

Solar Schoolhouse Forum: Powering Schools with Sunlight

School districts throughout the state are gearing up to implement large-scale solar projects. Converting sunlight into electricity onsite has become an attractive investment for schools looking to reduce utility costs. This Forum will provide the information and tools for these schools to have a successful experience going forward. We'll review and highlight successful solar school projects, and provide tips for what to include in RFPs and contracts. The pros and cons of various financing models will be discussed. We'll also explore the huge opportunity to leverage these solar electric systems as teaching tools and how best to engage the teaching community at each school.

Program for the Day:

Registration: 9:00 – 10:00 – Buffet breakfast and registration, networking, displays

10:00 - Welcome:

- Tor Allen, Rarus Institute and Solar Schoolhouse
- Geof Syphers, Sonoma Mountain Village
- Lisa Shell, PG&E

10:15 – Tor Allen – Solar Market Review, technology, and past experience with Solar on Schools

10:45 - Developing your Solar Team: Why Solar?, Assessing the Solar Potential, Developing an RFP, Construction Considerations, Strategies for a Successful Project.

Moderator: Tom Kelly, KyotoUSA

- Clyde Murley - Solar technical advisor
- Sophie Akins - *BBK Law* -RFP's, contracts and legal support
- Aaron Jobson, *Quattrochi Kwok Architects*

11:45 – Integrating Solar Energy Education into the Classroom

- Tor Allen – Solar Schoolhouse
- Karalee Brown – PG&E Solar Schools Program

12:30 – LUNCH

1:15 – Outdoor solar fun activities and demonstrations, visit information booths

1:45 - Financing solar for schools: PPAs, Bonds, and more. Moderator: Tom Kelly

- Neal Skiver, Bank of America
- Craig Hill, Northcross Hill & Ach

2:45 – School presentations panel – Tips for the next generation of solar projects

- Santa Rosa Schools: Jennie Bruneman, Facilities Director , Adam Larner, Bass Electric, Len Greenwood, Green Academy Director @ Montgomery HS.
- Milpitas School District: John Cimino, Facilities Director

3:45 – Tor Allen, Closing and Raffle

4:00 – 5:30 – Reception – Wine, appetizers and networking. Information booths and sponsors and speakers will be available to answer your questions.

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