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Meeting Schedule:
IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Centering Equity and Environmental Justice Throughout California Energy Commission (CEC) Efforts

Wednesday, July 20, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Physical Location
Kern Community College District Office (KCCD)
Board Room (Room 101)
2100 Chester Ave
Bakersfield, California, 93301
Parking is available in the parking lot at the corner of 21st Street and L Street
(Wheelchair Accessible, Includes Spanish Interpretation Services)

Remote Option via Zoom™
https://zoom.us/, webinar ID: 961 6109 4941 and passcode: IEPR2022
(Includes Spanish Interpretation Services via Zoom)
**Schedule updated 7/19/2022**
(Listed times are a general guideline)

Introduction (10:00–10:05)

Morning Session Opening Remarks (10:05–10:20)
Dr. Sonya Christian, KCCD Chancellor
Siva Gunda, CEC Vice Chair & Lead Commissioner for 2022 IEPR Update
Tim Rainey, Executive Director of the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB)

Questions from attendees, Katrina Leni-Konig, CEC, to moderate online attendees, Heather Raitt, CEC, to moderate in person attendees (10:20–10:30)

1. Panel: Federal, State, and Local Perspectives on Economic Equity (10:30–11:30)
Moderated by Tim Rainey, CWDB Executive Director

- Betony Jones, Senior Advisor, U.S Department of Energy (remote)
- Shrayas Jatkar, CWDB Interagency Policy Specialist–Equity, Climate, and Jobs (remote)
- Nicole Parra, Director, California Renewable Energy Laboratory, Bakersfield College
- Lori Pesante, Civic Engagement Director, Dolores Huerta Foundation (remote)

Discussion: agency leadership and panelists (11:30–11:50)
- David Hochschild, CEC Chair (remote)
- Patty Monahan, CEC Commissioner
- Siva Gunda, CEC Vice Chair
- Kourtney Vaccaro, CEC Commissioner (remote)
- Moisés Moreno-Rivera, California Natural Resources Agency Assistant Secretary for Equity & Environmental Justice
- Tim Rainey, CWDB Executive Director
Questions from attendees to panelists, Katrina Leni-Konig to moderate online attendees, Heather Raltt, CEC, to moderate in person attendees (11:50–12:00)

2. Introduction to the IEPR and CEC’s Focus on Energy Equity and Environmental Justice (12:00–12:10)
   Noemí Gallardo, CEC

Public Comment (12:10-12:25)

Closing Remarks (12:25-12:30)

Break (12:30–1:30)

Welcome Back (1:30–1:35)
   Heather Raitt, CEC

Afternoon Session Opening Remarks (1:35–1:40)
   Patty Monahan, CEC, Commissioner

3. Panel: Local Partnership Model of an Equitable Approach to Clean Energy Workforce Development (1:40-3:00)
   Moderated by Shrayas Jatkar, CWDB Interagency Policy Specialist–Equity, Climate, and Jobs
   • Ashley Matthews, Fresno Workforce Investment Board and Lead Coordinator for Local High Roads Construction Careers Program
   • Anthony Ausbie, Training Director and Lead for Kern County Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC)
   • Dave Teasdale, Executive Director, Economic and Workforce Development Programs and the 21st Century Energy Center, Kern Community College District
   • Linda Urata, Regional Planner for Kern Council of Governments and Project Manager for EV Ready Communities Grant

Discussion between commissioners and panelists (2:30–2:45)
Questions from attendees to speakers, Katrina Leni-Konig to moderate online attendees, Katrina Leni-Konig to moderate in person attendees (2:45–3:00)

4. Building Community Connections (3:00–3:45)
   • Attendees are encouraged to participate in facilitated small group discussions, in person and online (3:00-3:45)
   • All attendees will reconvene in the Board Room for group representatives to share key takeaways of small group discussions (3:45-4:00)

Public Comments (4:00–4:15)

Closing Remarks and Adjourn (4:15–4:30)
**Morning Session**

**Dr. Sonya Christian, KCCD Chancellor**

Dr. Christian, Chancellor of KCCD, strives to cultivate district-wide ownership of advancing the district’s mission of providing outstanding educational programs and services that responsive to their diverse students and communities. She has worked in education for over three-decades as a faculty member, Division Chair, Associate Vice President for instruction, and a Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, and Chief Academic Officer before being selected as KCCD’s Chancellor in 2021. Sonya currently serves as Chair and Commissioner on the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) as well as on numerous boards including the:

