

Energy Technology Transfer & Workforce Development Webinar

Energy Opportunities to Secure the Economic Vitality of our Region

October 7, 2020 | Time: 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
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A secure and stable energy future depends on an innovative coalition of public and private partners in an interconnected market where instability creates short-term winners and losers. Only the research capabilities of national laboratories and research universities, deployed for the workplace and workforce in a broad public/private alliance, have the potential to both hedge against short-term volatility and create long-term stability.

Join the Kern Community College District, Bakersfield College, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and the County of Kern for a community discussion on the innovative strategies and workforce opportunities for the region.

Agenda

10:00 a.m.

Opening Comments

Liz Rozell, Director, [Energy Technology Transfer & Workforce Development](#), Bakersfield College

Welcome and Overview

Chancellor Tom Burke, Kern Community College District

10:05 a.m.

Session I: The Value of Energy and Vision for Kern County

- Leticia Perez, Chair, Kern County Board of Supervisors
- Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives, CA 23rd District
- David Mooney, Director, Institutional Planning, Integration and Development, National Renewable Energy Laboratories (NREL)
- Cathy Reheis-Boyd, President Western States Petroleum Association
- Sarah Kurtz, Professor, Materials Science and Engineering, UC Merced
- Richard Chapman, CEO, Kern Economic Development Corporation

10:25 a.m

Session II: Envisioning a Strong Future for Kern County Moderated Q&A

Dr. Sonya Christian, President, Bakersfield College

11:00 a.m

Wrap-Up

Session I: The Value of Energy and Vision for Kern County

Featured Speakers

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