For Legal Planet readers who will be in the Sacramento area next Monday, UCLA and UC Berkeley Schools of Law will be hosting a free lunchtime panel on policies to help California meet its renewable energy goals. The keynote speaker will be Ken Alex, Governor Brown's Senior Advisor and Director of the Office of Planning and Research (of course Ken's most significant accomplishment is his stint as a Legal Planet guest-blogger). The event highlights research and white papers from our Business and Climate Change Research Initiative.

In addition to the keynote speech and the free lunch, attendees will hear a panel discussion on critical issues related to achieving the state's brand new legislative mandate to achieve 33 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020. Topics include options for overcoming the siting difficulties associated with large-scale renewable energy facilities, the promise and challenge of distributed renewable energy generation, and the importance of integrating intermittent renewable resources through such options as energy storage technologies.

- WHEN: Monday, May 23rd, 11:45am to 1:30pm
  Lunch will be served, followed by the keynote address at noon
- WHERE: California State Association of Counties Conference Facility
  1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor
  Sacramento, California 95814 (see this map for directions)

Panel Presentation:

Manal Yamout, Special Advisor to Governor Brown on Renewable Energy
Obadiah Bartholomy, Sacramento Municipal Utilities District
Joe Desmond, Ice Energy; former California Energy Commission chair

RSVP by **Thursday, May 19th** by clicking on this link. Hope to see you there!