

# Inland Empire Sustainability Summit Speakers

Opening Remarks/Welcome/Roundtable: Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, City of Riverside

Morning Plenary: Andrea Vidauure, People's Collective for Environmental Justice

Track A - 1A: Healthy Communities in a Changing Climate  
Erin Edwards, Executive Director, Blue Zones Project Riverside  
Juan Landeros-Tavera, MPH, Program Director, Riverside University Health System

Jenny Iyer, Public Affairs Manager, Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District

*Moderator: Marilyn De La Cruz, MPA, Sustainability Analyst, City of Riverside*

Track A - 1B: IREN Workforce Training and Green Jobs  
Marco Santana, M.Ed., Development Specialist, Riverside County Workforce Development

Robert Chavez, San Bernardino County Workforce Development

Jaime Alonso, Executive Director, GRID Alternatives Southern California & Mexico

*Moderator: Tyler Masters, Program Manager, WRCOG/IREN*

Track B - 2A: Clean Energy Transition: Is the Grid Ready?

Fred Schwartz, Executive Director of the Solar Valley Consortium, CE-CERT, UCR

Tracy Sato, Assistant General Manager, Riverside Public Utilities  
Jessica Sutorus, Environmental Conservation Supervisor, City of Colton

Erika Peralta, Strategic Planning Advisor, SCE

*Moderator: Dr. Kara Crohn*

Track B - 2B: Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure - Delivering the Power to the Vehicles

Dean Zabrieszach, CEO, Ohmio

Jonathan Kaiser, Manager, Greenlane Infrastructure

*Moderator: Taylor York, Program Manager, WRCOG/Clean Cities*

Track C - 3A: Land Stewardship, Fire Resilience, and the Wildland-Urban Interface

Dr. Matt Rahn, Executive Director, Wildfire Conservancy

Kerwin Russell, District Manager, Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District

Melanie Garcia, Forestry Program Lead, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District

Sarah Wolf, Project Manager, USGBC-California

*Moderator: Sahar Abbaszadeh, Sustainability Leader, Americas West Region*

Track C - 3B: Fifth Climate Assessment Insights

Elea Becker Lowe, Program Manager, Fifth Climate Assessment  
Lynn Sweet, Asst. Research Ecologist, UCR

Dr. Francesca Hopkins, Associate Professor of Climate Change & Sustainability

Jesse Norris, Project Scientist, UCLA Center for Climate Science

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Track D - 4A: Inland Empire Regional Priorities

Angie Hacker, CEO of Prosper Sustainably, LLC

*Moderator/Facilitator: Daniel Soltero, Program Manager, WRCOG/IREN*

Track D - 4B: Building Climate Resilience in the Inland Empire

Jonathan Parfay, Executive Director, Climate Resolve

Braden Kay, Extreme Heat Program Manager, California Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Jacob Alvarez, I-REN Program Manager, Energy & Sustainability

Track E - 5A: SB 1383 in Practice: Translating State Mandates into Local Action

Benjamin Lucha, Environmental Programs Manager, City of Victorville

Ivy Esquivel, Environmental Programs Technician, City of Victorville

Kaitlyn Haberlin, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Redlands

Lily Quiora, Regional Manager for the Inland Empire and San Gabriel Regions, WM

*Moderator: Talitha Crane, MSE, MBA, Crain Consulting*

Track E - 5B: Defining Decarbonization by Sector

Yassi Kavezde, Associate Director of Policy and Campaigns at Building Decarbonization Coalition

Mark Blakely, Senior Program Manager, LA County/SoCal REN

Taylor York, Program Manager, WRCOG/Clean Cities

Track F - 6A: Energy training for the Future

Melissa Corea, Center Director, Coachella Center for Education & Training/ Apprenticeship

Cameron Funk, Executive Board Chairman, InCharge Energy

Taylor York, Program Manager, WRCOG/Clean Cities

Track F - 6B: From Classroom to Field: Education Pathways in Sustainable Food Systems

Patrick Mitchell, Program Director, Farm Ambassador and Lead Instructor, EAT! Cultural Center & Farm

Hung Kim Doan, Small Farms and Specialty Crops Advisor, University of California, Cooperative Extension

Dr. Becky Talyn, Lecturer College of Natural Sciences/ Department of Biology at California State University, San Bernardino.

*Moderator: Scott Berndt, Member/Farmer, Riverside Food Systems Alliance*