- Campaign for College Opportunity
- Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce
- Homeless Shelter Board in Bakersfield
- Equity in Policy Implementation Advisory Board

**Tim Rainey, Executive Director of the California Workforce Development Board**

Tim was appointed as Executive Director of the California Workforce Development Board by Governor Brown in November 2011. Prior to becoming Executive Director, Tim was the Director of the Workforce and Economic Development Program, was a Policy Director for the California Workforce Association, and a consultant to the Senate Democratic Caucus of the California State Senate. Outside of his professional career, Tim is a co-found and executive committee member of the EDGE Campaign, member of the California Apollo Alliance Steering Committee, and serves on several other committees and commission related to workforce and economic development.

**Betony Jones, Senior Advisor at the U.S Department of Energy (DOE)**

Throughout Betony’s career, she has provided political support through program design and implementation; research and strategy; policy advocacy; and technical assistance. Her goal is to bridge divides, actively resist wedge politics, and expand areas of alignment to support a more equitable economy and livable planet. Prior to becoming a Senior Advisor for the DOE, Betony founded Inclusive Economics in June 2018 and continues to serve as a Workforce and Labor Advisor for Energy Foundation.

**Shrayas Jatkar, California Workforce Development Board**

Throughout his life, Shrayas has been passionate about economic, social, and environmental justice and previously worked on major energy and transportation policies. Through equity, climate, and jobs (ECJ) policy, he hopes to address good jobs, environmental protection, and access to quality training and employment in a holistic way.

**Nicole Parra, California Renewable Energy Laboratory**

Nicole currently serves as the Director of the California Renewable Energy Laboratory at the Kern Community College District. Nicole spent ten years working for U.S. Congressman Cal Dooley and was elected to the California State Assembly (serving from 2002 to 2008). She has also worked as an adjunct professor at California State University Bakersfield and as a State Government Affairs Manager for Marathon Petroleum Corporation. In her current role, she works with various stakeholders on carbon management, clean energy and grid resilience, and clean transportation.

**Lori Pesante, Dolores Huerta Foundation**

Lori is the Civic Engagement Director of the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF) and runs comprehensive strategic civic engagement and legislative advocacy programming that has transformed power dynamics in the Central Valley. She is also responsible for accountability programming that builds the capacity of grassroots leaders to strengthen vital democratic functions through Election Protection, anti-voter suppression, public meeting participation, and public safety consent decree monitoring.
Afternoon Session

Ashley Matthews, Fresno Workforce Investment Board and Lead Coordinator for Local High Roads Construction Careers Program

Through Ashley’s position, she works to help participants achieve their career goals through vocational training and job search coaching. The Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board is a Joint Powers Authority between the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno. The board manages Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding, disbursed by the United States Department of Labor, to provide services that will ensure our participants find jobs and that businesses have access to a skilled workforce.

The High Road Construction Careers program was established by the California Workforce Development Board and prioritizes partnerships that link local building and construction trades councils to workforce boards, community colleges, and community-based organizations, creating structured pathways — with a standard core curriculum and critical supportive services — to state-certified apprenticeships in a variety of crafts.

Anthony Ausbie, Training Director and Lead for Kern County Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC)

Anthony has been part of the Kern County Electrical JATC since 2015 and helps individuals become union electricians.

Dave Teasdale, Executive Director, Economic and Workforce Development Programs and the 21st Century Energy Center, Kern Community College District

As Executive Director, Dave leads a number of workforce training initiatives including the 21st Century Energy Center which has been training individuals for technician roles in renewable energy and energy transmission since 2010. Dave has supported workforce development in clean transportation since 2012. He is a founding member of the San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership and is currently the project lead for the South San Joaquin Valley Zero Emissions Vehicle Talent Pipeline project funded by the CEC. Dave works closely with industry partners and regional workforce and economic development stakeholders to develop solutions for meeting the workforce needs presented by emerging energy and energy efficiency technologies. Dave is also a member of the Ventura County Clean / Green Workgroup.

Linda Urata, Regional Planner for Kern Council of Governments and Project Manager for EV Ready Communities Grant

Linda has acted as regional planner for the Kern Council of Governments since 2006. Kern COG is responsible for developing and updating a variety of transportation plans and for allocating the federal and state funds to implement them. They are also involved in regional issues such as air quality and act as a forum for involving the public in the planning process. Linda has worked as a coordinator with San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition for over twenty years. She also previously acted as Executive Director for Project Clean Air, Inc.