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The 12th Annual CCEC Forum will feature up to 16 virtual activities available for submitted proposals – 12 Session and 4 Interactive Lunch Event slots. Additionally, there will be an Opening Plenary and a Closing Session internally organized by CCEC Staff and Advisory Committee members.

In order to foster engagement, we are expanding the proposals to include options beyond traditional webinars, such as facilitated discussions, keynote roundtables, networking activities, question the expert, and working groups. Participants will learn about innovative best practices, case studies, tools, and resources while engaging in discussions around accelerating action in their own communities, regardless of their stage in the process.

Forum Schedule

This 3 week virtual forum will take place from August 3rd - 19th with the schedule as follows:

AUGUST 2021				
12th Annual California Climate & Energy Forum				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 10 AM: Opening Plenary 12 PM: Interactive Lunch Event	4 10 AM: Webinar (1) 12 PM: Interactive Lunch Event	5 10 AM: Webinar (2) 2 PM: Webinar (3)	6
9	10 10 AM: Webinar (1) 2 PM: Webinar (2)	11 10 AM: Policymakers Session 12 PM: Interactive Lunch Event 2 PM: Webinar (3)	12 10 AM: Webinar (1) 2 PM: Webinar (2)	13
16	17 10 AM: Webinar (3) 2 PM: Webinar (1)	18 12 PM: Interactive Lunch Event 2 PM: Webinar (2)	19 10 AM: Webinar (3) 1 PM: Closing Session	20

Holistic Climate/Energy Planning and Readiness (1) | Equitable Decarbonization Strategies (2) |
A Just Transition to Clean Energy (3) | **Interactive Lunch Event**



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Forum Theme

Transforming Tomorrow Together

Weaving recovery, equity, and public health into local energy and climate work.

The dilemmas of 2020 are not yet behind us. From ongoing budgetary challenges to the systemic issues of racism and environmental injustice that have been illuminated, together local climate and energy practitioners must take decisive action to create a brighter, cleaner, and safer tomorrow for all. Making meaningful progress towards our clean energy vision requires us to embrace the challenging task of advancing holistic energy efficiency solutions, creating authentic relationships with communities, and lifting up viable climate and energy strategies that deliver tangible benefits. Promising pathways continue to emerge for local governments to strengthen their ongoing efforts with new partnerships, resources, policy solutions, and recovery strategies.

The virtual forum will focus on pivotal opportunities for local climate and energy practitioners to address the climate crisis in ways that result in lasting, institutional changes centered around equity and community wellbeing. The forum will create space to recognize the reality that people in our communities are living in today from the effects of climate change, historic and ongoing systemic inequities, COVID-19 impacts, and beyond. By doing so, local governments can focus on these interconnected issues to highlight local solutions and catalyze transformative change through collaboration.

The 12th Annual CCEC Forum, taking place in August 2021, will feature topics weaving recovery, equity and public health into local climate and energy work. The forum will spotlight progress and best practices through the tracks of *Holistic Climate/Energy Planning and Readiness, Equitable Decarbonization, and Just Clean Energy Transition*. We invite you to join fellow climate and energy practitioners from across California to collaborate on ***Transforming Tomorrow Together***.

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Session Tracks & Topics

Proposals should address one or more of the topics listed below, which have been identified as priorities by CCEC participants through the pre-forum survey. While proposals should seek to meet participant interests and needs, there may be additional topics that would be beneficial to address for a local government audience that are not included in this list.

<p>Track 1: Holistic Climate/Energy Planning and Readiness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Leveraging energy data: benchmarking, tools, usage, and access ★ Equipping diverse partners to accelerate community-driven solutions (e.g CBOs, tribal governments, and small businesses) ★ Holistic climate action planning to support implementation ★ Integrating climate resilience into climate/energy action plans ★ Piloting new technologies and strategies ★ Redefining climate readiness through planning and community engagement ★ Planning and implementing affordable ZNE housing
<p>Track 2: Equitable Decarbonization Strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Electrification best practices, action plans, retrofits, and lessons learned ★ Energy Efficiency (EE) energy education and curtailment behaviors for community members ★ Responsible waste management for building retrofits and retirement of energy efficiency equipment ★ Reducing embodied carbon in building construction ★ Electrification and decarbonization policies, model ordinances, and codes ★ Integrating Energy Efficiency (EE) with Distributed Energy Resources (DER), Electric Vehicles (EVs), storage, renewable energy, and Zero-Net Energy (ZNE) ★ Access to Energy Efficiency (EE) rebate programs for renters and affordable housing retrofits ★ Decarbonization strategies in agriculture and farming including energy efficient technologies, water/energy nexus, transportation, workforce impacts, etc.

