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## Panel: What do Communities Need to Activate Local Energy Action?

### Policy Approaches to Develop Local Energy Resources

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- 30 years experience in public & private sector
- With Oxnard position: unique perspective regarding sustainability, energy resources and resilience and opportunities, housing, equity, and environmental justice
- Responsible for Long Range Planning & Sustainability:
  - City's General Plan
  - Sea Level Rise program/approach
  - Climate Action & Adaptation Plan
  - Housing Element, policy approach and 8-year program
  - Sustainability initiatives pertaining to energy, water, & resources
  - Cannabis program



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*Question: How can the State assist in accelerating clean energy action at the local level?*

- **Provide Incentives & Funding for Local Energy Generation & Solutions for Clean Energy Investment in Affordable Housing**
  - City has an established 8-year housing mandate; City and developer funding lacking; redevelopment funds gone and affordable housing financing pools incredible competitive;
  - City has a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) that promotes develop of local distributed energy resources; energy storage/in identified Disadvantage Communities; City's partnership in the Clean Power Alliance to develop local power/power resilience – Power Share Program;
  - Local energy generation, energy equity, and environmental justice;
  - Promotion of program/coordinated approaches for energy savings for renters and property owners; and
  - Programs, gap funding/financing, and holistic approaches to communicate what is available



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- **Funding of Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Related Programs by Jurisdiction**
  - Ongoing funding needed to implement CAAP recommendations for municipal & community energy initiatives; CAAP plan implementing State sustainability initiatives; climate resilience – sustainable efforts help all - why should they be funded by just one?;
  - Jurisdictions should be incentivized to prepare and adopt a CAAP and then receive incentive money;
  - Regional climate collaborative should receive funding and implement global energy procurement – take procurement burden off local jurisdictions; and
  - Funding needs to be on going and continuous.



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- **Be creative: Funding to Facilitate Additional Water Sources & Make Water More Sustainable**
- **What can the State can do to Facilitate Additional Water Sources & Make Water More Sustainable?**
  - Immediately allow Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR);
  - Immediately allow Direct Potable Reuse (DPR); use of water from our recycled water facility;
  - Change Water Rate Approach - Changing water rates so that water is cheaper in wet years, and allowing conjunctive use within the basins;
  - Water sustainability can be done and coordinated. A lot of low hanging fruit
  - Create water sustainability tax; add a few pennies on a rate to address the externalities associated with creation of alternative water sources; and
  - Change the State's process of state mandates without funding to address needs = problematic, ex: 8-year housing RHNA requirement.