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California Solar Symposium kicks off Feb. 10

SACRAMENTO, CA – Lawmakers, officials and CEOs will convene Feb. 10 in Sacramento for timely talks on the future of utility-scale solar in California at this year's California Solar Symposium.

A workhorse of the state's climate progress, utility-scale solar is poised to continue delivering low-cost power as decarbonization, manufacturing and artificial intelligence drive increasing electricity demand. But the future won't look like the past.

Hear from industry insiders who are navigating challenges ranging from permitting hurdles to an avalanche of new federal policy directives. Catch Assembly Utilities and Energy Chair Cottie Petrie-Norris in conversation with the CEOs of Avantus, EDP Renewables North America and Nextracker on what it will take to achieve California's clean energy goals. And more, as detailed in the agenda below.

The event, hosted by American Clean Power-California, Solar Energy Industries Association and Large-scale Solar Association, will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the auditorium of the California Secretary of State building at 1500 11th Street. A reception will follow from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the California Museum. RSVP to kimber.cleanpower@gmail.com.

2:00 – 2:30: Lessons Learned and Miles to Go: The Past, Present and Future of Utility-Scale Solar in California

- Siva Gunda, Vice Chair, California Energy Commission
- Shannon Eddy, Executive Director, Large-scale Solar Association

2:30 – 3:45: Solar Hurdles and Headwinds: Overcoming Barriers and Navigating a New Federal Administration to Deploy at Scale

- Stephanie Doyle, California State Affairs Director, SEIA (Moderator)
- Virinder Singh, VP Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, EDF Renewables
- Marisa Mitchell, Head of Environmental & Permitting, Intersect Power
- Hunter Stern, Assistant Business Manager, IBEW Local 1245
- Lucas Frerichs, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

3:45 – 5:00: The View from the C-Suite: What It Will Take to Achieve California's Clean Energy Goals

- Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee Chair Cottie Petrie-Norris (Moderator)
- Dan Shugar, CEO, Nextracker
- Sandhya Ganapathy, CEO, EDP Renewables North America
- Cliff Graham, CEO, Avantus

5:00 – 7:00: Clean Power Reception

- Location, California Museum – 1020 O Street Sacramento, CA 95814
- Hosted by American Clean Power-California, Large-scale Solar Association, Solar Energy Industries Association, California Wind Energy Association, California Energy Storage Alliance and California Community Solar Association