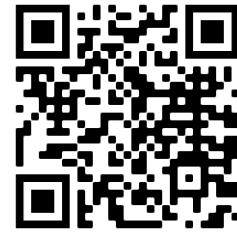


Celebrating 20 Years of State Leadership



## CESA National Membership Meeting

Washington, DC – June 6 to June 8, 2022

**FINAL AGENDA (6.2.22)**

Quick Link:

[www.cesa.org/members-meeting-2022](http://www.cesa.org/members-meeting-2022)

### Monday, June 6th

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Optional Tour – CESA has arranged for a tour of the US Capitol building (starting at 1 pm, but plan to arrive 20 minutes early to go through security). Tour pre-registration required. **Photo ID and Masks required.** Food, water, luggage or large bags are not allowed. You should have received an email on May 31<sup>st</sup> from Maria with meeting location and time.

CESA Board of Directors Meeting—late afternoon (starting at 4 pm) Board members only. STANSBURY Room at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1225 Frist Street, NE.

Optional Networking Dinner – Dinner Guest Speaker, Danielle Deane-Ryan, Director of Equitable Climate Solutions, Bezos Earth Fund and CESA Board Member. New location: **Clyde's of Gallery Place**, 707 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. (Starting at 6:30 pm with a social hour; dinner at 7:30 pm ET) (Take the Red Line to Gallery Pl/Chinatown Metro Station). **Meet in hotel lobby at 6 pm if you want to walk/Metro there with the group.** Map: [Click Here](#).

Hotel Room Block - [Hilton Garden Inn](#), Washington, DC/US Capitol (at 1225 First Street, NE) - \$169 per night plus tax. If you have reservations, you should have received a confirmation email from Maria.

## DAY ONE – Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Meeting Sessions to be held at

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MwCOG)**

777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300 – **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room**

Washington, DC 20002

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**Hotel Guests – Breakfast on your own; use Breakfast Vouchers at Hotel Restaurant**

**8:30 AM – Hotel guests meet in Lobby to walk to MwCOG office.**

## **9:00 AM – MWCOG Offices - 3rd Floor Board Room**

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### **Session 1**

#### **Welcome**

- Betsy Kauffman, CESA Board Chair; Sector Lead - Renewable Energy, Energy Trust of Oregon; CESA Board Chair
- Jeffrey King, Director of Climate, Energy and Air Programs, MWCOG (tentative)

## **9:20 AM**

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### **Session 2**

#### **Speed Networking**

Meeting attendees will have opportunity to network and learn from their colleagues in a series of short encounters.

- Moderator: Wafa May Elamin, CESA Project Manager

## **10:20 AM**

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### **Break**

## **10:35 AM**

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### **Session 3**

#### **Priorities, Challenges, Successes, and Opportunities**

In a plenary panel and in small group discussions, attendees will share information about their organizations' current priorities, concerns, challenges, and successes.

- Moderator: Warren Leon, CESA Executive Director
- Panelists:
  - Brandon Bowser, Energy Resilience Manager, Maryland Energy Administration
  - Austin Counts, Rural and Industrial Clean Energy Program Manager, Virginia Department of Energy
  - Kelly Mooij, Director of Clean Energy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
  - Ethan Tremblay, Energy Policy Analyst, Maine Governor's Energy Office

## **12:00 – 1:00 PM**

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### **Lunch**

**The Dubliner Restaurant, Coleman Terrace (4 F Street, NW)**

## **1:15 PM - MWCOG Offices - 3rd Floor Board Room**

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### **Session 4**

#### **Embedding Equity into Clean Energy Programs**

This session will be divided into two parts. The first part will feature a panel discussion, featuring representatives from two state energy agencies as well as a justice-focused nonprofit network to discuss incorporating equity in clean energy programs. The second part will consist of small groups discussions with speakers on how CESA Member organizations can incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion into their work.

