



## CLIMATE-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

*How can communities develop and implement strategies to be resilient to climate threats?*

Tuesday, September 11, 2018  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Session  
555 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

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### Organizing Partners

- Meeting of the Minds
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

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- Michael McNeil, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Walker Wells, Raimi + Associates
- Gordon Feller, Meeting of the Minds
- Bernadette Austin, UC Davis Center for Regional Change
- Benjamin Finkel, UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute

# Session Description

## ***How can communities develop and implement strategies to be resilient to climate threats?***

UC Davis and fellow thought-leading institutions are organizing a formally affiliated event of the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) to facilitate meaningful conversations in response to this question. We anticipate attendees from jurisdictional representatives of Under2 Coalition members, as well as select invited participants that will be in the area for the GCAS. We'll discuss climate change-derived challenges impacting communities, and resiliency solutions along three theme areas:

- Deriving cost-effective, energy efficient solutions for historically “undercooled” communities;
- Deploying Distributed Energy Resources to enable resource-responsive energy infrastructure management; and
- Rebuilding communities already devastated by climate-driven disasters.

Outcomes will be:

- Shared best practices among stakeholders in cities, states and provinces;
- Identification of shared challenges and potential solutions; and
- Partnership opportunities between international regions and stakeholders.

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## Agenda

**7:30AM** *Registration & Networking Breakfast*

**8:30AM** *Welcome and Introductions*

- Benjamin Finkelor, UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute
- Gordon Feller, Meeting of the Minds

### *Opening Keynote Addresses*

- California’s Approach to Climate Change and Resiliency  
Andrew McAllister, California Energy Commission
- Utilities Role in Supporting Climate-Resilient Communities  
Jill Anderson, Southern California Edison

## **PANEL SESSIONS**

**9:20—10:15AM** *Cooling*

This session will explore how to derive cost-effective, energy efficient solutions for historically “undercooled” communities.

**Driving Question:** What are some strategies, policies, and technologies that communities can deploy to grow with cooling demand?

**Panel Lead:** *Michael McNeil, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*

**Featured Participants:** *Theresa Pistoichini, UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute*

*Eric Mackres, WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities*

10:15—10:30AM **Networking Break**

10:30—11:15AM **Distributed Energy Resources**

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This session will explore how to deploy Distributed Energy Resources to enable resource-responsive energy infrastructure.

**Driving Question:** How do communities make the most of Distributed Energy Technologies being deployed now, and at the same time, have planning in place that foresees evolving and dynamic conditions?

*Panel Lead: Jill Anderson, Southern California Edison*

*Featured Participants: Sergio Medina Gonzalez, State of Jalisco Energy Agency  
Mark Esguerra, Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Bruce Dickinson, Sunpower*

11:15-NOON **Rebuilding Communities**

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This session will explore how to rebuild communities already devastated by climate-driven disasters.

**Driving Question:** When and how do practitioners, advocates, and agencies intervene to make sure we build back smarter, more resource efficient, and more resilient?

*Panel Lead: Walker Wells, Raimi + Associates*

*Featured Participants: Geoffrey Ross, Sonoma County Community Development Commission  
Tanya Peacock, SoCalGas  
Jake Elder, Bloomberg Associates*

NOON **Wrap-up Comments on Themed Sessions**

*Gordon Feller, Meeting of the Minds*

12:05PM **Closing Keynote Address**

Green Growth Strategy in Sonora

*Luis Carlos Romo, Commission of Ecology and Sustainable Development, State of Sonora*

12:30PM **Networking Lunch**