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Sophie Akins is a partner at Best Best & Krieger who specializes in alternative energy projects. Ms. Akins regularly assists school districts and community college districts as well as other public agencies review and draft alternative energy goals, conduct due diligence and draft board resolutions, request for proposals, and draft and negotiate construction contracts, energy service agreements and power purchase agreements. Ms. Akins recently drafted the requests for proposals for the Atascadero Unified School District and the Davis Joint Unified School District solar projects and assisted the Dixon Unified School District with the completion of an 820 kW solar project constructed under a power purchase agreement with Honeywell. As of the end of 2008, Ms. Akins had worked on approximately 15% of all public agency solar projects Statewide under the California Solar Initiative.

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Executive Director, The Rahun Institute. Founder of The Rahun Institute, a non-profit, educational organization with a focus on renewable energy. A graduate of University of California, Santa Barbara with a B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Tor has more than 18 years experience in the renewable energy field including: design, research, marketing, program and policy development, installation work, and teaching. Current projects include: The California Solar Center—a web-based source of solar energy information relevant to California; Solar e-Clips—an e-newsletter covering current stories and legislative updates; organizing Solar Forums throughout California; coordinating the California PV Utility Manager working group; and Solar Schoolhouse—a hands-on, project-based solar for schools program.

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Karalee Browne is a program manager in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Charitable Contributions department, a position she has held since, March 2004. She is directly responsible for managing the company's philanthropic solar initiatives which includes the award winning PG&E Solar Schools Program and PG&E Solar Habitat Program.

Prior to joining Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Karalee worked as a television news writer and producer for Sacramento's KOVR13 news. Karalee has served on the board of the Sacramento American Women in Radio and Television Association and has held several positions with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life planning committee in Natomas.

Karalee has a BA from The University of Southern California and is currently in the process of obtaining her master's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

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Jennie Bruneman, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations for Santa Rosa City Schools. Santa Rosa City Schools is a K-12 school district with 23 school facilities. I have been with Santa Rosa City Schools since August of 2003 and in my current position since November of 2006. My background is in computer administration and project management. Since I started as the Director of Facilities in 2006 I have worked on various projects from new construction, modernizations, deferred maintenance as well as the 832 kw solar system at Cook Middle School, Elsie Allen High School and Maria Carrillo High School.

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- 32 years of Experience in Public Educational Facilities
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Len Greenwood, Teacher and Program Coordinator, Green Academy, Montgomery High School

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I have been teaching for 22 years at Montgomery HS, from English, to Drama to full time Photography to Coordinator of the Green Academy and now Coordinator and Instructor in the Academy. Ten years ago I designed and built our totally self-sustaining Green home in the coastal hills above Cazadero. We are off-grid solar, pump our own water from a 300' foot deep well and grow, gather and hunt most of our own food. I try to live what I teach.

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Mr. Hill began his professional career as a financial analyst for SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District) evaluating the financial and economic feasibility of the Rancho Seco Nuclear Power Plant in the mid-1980s. In addition to working for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Mr. Hill worked for the State of California in the Office of Energy Assessments to develop financing programs for the State's facility energy efficiency upgrades.

Mr. Hill has worked as a financial advisor to California public agencies for over 21 years on projects as vast as amusement parks, community facilities, infrastructure and master planned development projects. His finance work includes general obligation bonds, land-secured tax

bonds, lease and tax increment financings as well as utility revenue bonds. Since 2007 Mr. Hill has been developing the energy financing programs for school districts, cities and counties.

Mr. Hill currently serves as financial advisor to over 50 different public agencies throughout California.

Aaron Jobson, AIA, LEED AP Associate, Quattrocchi Kwok Architects
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In the eight years Aaron Jobson has been with Quattrocchi Kwok Architects he has been an integral part of some of our most complicated and successful projects, including Heritage High School, Tamalpais High School and Live Oak Elementary School. Mr. Jobson recently served as Project Architect for the new, 2,200 student American Canyon High School, which is the first Collaborative for High Performance (CHPS) Verified School.

Throughout his time at QKA Mr. Jobson worked to promote great design and sustainable strategies both within the firm and the community at large. Aaron has led QKA teams in a number of design competitions including one dealing with low-income housing in post-Katrina New Orleans. In addition to managing projects and staff Mr. Jobson also led QKA's transition to 3D based Building Information Modeling software (BIM), which we successfully integrated into all of our work.

Tom Kelly
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Tom Kelly is the co-founder of KyotoUSA, a Berkeley-based sponsored project of the Sequoia Foundation. In 2004, Tom and other volunteers established the organization to mobilize local residents and their municipal governments to respond to the ever increasing dangers posed by climate change.[www.kyotousa.org www.heliosproject.net]

Spurred by a lack of federal action on climate change, KyotoUSA urged the City of Berkeley to “ratify” the Kyoto Protocol and encourage cities across the US to follow its lead. Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels heeded the call and he, together with the US Conference of Mayors, have now enlisted more than 1,000 cities that have endorsed the “Climate Protection Agreement” – a Kyoto Protocol for cities.

