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Kern County: Ground Zero for Green Energy







Kern County Planning Department Bakersfield, CA Saturday, May 1, 2010

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2010 SOUTHERN DISTRICT CCPCA SPRING CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE

KERN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

2700 "M" ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION - 9:00 A.M. START

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION		COST \$ 10.00
County:		
Name: (please print as you would like it to appear on your name tag)		
Address: (street)	(city) (zip)	
Daytime Phone:() Fa	ax: ()	
E-Mail:		
Years on Planning Commission:		
Registration includes morning coffee & pastries and box lunch		
GUEST REGISTRATION – For Lunch		
Guest Name: (please print as you would like it to appear on your name tag)		
Total Number of Guests x \$FREE =		
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION + GUEST REGISTRATION TOTAL COST =		
Make check payable to <u>CCPCA</u> and return with registration form to: Renee' Lederer, CCPCA Executive Director c/o Napa County Planning Department 1195 Third St. Ste. 210 Napa, CA 94559	For more information, contact Leticia Perez at (661) 868-4799 or perezlet@co.kern.ca.us	

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Kern County Planning Department 2700 "M" Street Bakersfield CA 93301

KERN COUNTY: GROUND ZERO FOR GREEN ENERGY

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:15 Annie Mudge

<u>Annie Mudge:</u> CEQA Attorney, 6-year Planning Commissioner, Oakland, CA CEQA Basics; Applying CEQA as a Planning Commissioner; Uses and Abuses of CEQA; Hot Topics in CEQA: Climate Change, New CEQA Guidelines, Thresholds of Significance for GHG Emissions; Baseline Issues; and SB 375.

- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Lorelei Oviatt

<u>Lorelei Oviatt</u>: Acting Planning Director, Kern County Planning Department
Fueling California for a Sustainable Future — Challenges and Opportunities.
Siting and construction of renewable energy projects (wind, solar and biomass conversion) are the newest land use category. But just like any other land use adjacent property owners have concerns and there are environmental impacts to consider. Let's explore the range of siting issues and potential methods to resolve them in this new "green rush" for California counties. "Lorelei epitomizes the kind of person we're going to depend on to make the transition from oil to renewables," says Johanna Wald, a senior attorney at the natural Resources Defense Council.

- 12:00 Lunch
 - 2:00 Farm Tour

Rock Hill Farms: In the "meth capital" of the U.S., Kern County boasts the highest per capita prison population than any other county in the country. In response to this bankrupt system, on a 5-acre plot just ten miles south of Bakersfield, Rock Hill Farms has a solution. Here, men undergoing substance abuse treatments operate an organic farm on the location where they receive drug treatment. The food and revenues generated by the work of the men not only sustain their own stay, but are used to fund inner-city programs in S.E. Bakersfield. Here you will find goats, chickens, but most importantly ex-cons on the road to redemption...you won't believe your eyes!!

6:00 - 8:00 Cocktails at The Padre!



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