- Moderator: Abbe Ramanan, CESA Project Manager
- Panelists:
  - Jade Lu, Program Manager, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
  - Regina Strong, Environmental Justice Public Advocate, Michigan Department of the Environment, Great Lakes and Energy
  - Adetola Shabi, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Emerald Cities Collaborative

## **2:45 PM**

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### **Break**

## **3:00 PM**

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### **Session 5**

#### **US DOE Programs and Funding Opportunities of Interest to States**

The session will include an update from US DOE on upcoming federal funding opportunities, including those under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. DOE officials will also discuss various programs of interest to states. The session will conclude with discussion of how CESA can help states respond to these opportunities.

- Moderator: Warren Leon, CESA Executive Director
- Panelists:
  - Jennifer Bumgarner, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, US Department of Energy
  - Amy Kidd, State Energy Program Team Lead, US Department of Energy

## **4:15 PM**

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### **Break - Move to First Floor Training Center**

## 4:30 – 5:45 PM – Training Center – First Floor

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### Session 6

## Virtual Power Plants: Aggregating Distributed Resources to Meet the Needs of a Modern Grid

The essential elements of virtual power plants and discussion of state programs already in progress. Also, a look into near-future developments including technical advances and coming market changes regarding FERC orders.

- Moderator: Todd Olinsky-Paul, CESA Senior Project Director
- Panelists
  - Tony Abate, Senior Consultant – Energy Storage, Customized Energy Solutions
  - Sara Harari, Associate Director of Innovation, Connecticut Green Bank
  - Shelley Robbins, Project Director, Clean Energy Group

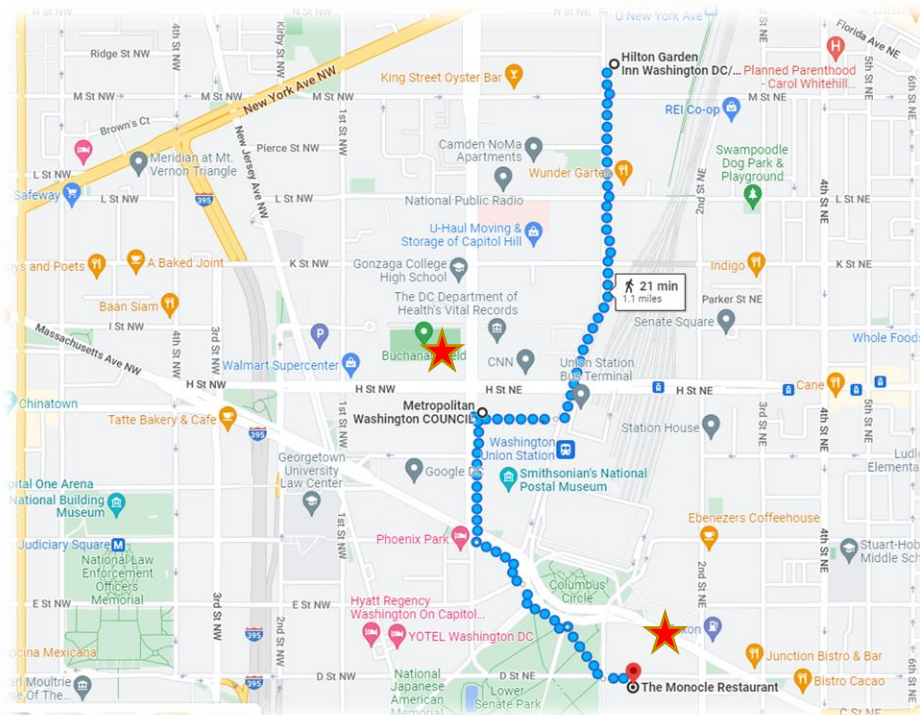
## 6:15 - 8:30 PM

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### Evening: CESA Reception

## The Monocle Restaurant, Federal Room, 107 D Street, NE

Pandemic conditions permitting, a wide range of individuals from the federal government, NGOs, and the clean energy industry who are based in the DC area will be invited to meet with the CESA Members attending the meeting. The reception will announce the recipients of the 2022 *State Leadership in Clean Energy* (SLICE) awards. The reception will be serving a wide selection of food and beverages that will serve as dinner for meeting participants.



**DAY TWO – Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments**  
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002  
**FIRST FLOOR TRAINING CENTER – First Floor**

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**8:40 AM – Hotel guests meet in Lobby to walk to MWCOG office.**

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**9:00 AM – MWCOG Office – **First Floor Training Center****

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Participants can choose one of two breakout sessions to attend.