Realizing that Americans were growing increasingly concerned about climate change, Tom and his team developed an idea that would engage local residents in supporting their public schools and would simultaneously result in significant local greenhouse gas reductions. Named the HELIOS Project (Helios Energy Lights Our Schools), the concept demonstrated that it was possible to install photovoltaic (PV) systems on our public schools without increasing a school district's operating expenses. The key to the success to the first HELIOS project (Washington Elementary) was the community's willingness to make a modest contribution to the school district to allow the district to purchase the 103 kW PV system and pay for it from its avoided electricity costs.

KyotoUSA is now working with a number of California school districts to develop Solar Master Plans and to demonstrate how it is possible to install (and own) large PV systems that can provide a positive economic benefit to the district.

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Adam Lerner is Director of Energy Services at BASS Electric. Mr. Lerner is a licensed electrical contractor and a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) from the Association of Energy Engineers. Mr. Lerner has overseen electrical construction projects for the past 10 years ranging from Golden Gate Bridge South Span Seismic Retrofit to current work with 23,840 solar modules powering the Sunset district in San Francisco. By understanding the technical aspects along with the financial benefits of energy projects, Mr. Lerner focuses on turn-key energy solutions to effectively improve the efficiency, reduce the carbon footprint, and decrease operational costs for each facility in BASS' management portfolio.

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Clyde Murley is an independent consultant with over 20 years of professional experience in energy and environmental issues, including policy and technical experience and expertise in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, demand response, integrated resource planning, energy economics, energy procurement, and environmental protection, and he has served as an expert witness in several of these areas.

For the past nine years, under the auspices of the Community College League of California, Clyde has worked on behalf of California's community colleges, managing electricity procurement for many of them and serving as their regulatory advocate before the California Public Utilities Commission. In 2009 the League started its Solar Consulting Services Program, and retained Clyde to manage the program. Clyde works with community colleges interested in considering solar PV installations, -- writing RFQs and RFPs, managing competitive procurements, and generally supporting and advising community colleges through the entire solar PC procurement process. He is also currently working in a similar role with a K-12 district.

In addition to his energy consulting experience Clyde has also held positions as an energy regulatory analyst and program manager for the California Public Utilities Commission, as Senior Project Scientist with the Natural Resources Defense Council, and he founded, directed, and taught in the Environment and Community Master of Arts Program at Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio and Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Murley holds two degrees from the University of California, Berkeley -- a B.A. in Environmental Sciences, and an M.A. in Energy and Resources.

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Lisa Shell has been engaged in various solar and distributed generation projects over the past several years working for PG&E. Most recently, she's been managing community outreach, education and marketing for PG&E's various distributed generation incentive programs including the California Solar Initiative, focusing on strategies to bring solar into the mainstream and entering into partnerships to facilitate the growth of a sustainable solar industry. Prior to PG&E, Lisa spent time consulting in the areas of community outreach and communication as well as working in the San Francisco Mayor's Office. Lisa holds a BS from UCLA and a JD from UC Hastings College of the Law.

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Neal Skiver is a Senior Vice President, Energy and Power Finance, for Banc of America Public Capital Corp. He focuses on the origination and structure of financing agreements that provide funding for energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects installed on the sites of local governments and non-profit institutions. Typical financing products include: equipment lease/purchase agreements, tax credit bonds, limited tax and revenue obligations and 501(c)(3) obligations. Neal has been in the municipal financing business for the past 24 years, dedicated to the energy marketplace for the past 15 years.

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Geof Syphers, PE, LEED® AP, is Chief Sustainability Officer for Codding Enterprises, a Sonoma County developer and property management firm. He manages the company's environmental and social initiatives and guides the planning of Sonoma Mountain Village, a deeply sustainable mixed-use community.

Sonoma Mountain Village is the first development in North America to be accepted into the prestigious One Planet Communities program, positioning it at the leading edge of the international sustainability movement. The 200 acre community is a zero carbon, zero waste development in California with a philosophy centered on restoration instead of minimizing harm. Mr. Syphers is responsible for the plan to reduce the ecological footprint of the entire 1900-home community from a U.S. average of 5.3 down to a truly sustainable, one planet level by 2020. His efforts are monitored by BioRegional and are reported to the United Nations as part of the Kyoto Protocol update process.

He brings practical experience earned as the founding director of the Green Building Services Group at KEMA, an international consulting firm. Under his directorship, KEMA consulted on 160 projects, from affordable housing to airports, including 40 LEED buildings. He is a licensed mechanical engineer and holds a B.S. in Applied Physics and an M.S. in Energy Engineering from the University of Massachusetts.

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