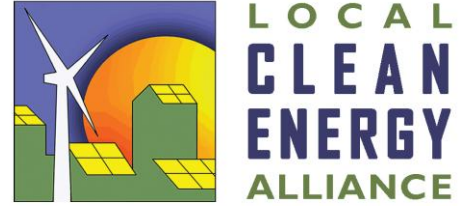


Clean Power, Healthy Communities II

Preliminary Agenda



March 17, 2011 Evening Program

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm– Registration and Networking

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – A Happy Hour Debate

Who Controls the Energy Pot of Gold?

The questions of who controls energy and for whose benefit are increasingly central to addressing the economic and climate crises of our communities. Debaters offer their perspectives and strategies in a friendly smackdown exploring how to build the energy system we need.

8:30 pm to 9:00 pm – Networking

March 18, 2011 Morning Program

8:00 am to 8:45 am – Registration and Breakfast

8:45 am to 9:00 am – Introduction

9:00 am to 9:25 am – Keynote address: Is Our Energy System Broken?

Can our energy system step up to the challenges of climate change and community development? Explores the impact of our largely fossil fuel-based, centralized electric energy system on local communities, including events such as the San Bruno explosion.

9:30 am to 10:30 am –Plenary: What is a Community-Based Decentralized Energy System

10:40 am to 11:40 pm –Breakout Sessions: Energy and Community

1. Emerging Local Clean Energy Technology Systems

Explores issues regarding emerging energy technologies such as energy storage, nano technology, urban wind, heat pumps, and the impact of electric vehicles, and how they can be integrated into renewable energy secure communities.

2. Energy Democracy: Community Energy Development Models

Explores different community-based ownership models for energy efficiency and electricity generation and their impact on economic equity. The models include public power, Community Choice, solar/wind cooperatives, limited liability partnerships, and others as alternatives to investor-owned utility models and large, central-station power plants.

3. Community Resilience and Adaptation

Explores efforts to reduce energy consumption and build community self-sufficiency (energy, food, water, etc.) through organizing programs that strengthen community response to rising fossil fuel prices and the impacts of climate change, especially on vulnerable populations.

4. Economic Development and Clean Energy Jobs

Explores businesses and labor interests in promoting local renewable energy development, and specifically the economic expansion and clean energy jobs that can result.

Preliminary Agenda (continued)

11:50 pm to 12:30 pm – Lunch

Featuring local organic food and zero waste.

March 18, 2011 Afternoon Program

12:40 pm to 1:25 pm – Regional Agency Perspectives and Initiatives

Representatives of inter-governmental and regional agencies provide their take on community-based decentralized energy, and the opportunities and barriers to moving forward.

1:35 pm to 2:00 pm – Keynote Address: Local Clean Energy at the Crossroads

Explores the current political climate at the international, national, and state levels with respect to moving forward with local decentralized energy systems. This analysis underlies the need to advance clean energy at the regional and local level and to mobilize the social sectors that have a stake in doing so.

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Plenary: Making Community Power Happen

3:10 pm to 4:25 pm – Breakout Sessions: Policies and Program

1. Reducing Total Energy Demand

Explores programs and campaigns for reducing overall (not just per capita) energy consumption, including efforts to finance and administer energy efficiency retrofits of residential and commercial property, especially in ways that benefit low income communities.

2. Policies for Promoting Local Clean Energy

Explores policies for promoting decentralized renewable energy, such as clean power payments (feed-in tariffs), Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) legislation, and Public Utilities Commission procurement policies. Addresses issues such as electrical rates for low income communities, liveable wage standards, and non-profit and cooperative power generating models.

3. Community Choice as a Community Development Model

Explores the state of Community Choice programs in California and how to defend and expand them. Addresses issues such as achieving community and job development goals, developing a popular base of support, and overcoming PG&E obstructionism.

4. Local Organizing for Local Power

Explores local organizing efforts regarding local clean energy development. Addresses issues such as organizing around local energy and climate action plans, state ballot propositions (Prop 16, 23, and 26), local fossil-fuel power plants, and community energy efficiency initiatives.

4:35 pm to 4:45 pm – Conference Wrap-Up