

## 2016 NATIONAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE

### Agenda – Track 1: Renewable Energy/Alternative Fuels

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

9:00 AM – Welcome, Acknowledgements & Introductory Remarks - **Marcia Elder**,  
**Conference Chair & Moderator, Future Is Now Foundation**

9:10 AM -- **Rural Communities: Opportunities & Resources for Renewable Energy** - Jefferson County Small Business Development Program

9:20 AM – **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Karl R. Rábago**, Executive Director, Pace Energy & Climate Center (NY); former roles as Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of Energy; Commissioner, Texas Public Utility Commission; Vice President of Distributed Energy Services, Austin Energy; & other key roles

**Topic:** “Utilities of the Future: Opportunities for a Cleaner, Greener & Empowered Electric Grid”

*Brief Stretch Break*

### ► **Utilities & Renewables ... Job Creation ... Community-Based Renewables**

10:00 AM – **Jennifer Szaro - Senior Director of Programs, Solar Electric Power Association/Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA)**

**Topic:** “Utility Solar: the Expanding Nexus Between Electric Utilities & Solar Energy”

**10:30 AM -- Andrea Luecke - President & Executive Director, The Solar Foundation**

Topic: “Solar Energy & the Economy: Job Creation, Business Growth & Economic Development for Communities”

**11:00 AM – Emily Stiever – Chief of Staff, Community Power Network**

Topic: “Community EmPowerment: Helping Communities Go Solar with Solar Co-ops”

**► Utility Models of Success**

**11:30 AM -- Josh Halley - Renewable Power Program Manager, Portland General Electric**

Topic: Innovative Utility-Scale Renewable Energy Services, Approaches & Results

Noon – Lunch Break

1:00 PM – Bonus Resources & Acknowledgements

**► Community Planning, Community Innovations**

**1:15 PM -- Community Planning for Renewables - Lindy Wordlaw, AICP -- Chair, Environment, Natural Resources & Energy Division, American Planning Association**

**1:45 PM -- Alternatives for Community-Based Initiatives - Chris Castro, LEED GA, CPB, Senior Energy Advisor, Program Manager, City Energy Project, Office of Sustainability & Energy, City of Orlando**

## ► **Green Power Markets & Opportunities**

**2:15 PM – Panel Presentation on Green Power Markets, Trends & Opportunities**

**Christopher Kent** – Program Manager, Green Power Partnerships Program, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Eric O’Shaughnessy** - Market & Policy Impact Group, Strategic Energy Analysis Center, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)

**Jennifer Martin** – Executive Director, Center for Resource Solutions

**3:50 PM -- Resources for Renewables** - Future Is Now Foundation

Thursday, March 24

**9:00 AM – Acknowledgements & Announcements** - Marcia Elder, Conference Chair & Moderator, Future Is Now Foundation

## ► **Bioenergy: National Outlook on Achievements & Potential**

**9:10 AM -- Jonathan Male, Director, Office of Bioenergy Technologies, US Department of Energy (USDOE)**

**9:40 AM -- Bob Cleaves - President, Biomass Power Association**

## ► **Models of Success/Solutions for the Future/New Data Releases & Impacts**

**10:10 AM - Mini Showcase – Renewable energy success stories**

**10:15 AM - Steve Clemmer - Director of Energy Research & Analysis, Union of Concerned Scientists**

Topic: The Clean Power Plan Opportunity: Accelerating the Transition to Renewables

**10:45 AM -- Ruth McCormick - Director of Federal & State Affairs, Business Council for Sustainable Energy**

Topic: Clean Energy Solutions: Providing Sustainable Energy in America ... technology markets, impacts of industry sectors, other findings of the Sustainable Energy in America Fact Book

**11:15 AM – Dr. James Fenton - Director, Florida Solar Energy Center**

PV, EV & Your Home: How Transportation and Grid Integration Work Together

11:45 AM - Lunch

### ► Renewable Energy Markets & Outlook

**1:00 PM -- Philipp Beiter - Energy Markets & Policy Analyst, Strategic Energy Analysis Center, Strategic Energy Analysis Center, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)**

Topic: “Renewable Energy Data Book – Trends & Key Statistics in Renewable Energy”

### ► Clean Cities & Alternative Fuel Vehicles

1:30 – 4:00 PM

**Colleen Kettles** - Clean Cities Coordinator, FL & Florida Solar Energy Center Program Director

**Trevelyn Hall** - Clean Cities Southeast Region Manager, US DOE/National Energy Technology Lab - Office of Energy Project Management

**Cornelius Willingham - Electric Vehicle Strategy & Business Development  
Manager, Nissan USA**

**Britta Gross - Director, Advanced Vehicle Commercialization Policy, General  
Motors**

**Kenneth Hernandez - Program Manager, Alternative Fuel Vehicles, TECO  
Energy** – Tampa Electric and Peoples Gas

**Anne-Louise Seabury - Electric Vehicle Program Manager, Florida Power & Light**

Closing Remarks – Marcia Elder, Chair, Future Is Now Foundation

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