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Welcome, Logistical Information (9:30 - 9:35)

Heather Raitt, Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Program Manager

Opening Remarks (9:35 – 9:45)

J. Andrew McAllister, 2021 IEPR Lead Commissioner

David Hochschild, Chair

Patty Monahan, Commissioner

Karen Douglas, Commissioner

Panel 1 – California Economy Now and in the Future (9:45 – 11:20)

Moderator: Jeffrey Michaels, University of the Pacific

- Irena Asmundson, California Department of Finance
- Stephanie Guichard, San Diego Association of Governments
- Julien Lafortune, Public Policy Institute of California
- Jerry Nickelsburg, UCLA Anderson Forecast
- Laura Ratz, Moody's Analytics

Public Comments

Closing Comments

Adjourn

Session 1

Panel 1 California's Economy Now and in the Future

Biographies



Dr. Jeffrey A. Michael

Dr. Jeffrey Michael is Executive Director of the Center for Business and Policy Research (CBPR) and Professor of Public Policy at the University of the Pacific. He holds a joint appointment in the Eberhardt School of Business and the Public Policy Program at McGeorge School of Law, and is based at Pacific's Sacramento campus.

As Executive Director of CBPR, Jeff leads the development of economic forecasts and research reports on business and public policy issues impacting Northern California. Jeff's work with the Center focuses on issues of regional growth and sustainability, including job growth, water resources, transportation, and housing. His research has been published in scholarly journals and books such as the *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Energy Policy*, and *Ecological Economics*, and he has been a principal investigator on over \$4 million in grants and contracts.

Jeff is frequently quoted in the local and national press and speaks frequently about the economic outlook and policy issues to diverse audiences. Before coming to Pacific, he was faculty, Associate Dean, and Director of the Center for Applied Business and Economic Research at Towson University in Maryland. Jeff received his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University, M.S. from the University of Maine, and B.A. from Hamilton College.

Irena Asmundson, California Department of Finance

Irena Asmundson is the Chief Economist and Program Budget Manager of the Forecasting Unit at the California Department of Finance, and the convener of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers. She directs the periodic economic, revenue, and population projections; reviews economic impact analyses of California's major regulations; and provides advice on economic policy issues for the Governor's Administration. Prior to joining the department, she was a Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund where she worked on forecasts for a wide variety of countries, as well as covering global trade, financial, and monetary system issues. She has also served as a Staff Economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and as a Research Assistant for the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. A second-generation California native, Ms. Asmundson received her PhD in Economics from Stanford University, and her bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Role of the California Department of Finance

The Department of Finance (Finance) is part of the Executive Branch of state government and the Governor's Administration. Finance's mission is to serve as the Governor's chief fiscal policy advisor, and to promote long-term economic sustainability and responsible resource allocation. Finance interacts with the Legislature in various capacities, including presenting and defending the Governor's Budget, and analyzing and testifying on legislation being heard in the Legislature. Finance interacts with other state departments on a daily basis in terms of preparing, enacting, and administering the budget; reviewing fiscal proposals; analyzing legislation; establishing accounting systems; auditing department expenditures and operations; and communicating the Governor's fiscal policy. Finance is a key source of information for rating agencies and major investors of the state. Finance provides thorough, prompt, and reliable disclosure information to ensure the state has the most affordable financing options and ready access to the financial markets.



Stephanie Guichard, Ph.D

Senior Economist

San Diego Association of Governments

In her role as the Senior Economist at SANDAG, Dr. Guichard leads the development of economic models and analysis in support of regional policies, plans and programs.

Prior to joining SANDAG in 2019, she taught economics as a lecturer at the University of San Diego and the University of California San Diego, while working as an independent economic consultant. From 2002 to 2016, Dr. Guichard worked as a Senior Economic Policy Advisor at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris, France. She also worked as an economist at the International Monetary Fund, the French Treasury and Societe Generale. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Bordeaux (France) and has published economic research on a wide range of issues including international capital flows, labor markets, and fiscal policy issues.



Julien Lafortune

Julien Lafortune is a research fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, where he specializes in K–12 education. His primary areas of focus include education finance, school capital funding policy, and educational tracking and stratification. He has published research on the impacts of school finance reforms on student achievement in the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.



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Jerry Nickelsburg joined the UCLA Anderson School of Management and the UCLA Anderson Forecast in 2006. Since 2017, he has served as faculty director of the Forecast. He earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Minnesota, specializing in monetary economics and econometrics.

Nickelsburg plays a key role in the economic modeling and forecasting of the national, California and regional economic forecasts. He researches labor economics, industrial organization, statistics and international monetary economics, focusing on the development of new data and the application of economic theory and statistical methods to sector-specific policy issues. His current research encompasses transportation and environmental economics, and the relationships between highly skilled persons and their demand for social insurance. He has conducted special studies into the future of manufacturing in Los Angeles, the economic impact of the writers' strike, the undocumented construction and manufacturing labor force, and the garment industry.

Formerly a professor of economics at the University of Southern California, Nickelsburg held executive positions with McDonnell Douglas, FlightSafety International and FlightSafety Boeing during a 15-year span in the aviation business. He developed forecasting tools for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and has advised banks, investors and financial institutions. From 2000 to 2006, he was the managing principal of Deep Blue Economics, a consulting firm he founded.

Nickelsburg teaches economics in UCLA Anderson's MBA program, with a focus on business forecasting and international business economics. He travels regularly with students to Asia as professor and advisor in their global immersion courses.

Nickelsburg is cited by the national media, with frequent mentions in the *Financial Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times* and Reuters. He has published more than 100 scholarly and popular articles on economic policy, monetary economics, statistics, labor economics and industrial organization, and he is the author of two books on monetary economics and exchange rates.

Laura Ratz, Moody's Analytics

Laura Ratz is an Assistant Director at Moody's Analytics. She covers California and several other regional economies. She also works on the U.S. subnational forecasts and alternative scenarios. Laura has a master's degree in economics from the University of Delaware and a bachelor's degree in economics from Washington College in Maryland.