

August 28 Session PROGRAM CHANGE

There is a program change for the August 28th Session of the 2009 Speaker Series. Instead of “Water in Design: A Cross-Section of Relevant Work & Theme” the session will now be:

Sustainability 2.0 - The California Challenge Retrofitting our Cities, Communities and Neighborhoods

Sustainable City and Neighborhood design is a high priority for addressing climate change and quality of life. While we have some success stories, recent new models may provide further inspiration for transforming our communities.

There will be a presentation and discussion on understanding and applying planning and sustainability innovations. Principles and practices for implementation will be studied including the City of Vancouver Ecodensity model and the new Portland Eco-district concept.

We will present leading examples at city, community and neighborhood scales, and engage with a lively discussion and debate on the challenge of moving California communities to the next level of sustainability. Experts in California Planning, Law and Energy programs will discuss the merits of these innovative ideas in the California context.

The California Energy Commission Representative will provide an update on new funding opportunities and the status of their programs.

Participants will emerge from this presentation with valuable tools and strategies for facilitating sustainable and cost saving practices in their cities and communities, setting the green bar high and creating a sustainable legacy for future generations.

Presenters/Panelists:

- **Darin Dinsmore**, Principal of Sustainable Community Strategies - as a leading planner and urban designer he works with communities and encourages clients to Think Globally, Plan Regionally, and Act Locally.
- **Larry Rillera**, Energy Consultant with the California Energy Commission
- **Richard Taylor**, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP - advises local governments on complex planning and land use matters including climate protection and sustainability policies
- **Terry Watt**, leading statewide Planning Consultant and advisor to the California Attorney General’s Environment Section on climate change

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