in California. Speakers will discuss the role of state energy agencies, community choice providers, and their interplay with federal entities, as well as relevant federal and state statutes. The panel will also cover the basics on how the electricity grid operates.

**MODERATOR:** Ethan Elkind, Climate Program Director, Center for Law, Energy & the Environment (CLEE), UC Berkeley School of Law

**SPEAKERS:** Bill Hur, Procurement Manager, East Bay Community Energy  
Sierra Martinez, Program Director, Energy Foundation

**Opening Remarks**

**10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

James Birkelund, President, Small Business Utility Advocates, and Partner, Greenfire Law, P.C.

**Keynote Speaker—Financing the Transition to Clean Energy**

**10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

Mr. Kennedy will frame California's SB 100 efforts in relationship to the global community and other States, as well as address the costs and opportunities in meeting SB 100 goals.

**SPEAKER:** Danny Kennedy, Managing Director, California Clean Energy Fund

**Panel 1: *Policy and Vision: SB 100 and Decarbonization of the Energy Sector***

**10:45 a.m. - 12 noon**

California has made significant progress reducing greenhouse gas emissions from its energy grid, but new policies demand an even larger shift over the next decade and beyond. With new leadership in Sacramento, new technology emerging daily, and both established and new energy services being deployed across the state, major changes are on the horizon. This panel will focus on the larger policy of California's clean energy transition—including where we are now, where the new laws and policies require we go, major decision points ahead and how California's vision fits within a national context.

**MODERATOR:** Tim O'Connor, Senior Director, Environmental Defense Fund

**SPEAKERS:** Alice Reynolds, Senior Advisor for Energy, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom  
Dan Reeves, Chief of Staff to Former Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León  
Mike O'Boyle, Director of Electricity Policy, Energy Innovation  
Nancy Sutley, Chief Sustainability and Economic Development Officer, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

**Lunch Will Be Provided on Site**

**Panel 2: *Logistics and Implementation: How Are Energy Providers Actually Planning to Convert to 100% Carbon-Free Electricity***

**12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

SB 100 has laid down a marker to California's electric utilities to go carbon-free by 2045. Though that day is far off, the state's vision requires concrete planning now by energy companies to invest in promising technologies, to establish affordable rates, and to comply with the rules of the state's energy agencies. Carbon-free electricity has never been achieved before on such a large scale and the challenge is unprecedented. This panel will examine the logistics and implementation of the transition through the lens of the numerous integrated resource plans (IRPs) prepared by energy service providers.

**MODERATOR:** Bill Westerfield, Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**SPEAKERS:** Janea Scott, Vice Chair, California Energy Commission  
Mohit Chhabra, Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council  
Shinjini Menon, Director of Energy Policy at Southern California Edison

**Panel 3: *Impacts and Issues: Assessing the Risks in the Transition to Clean Energy***

**2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

Achieving deep carbon reduction in the energy systems is a multi-dimensional balancing act that requires a focus on ensuring the delivery of safe, reliable and affordable energy. If these issues aren't managed, and done so in the context of a changing environment, the state may see unintended impacts. This panel will focus on the risks associated with achieving the long-term goals of zero-carbon electricity, including reliability, maintaining a resilient energy grid, the increasing threat of fires, and the desire for equity for vulnerable communities.

**MODERATOR:** Leah Goldberg, General Counsel, East Bay Community Energy

**SPEAKERS:** Deidre Sanders, PhD, Director, Government and Community Affairs, East Bay Community Energy  
Jane Long, PhD, Director, California Council on Science and Technology  
Mark Rothleder, Vice President, Market Quality and Renewable Integration, California Independent System Operator (Invited)

**Plenary Speaker— California's Clean Energy Vision**

**3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

Electrification of the transportation and building sectors reduces both greenhouse gases and smog-producing pollutants throughout California. As California achieves SB 100 carbon neutral targets, prioritizing clean energy projects in communities already suffering from poor air quality is essential for our public health and environmental justice goals.

**SPEAKER:** Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency

**Concluding Remarks**

**3:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Optional After Session Networking Mixer (This event is a no-host event and is not hosted by the CLA or Environmental Law Section)**

**4:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Join session attendees and local attorneys from the California Lawyer's Association and California Young Lawyer's Association for a networking mixer at Woods Bar and Brewery, 1701 Telegraph Ave—about 2 blocks from the event venue.

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