Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability Council

April 18, 2014
10-11:30 am

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. L.A.’s Environmental Future
   Special Guest: Matt Petersen, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Los Angeles

3. SONGS Decommissioning
   Special Guest: Mark Nelson, Director of Integrated Strategy and Planning
   Southern California Edison

4. Announcements

Upcoming Events:
- ACCESS Sacramento: May 12-13

Next Meeting:
Friday, June 20th, 10-11:30 am
Matt Petersen was named Chief Sustainability officer by Mayor Eric Garcetti in August 2013. As the first ever CSO for the City of LA, Matt is focused on helping Mayor Garcetti create 20,000 green jobs in LA, create a more sustainable and livable city and neighborhoods, and hold every city department responsible for cleaner air and water.

For 19 years, Matt served as President and CEO of Global Green USA, building the group into one of the country's leading environmental organizations (and the only national environmental organization headquartered in greater Los Angeles). As result of partnerships, legislation, and incentives put in place by Global Green over the last 15 years, over 100,000 individuals across the US now live in affordable housing with lower energy bills, better indoor air quality, and better access to transit.

Petersen's focus on the urban environment also included the greening of schools and cities, including crafting an initiative funded by the Annenberg Foundation to green all new LAUSD schools, ensuring over $15 billion in new construction will result in significant utility savings, and better learning environments for kids and teachers. Petersen is widely credited for his successful vision for the green rebuilding of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, leading TIME Magazine to recognize Global Green's leadership. Petersen, along with actor Brad Pitt, also launched the New Orleans Sustainable Design Competition, which resulted in the Holy Cross Project, a sustainable village under construction in the Lower 9th Ward.

Over many years, Petersen has called not only for corporations and elected officials to act to combat climate change and create more sustainable communities, but for individuals to become "citizen entrepreneurs" and take responsibility for a corner for their world. The search for "citizen entrepreneurs" is emerging as a major initiative within Global Green, leading to support and recognition of individuals across the United States who are improving their communities. Petersen also created partnerships with major American companies to support the organization's efforts, including Starbucks as among the very first major U.S. corporations to call for action on climate change.

Matt continues as a board member of Global Green USA, while also serving on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. He also is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is an advisor on energy and environment to the Clinton Global Initiative.
Mark Nelson
Director of Integrated Planning and Strategy
Southern California Edison

Mark Nelson is currently the Director of Integrated Planning and Strategy for Southern California Edison (SCE). Integrated Planning provides analysis, planning, and strategy development needed by SCE for effectively planning and integrating generation, distribution, and transmission assets to provide a safe and reliable power grid for SCE’s 5 million customers.

Nelson previously was the Director of Generation Planning & Strategy responsible for the broad support of generation initiatives and regulatory efforts at SCE and the management of the Project Development Division. He was also Director of Retail Energy Operations for Edison Source, a deregulated affiliate.

Prior to joining Edison, he held management and analysis positions with subsidiaries of MidAmerican Energy. A published author of energy-related books, he has also served as an adjunct professor of economics.
Share your business perspective with California’s top decision makers as you join Los Angeles area business and civic leaders on the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual advocacy trip to our state capital. Meet with key legislators and high-ranking officials to advocate on issues important to you and L.A.’s business community.

SCHEDULE

Monday, May 12
6 p.m. Opening Reception & Dinner

Tuesday, May 13
7:30 – 9 a.m. Breakfast
10 – 11:45 a.m. Advocacy Meetings
Noon – 1:30 p.m. Delegation Lunch
2 – 5 p.m. Advocacy Meetings

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