



A heads-up for Legal Planet readers in the San Diego area (or those who would like to be in the San Diego area) on Thursday, February 2nd: the Environmental Law Section of the California State Bar will be holding a one-day conference on localized renewable energy generation at the University of San Diego School of Law. Confirmed speakers include:

- Robert Weisenmiller (Chairman of the California Energy Commission)
- Wade Crowfoot (Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Planning & Research)
- Seth Israel (Vice President of Recurrent Energy)
- Adam Browning (Executive Director of VoteSolar)
- Legal Planet's own Steve Weissman (Director of the Energy Program, Berkeley Law)

Here is the write-up on the conference:

California is committed to achieving 33 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020, and Governor Jerry Brown has set a goal of securing 12,000 megawatts of that renewable energy from localized sources of up to 20 megawatts, such as commercial and residential rooftops, transportation rights-of-way, and other urban sites close to demand centers. The conference will examine how local generation fits into the State's renewable energy goals and those federal, state, and local policies that affect the development of such projects. Panels will focus on practical advice for getting projects permitted, financed, and interconnected to the grid, in addition to looking at emerging policy trends that will affect renewable energy investments in the coming years.

The conference is called "Neighborhood Clean Energy: Planning and Developing Local Renewable Energy Generation in California" and will take place on Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 9am to 5pm (registration begins at 8am) at:

University of San Diego School of Law
5998 Alcalá Park

Mother Rosalie Hill Hall 16
Warren Auditorium
San Diego, CA

This event offers up to 6 hours of California MCLE credit.

Conference agenda and registration are available [here](#). The environmental law centers at both Berkeley and UCLA Schools of Law are co-sponsoring, as well as Stoel Rives LLP and the Energy Policy Initiatives Center at University of San Diego School of Law.