

Financing Energy at the Local Level: Webinar Speakers

Financing Sustainability Webinar Series



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Brendan is the Environmental Resource Manager for the City of Chula Vista where he is responsible for the development of environmental programs and policies dealing with energy management, water conservation, and global climate change. Mr. Reed received a Masters of Science in Ecology from San Diego State University and his professional certifications include being a LEED Accredited Professional (US Green Building Council) and a Certified Energy Manager (Association of Energy Engineers).

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Maria has over 20 years of experience working on urban environmental issues, and Master Degrees in both urban planning and landscape architecture. For the past 11 years, Maria has specialized in implementation of climate protection and energy efficiency programs. Currently, Maria is the lead staff at the City of El Cerrito on energy management and climate planning initiatives, including development of the City's Climate Action Plan and implementation of numerous energy efficiency projects.



Laura Ryan, Energy & Sustainability Manager, City of Pleasanton

Laura has been the Energy and Sustainability Manager for Pleasanton since 2011. Prior to working for Pleasanton, Laura was at PG&E for 22 years, where she worked in various lines of business including Power Generation and Environmental Affairs. Laura developed PG&E's first ISO-14001 compliant Environmental Management System and was accountable for environmental regulatory reporting for PG&E's entire service territory. Laura earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Saint Mary's College of California. Currently, Laura is responsible for developing the community-wide climate action plan, managing energy and sustainability programs, administering ARRA grants and leading various outreach programs.