



This Year's Summit is brought to you in four lively events:

UTILITY SCALE SOLAR PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE FORUM

October 9, 2012

- 8:00 - 9:00 *Registration & Networking Breakfast*
9:00 – 9:15 *Good Morning Announcements*
- 9:15 - 9:30 *Welcome and Introduction by Chairman*
- 9:30 - 10:15 **Panel Discussion: Policy Drivers and their Impact on Solar Development**
The panel will examine how fast-tracking and other regulatory policies have affected the development of utility scale solar. The implications of the BLM Solar PEIS will be discussed, along with potential future policy drivers.
- Panelists:
David Lazerwitz, *Attorney*, FARELLA, BRAUN AND MARTEL
Roy Skinner, *Director of Siting and Permitting*, FIRST SOLAR
Jesse Tippett, *Manager North American Business Development*, ARIES POWER AND INDUSTRIAL
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Panel Discussion: Permit Flexibility— Pros, Cons and How to Achieve It**
Based on real-time experience, the panelist will explore the challenges of permitting a project with flexibility (layout, timing, even technology). They will discuss how much flexibility is required and how much an agency can reasonably accept while still allowing for meaningful input.
- Moderator:
Perry H. Fontana, *President & Chief Executive Officer*, FONTANA ENERGY ASSOCIATES, LLC
- Panelists:
James Diven, *Development Manager*, RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AMERICAS INC.
Scott Galati, *Attorney*, GALATI & BLEK
Joe Patch P.E., *President*, PATCH SERVICES
Robert Ray, *Senior Project Manager*, URS CORPORATION
- 11:00 - 11:30 *Networking Break*

11:30 - 12:15 Panel Discussion: **Using Public Outreach to Reduce Permit Litigation Risk**
Project developers take a wide variety of approaches to public outreach. This panel will discuss: which stakeholders to address, when to engage and how to convey flexibility. The speakers will also address how an effective program can mitigate litigation risk.

Panelists:

Laura Abram, *Director, Sustainability & Community Affairs*, FIRST SOLAR

Lisa T. Belenky, *Senior Attorney*, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Anna West, *Vice President*, KEARNS & WEST

12:15 - 1:45 *Group Luncheon*

1:45 - 2:30 Panel Discussion: **Permitting with Compliance in Mind**
As many solar projects move from permitting to construction they have to deal with potential delays related to the need to modify permits. This panel discusses how to involve EPC contractors/staff in the permitting process to mitigate the potential for delays, as well as how to revise permits “on the fly”.

Panelists:

Erik Johnson, *Planning and Engineering*, SWINERTON RENEWABLE ENERGY

Maryanne Kumiega, *Land Development Manager*, CHEVRON ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Theresa Miller, *Director - Permitting*, FONTANA ENERGY ASSOCIATES

2:30 – 3:00 *Networking Break*

3:00 – 3:45 Panel Discussion: **Compliance: A Regulator’s View**
This panel features regulatory agency staff currently engaged in monitoring permit compliance for solar projects in construction and operation.

Panelists:

Roger Johnson, *Deputy Director for Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection*, CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (INVITED)

Craig Murphy, *Division Chief*, KERN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

3:45 – 4:30 Panel Discussion: **Designing an Effective Compliance Monitoring Plan**
Large solar projects may have hundreds of permit conditions. Monitoring and reporting compliance with these conditions can be difficult, costly and have legal ramifications. The speakers will discuss key elements, including the coordination of biological and cultural resource monitors, how to communicate with construction staff and how to avoid costly delays.

Panelists:

Arrie Bachrach, *Vice President*, AECOM

Angela Leiba, *Vice President*, URS CORPORATION

4:30 - 4:45 *Closing Remarks by Chairman*