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AMENDED: Special guest speaker Sen. Kevin de Leon will not deliver remarks at this event. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy dinner Wednesday as scheduled, followed by a networking event.

California ISO to live stream 2017 Symposium speakers and panels Energy forum, Oct. 18 and 19, will center on new clean grid and economy

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) will live stream its Stakeholder Symposium next week via its website. The event will bring together nearly 1,000 executives and industry leaders to discuss the important trends and developments affecting the energy supply system.

Presentations by Symposium speakers and all panel discussions will be live streamed during the event, on Oct. 18 and 19, from the Sacramento Convention Center.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the 2017 Symposium. Click [here](#) to watch the event streamed live, and to watch videos from last year's Symposium.

The following schedule of speakers and panels is approximate:

Day 1 - Wednesday, October 18

- 9:15 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks: ***In the midst of an electric revolution***
[Steve Berberich](#), President and CEO, California ISO
- 9:30 a.m. Special presentation: ***Electricity and the new economy***
Featuring [Mary Nichols](#), Chair, California Air Resources Board
- 10 a.m. Panel discussion: ***Unlocking California's renewables "dividend"***
Panelists:
[Steve Chadima](#), SVP External Affairs, Advanced Energy Economy
[Mark Rothleder](#), VP Market Quality & Renewable Integration, California ISO
[James Sweeney](#), Director, Precourt Energy Efficiency Center, Stanford University
[Carl Zichella](#), Director, Western Transmission, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Moderator: [John Danner](#), UC Berkeley-Haas & Princeton University



- 12 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Speaker:
Featuring [Michael Liebreich](#), Founder and Chairman of the Advisory Board, Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- 1:30 p.m. Panel discussion: ***How can power technologies help unlock the renewable energy dividend?***
Panelists:
[Kevin Smith](#), CEO, SolarReserve
[Paul Thomsen](#), Executive Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Ormat Technologies, Inc.
[Ryan Wartena](#), President & Director of Product, Geli
[Mark Widmar](#), CEO, First Solar

Moderator: [Colleen Regan](#), Head of U.S. Utilities and Market Reform, North America at Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- 3:15 p.m. Panel discussion: ***View from the ground level: What does electrification mean to our economy?***
Panelists:
[Ralph DiNola](#), CEO, New Buildings Institute
[Karen Mills](#), Associate Counsel, California Farm Bureau Federation
[Catherine Reheis-Boyd](#), President, Western States Petroleum Association
[Jürgen Weiss](#), Principal, The Brattle Group

Moderator: [John Danner](#), UC Berkeley-Haas & Princeton University
- 6 p.m. Dinner & Networking
CANCELLED: Special guest Kevin de León, California Senate President pro Tempore

Day 2 - Thursday, October 19

- 8:45 a.m. Panel discussion: ***ISO Board of Governors Electricity 2030 - Vision for a low carbon grid***
Panelists:
[Richard Maullin](#), Chair, California ISO Board of Governors
[Mark Ferron](#), California ISO Board of Governors
[Angelina Galiteva](#), California ISO Board of Governors
[David Olsen](#), California ISO Board of Governors

Moderator: [John Danner](#), UC Berkeley-Haas & Princeton University
[Electricity 2030 - Trends and Tasks for the Coming Years \(Draft\)](#)
- 9:45 a.m. Panel discussion: ***Regulators Roundtable***
Panelists:
[David W. Danner](#), Chairman, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission



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[Libby Jacobs](#), President, The Jacobs Group LLC and former Iowa Utilities Board member

[Michael Picker](#), President, California Public Utilities Commission

Moderator: [Travis Kavulla](#), Vice Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission

11 a.m. Panel discussion: ***Energy in the community***

Panelists:

[Dr. Felicia Federico](#), Executive Director, California Center for Sustainable Communities at UCLA

[Parin Shah](#), Senior Strategist, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

[Judith Schwartz](#), President and Founder, To the Point

[Geof Syphers](#), CEO, Sonoma Clean Power

Moderator: [Martha Guzman Aceves](#), Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission

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