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<p>Track 3: A Just Transition to Clean Energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Overview of climate risks to the energy sector and key transition opportunities ★ Clean energy workforce development and equitable job transition programs ★ Retiring stranded assets and associated workforce impacts and life cycle assessment ★ Emergency management; navigating public safety power shutoffs; disaster mitigation, and recovery ★ Preparing for a decentralized energy system through DER procurement processes and community microgrids ★ Grid reliability solutions via non-diesel backup power, smart grids, hardening, or distributed generation to respond to disruptions ★ Transition to electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, impacts on the grid, and opportunities to diversify transportation options
<p>Cross-cutting Topics that apply to <u>all</u> session tracks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Addressing intersectional issues through energy efficiency solutions with public health and environmental justice co-benefits ★ Implementing equitable energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions ★ Engaging and increasing accessibility for rural/hard-to-reach, under-resourced, BIPOC, and/or any other underrepresented community ★ Partnering with local and regional Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Tribal Governments, and small businesses ★ Embedding equity and inclusion in institutional processes and practices ★ Post-pandemic opportunities to rebuild budgets, processes, and staff capacity ★ Equitable funding and financing (state and federal grants, financing incentives, local, sustainable funding models, layering funding sources, regional collaboration, etc.) ★ Legislative and regulatory updates ★ Midstream and upstream incentive programs for efficient technologies

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Session Proposals

The Forum will feature up to 16 virtual activities available for submitted proposals – 12 Session and 4 Interactive Lunch Event slots that appeal to a statewide audience of climate and energy practitioners and highlight the 2021 theme of ***Transforming Tomorrow Together***. We are particularly interested in proposals that highlight the various co-benefits of energy efficiency solutions such as recovery, equity and public health.

<p>Proposal Form Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Proposer Contact Information ★ Submission Type (facilitated discussion, keynote roundtable panel, networking activity, question an expert, traditional webinar, or working group) ★ Session Track: select relevant session track and associated topics; 1- Holistic Climate/Energy Planning and Readiness, 2- Equitable Decarbonization Strategies, or 3- A Just Clean Energy Transition ★ Cross-Cutting Topics: identify which cross-cutting topics that apply to all session tracks are present in the proposal ★ Session Title ★ Abstract: max 250 words. ★ Proposal Criteria: The advisory committee has defined the following key criteria that will be considered when reviewing proposals: <i>equity & diversity, funding & financing, active engagement.</i> ★ Speakers and Moderator: Contact information and confirmation status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presenter Stipend Qualification: In the interest of fomenting diversity and inclusion, we are offering \$200-\$500 stipends for speakers, moderators and session organizers who identify as BIPOC, and/or any other underrepresented community.
<p>Submission Type (60-75 minutes)</p>	<p>SESSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Keynote Roundtable: Panel discussion with notable speakers. No presentation, facilitated Q&A questions, and at least 15 minutes for audience Q&A ★ Traditional Webinar: Up to 3 presentation(s) followed by a Q&A session that is at least 15 minutes <p>INTERACTIVE LUNCH EVENT:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Facilitated Discussion: Brief Presentation(s) followed by facilitated breakout discussions ★ Networking Activity: Activity aiming to foster networking and peer-to-peer connections. E.g., energy trivia, speed networking, etc. ★ Working Group: Opportunity for participants to work together to achieve a specific goal through a facilitated discussion ★ Question the Expert: 1-3 experts on a particular topic give a brief presentation followed by a Q&A session that is at least 40 minutes ★ Working Group: Opportunity for participants to work together to achieve a specific goal through a facilitated discussion
<p>Proposal Criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Equity & Diversity: Successful proposals will feature a diverse panel in regards to race, ethnicity, ability, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, geographic representation, type of agency, and sector focus. It will incorporate at least one of the following content focuses: <i>equity, environmental justice, embedding equity in institutional processes, and forging non-traditional partnerships</i>. It will include speakers from disproportionately affected communities who can speak to these issues directly. ★ Funding & Financing: Successful proposals will highlight or include a brief discussion on funding and financing options, models, and best practices for local governments and communities in California. ★ Active Engagement: Successful proposals will be highly engaging and include interactive components, such as prompted breakout discussions, design thinking activities, problem-solving or planning exercises, storytelling, and/or debates. <i>Sessions must preserve at least 15 minutes for audience Q&A.</i>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>If you would like to share additional resources, please plan to make them available online through a PDF or website link that the moderator can easily share. Note that these resources will be added to the forum webpage following the forum.</p>
<p>Virtual Platform</p>	<p>Virtual activities will be scheduled through the Local Government Commission's Zoom account, which can accommodate up to 500 participants per Session and 300 people per Interactive Lunch Event.</p>