



AEP Luncheon Environmental Analysis for Solar Energy Projects

Wednesday, March 25, 2009; 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



A total of 28 states, including California have enacted legislation requiring their utilities to procure a set percentage of energy from alternative/renewable sources. California is committed to a 20 percent renewable energy by 2010 and 33 percent by 2020. Solar energy is key to meeting this standard and many solar plants are proposed in the southern California desert. These plants require large area of land that are home to endangered species like the desert tortoise, and most use huge amounts of water. Environmental groups are already at odds about how to balance the need for quick deployment of solar resources against the habitat problems that will arise, with some opposed to large scale solar and others arguing that climate change is too urgent a problem to let more localized environmental problems get in the way of renewable development. (Source: [Legal Planet: Environmental Law and Policy](#) by Ann Carlson 3/13/09 via Google)

Speaker:

Mr. John Carrier has more than 27 years of professional experience including the practice of redevelopment law, project management, power plant licensing and siting, regulatory compliance, permitting, economic impact analysis, fiscal impact analysis, feasibility studies, real estate economics, urban economics, public involvement/community relations, data collection and analysis, document preparation, and technical writing. For the last 10 years, Mr. Carrier has served as Program Manager overseeing all California power plant licensing work for CH2M Hill. For the last 22 years, Mr. Carrier has been involved with the power industry. In the mid 1980s he served as the Program Manager for EBASCO's Peak Load Siting Contract. Under that 3-year, \$10 million contract, EBASCO served as adjunct staff to the California Energy Commission's staff analyzing power plant applications. Since then, Mr. Carrier has managed the preparation of Applications for Certification and other CEQA studies for developers such as independent power producers and municipal power agencies. Currently, he is involved with the licensing of five concentrating solar projects all located on BLM land in southern California or Nevada.

Following the presentation, 20 minutes will be allotted for a question and answer session.

Cost: \$20 for AEP members, \$25 for non-members

Site: Scott's Seafood Restaurant, 545 Munroe Street, Sacramento
(in Loehman's Plaza corner of Fair Oaks and Munroe/Fulton)

Meal Choices:

- 1) -Sesame Seared Chinese Chicken Salad with Honey-Soy-Peanut Vinaigrette
- 2) -Crispy Crabcake Sandwich
- 3) -Kalua Pork Sandwich
- 4) -Vegetarian Butternut Squash Risotto

The sandwiches and veggie risotto come with a field lettuce starter salad with red onions, maytag blue cheese, spicy pecans and sherry shallot vinaigrette, and the Chinese Chicken Salad comes with a choice of either a cup of clam chowder or a cup of crab bisque.

RSVP: By Monday 3/23, RSVP with meal choice. You can RSVP and pay on the AEP website <http://superioraep.org> using PayPal or pay using cash or check to AEP at the door, but **please** RSVP in advance. If you have questions, contact janet.dallas@edaw.com.