

May 23rd Sacramento Lunchtime Panel on Meeting California's  
Renewable Energy Goals | 1

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!