### **Session 1A**

#### **Hydrogen Beyond the Hype**

The session will provide an overview of hydrogen basics, as well as deeper dives into the climate and equity concerns around green and blue hydrogen. Panelists will also address upcoming federal funding opportunities and policies around hydrogen, and how CESA can help states navigate them.

- Moderator: Seth Mullendore, President, Clean Energy Group
- Panelists
  - Whitney Berry, Senior Manager - Climate Policy, Ocean Conservancy
  - Abbe Ramanan, Project Director, Clean Energy States Alliance
  - Jim Walsh, Policy Director, Food & Water Watch

### **Session 1B**

#### **Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings and Their Role in Resiliency**

Because of new technologies and business models, buildings can interact actively with the power grid, thereby benefiting both the grid and building owners. This session will explore this trend and how states can support the deployment of interactive technologies.

- Moderator: Todd Olinsky-Paul, CESA Senior Project Director
- Panelists
  - Dale Hoffmeyer, Residential Modeling and Analysis Technology Manager, US Department of Energy Building Technologies Office
  - Jeff Maguire, Senior Research Engineer, NREL Residential Buildings Group

**10:15 AM**

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**Break**

**10:30 AM - MWCOG Office – First Floor Training Center**

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**Session 2**

### **Energy Storage for Social Equity – an Office of Electricity Initiative**

Dr. Imre Gyuk, director of energy storage research at DOE-OE, will discuss his recently launched \$9 million Energy Storage for Social Equity program, which aims to assist underserved and frontline communities to leverage energy storage as a means of increasing resilience and maximizing energy flexibility. Selected projects will receive technical as well as deployment support. The goal is to help promote an equitable clean energy transition, advance more affordable and reliable electricity, and support Justice40 goals.

**10:45 AM**

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**Session 3**

### **Energy Democracy and the Challenge of Solar Ownership for LMI Communities**

What would it take for LMI households and organizations to be able to own systems and enjoy a larger share of the benefits? The session will also explore the relationship between solar ownership and community empowerment.

- Moderator: Vero Bourg-Meyer, CESA Project Director
- Panelists
  - Tony Reames, Senior Advisor, US Department of Energy Office of Economic Impact and Diversity
  - Lynn Heller, Founder and CEO, Climate Access Fund

**12:00 PM - In-House – Training Center Room 1**

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**Lunch**

**1:00 PM**

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**Session 4**

### **Advancing Clean Energy: The View from FERC**

Commissioner Allison Clements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will discuss what state clean energy policymakers and program staff should know about FERC and its intersection with state clean energy and decarbonization efforts. There will be opportunity for audience questions and comments.

- Moderator: Brian Granahan, Chief Legal Counsel, Illinois Power Agency and CESA Board Vice-Chair
- Speaker: Allison Clements, Commissioner, FERC

## **1:45 PM**

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### **Break**

## **2:00 PM**

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### **Session 5**

#### **Challenges to Clean Energy Expansion**

Panel discussion on logistical, technical, economic, and political challenges to deep decarbonization and 100% clean energy (e.g., transmission needs, limitations of storage technologies, supply chain/rare mineral issues, high inflation, the pandemic). The session will emphasize strategies for how CESA organizations can maintain momentum in their decarbonization, clean energy industry development, and equity efforts.

- Moderator: Warren Leon, CESA Executive Director
- Panelists:
  - Rob Gramlich, President, Grid Strategies and Executive Director, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid
  - Ben Paulos, Principal, PaulosAnalysis and Senior Research Associate, 100% Clean Energy Collaborative
  - Devashree Saha, Senior Associate, World Resources Institute
  - Karen Wayland, Chief Executive Officer, GridWise Alliance

## **3:30 PM**

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### **Session 6**

#### **Where to Go from Here?**

The meeting will conclude with a discussion of follow-up actions CESA and CESA members should take coming out of the two-day meeting. Follow-on virtual sessions and topics.

- Moderator: Warren Leon, Executive Director, CESA

## **4:15 PM – ADJOURN**

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