

Imperial Valley Economic & Energy Summit
June 12-14, 2024
Sponsored by SoCal Gas & University of California, Riverside

Day 1 June 12th – Brawley Elks Lodge

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm | **Economic Forum on Project Topics**

Sponsored by County of Imperial

- **Timothy Kelley**, President/CEO, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
- **Ryan Kelley**, District 4 - Board of Supervisors, County of Imperial
- **Eric Reyes**, Executive Director, Los Amigos de la Comunidad
- **Elizabeth Espinoza**, Community Affairs Liaison, EnergySource Minerals
- **Roy DiBenerdini**, Founder/CEO, Clean Water Ventures
- **Roque Barros**, Executive Director, Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation
- **Timothy Kelley**, President/CEO, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm | **Reception at the Brawley Elks Lodge**

Sponsored by CalEthos

Day 2 June 13th – Imperial Valley College

7:30 am | **Registration & Breakfast**

Sponsored by Southwest Security

Corredor 2720

8:30 am – 9:00 am | **Welcome**

Introductions by Timothy Kelley

- **Jason Jackson**, Chair, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
- **Dr. Lennor Johnson**, President, Imperial Valley College
- **Luis Plancarte**, Chairman, District 2 – Board of Supervisors, County of Imperial

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9:00 am – 9:30 am | **Opening Speaker – Lithium Valley Tech Hub Presentation**

Sponsored by RWE

- **Rosibel Ochoa**, Assistant Vice Chancellor, UCR

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9:30 am – 10:45 am | **Innovations in Energy**

Sponsored by Sunrise Strategies Group

- **Moderator, Laura McDonald**, President, Sunrise Strategies Group
- **Steve Lawrence**, Principle, Secure Energy Sources
- **Justina Gamboa-Arce**, Senior Water Resources Planner, Imperial Irrigation District
- **Karen Mathis**, CFO & Co-Founder, NSAI Energy
- **Eric Oesterling**, Senior Project Development Manager, Horizon West Transmission
- **Shayne Ferber**, Director of Development, Nightpeak Energy

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10:45 am – 11:30 am | **Lithium Valley Specific Plan Area Formation**

- **Moderator, Shannon Baer**, Senior Community Planner, RICK Engineering
- **Matt Valerio**, Principal/Project Director, Dudek
- **Shavger Rekani, PE, CFM**, Associate, RICK Water Resources
- **Brian Mooney**, Senior Vice President of Planning and Design Division, Rick Engineering

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11:30 am – 12:30 pm | **Lithium & Geothermal Panel**

Sponsored by EnergySource Minerals

- **Moderator, Charlene Wardlow**
- **Alissa Sanchez**, Director Permitting – Business Development, ORMAT Technologies
- **Jim Turner**, President, Controlled Thermal Resources
- **Carmen Rene**, Chief Financial Officer, EnergySource Minerals

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- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm | **Lunch** **Corredor 2720**
Sponsored by Sun Community Federal Credit Union
- **Patrick Carey**, President/CEO, Sun Community Federal Credit Union
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm | **Green Fleets, Policy and Compliance Panel** **Lecture Hall 2734**
Sponsored by Procopio
- **Moderator, John Lormon**, Partner, Procopio
 - **Patty Monahan**, Commissioner, California Energy Commission
 - **Hannon Rasool**, Director of Fuels & Transportation, California Energy Commission
 - **Jose Marquez**, International Border Studies & Freight Planning – Chief, California Department of Transportation
- 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm | **Zero & Near Zero Emission Vehicles Panel** **Lecture Hall 2734**
Sponsored by SoCal Gas
- **Moderator, Deborah McGarrey**, Public Affairs Manager, SoCal Gas
 - **Roy DiBenerdini**, Founder/CEO, Clean Water Ventures
 - **Walter Watcher**, Chief of Capital Projects, Sunline
 - **Geoff Hirson**, President/CEO, Indaba Renewable Fuels
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm | **Meeting of the Moderators** **Lecture Hall 2734**
 A dynamic exchange among moderators, summarizing key takeaways from the day's panels, enriched by interactive audience engagement through Q&A sessions.
- 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | **Reception** **Corredor 2720**
Sponsored by Rick Engineering and BHE Renewables
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Day 3 June 14th – Imperial Valley College

- 8:00 am | **Breakfast** **Corredor 2720**
Sponsored by Intersect Power
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am | **Imperial Valley's New Economy** **Lecture Hall 2734**
- **John McMillan**, Assistant Vice President of Economic Development, San Diego State University
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am | **Recompete Pilot Program** **Lecture Hall 2734**
- **Karen Connolly**, Senior Director of Workforce Development, San Diego Regional Policy Innovation Center
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am | **K-16 Collaborative** **Lecture Hall 2734**
- **Sally Cox**, CEO, Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges
- 10:00 am – 11:15 am | **Lithium Valley Workforce Study** **Lecture Hall 2734**
Sponsored by Employment Training Panel
- **Erik Freeman**, Chairman, Imperial County Workforce Development Board
 - **Priscilla Lopez**, Director of Workforce & Economic Development, County of Imperial
 - **Ryan Kelley**, District 4 - Board of Supervisors, County of Imperial
 - **Efrain Silva**, Dean of Workforce & Economic Development, Imperial Valley College
- 11:15am – 12:00pm | **California Jobs First** **Lecture Hall 2734**
- **Moderator, Roque Barros**, Executive Director, Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation
 - **Timothy Kelley**, President/CEO, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
 - **Sher Cowie**, CEO, Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
 - **Bobby Brock**, President/CEO, Imperial Valley Community Foundation
 - **Alma Silva**, Chief Operations Officer, Imperial Regional Alliance
 - **Gil Rebollar**, Deputy CEO, County of Imperial
 - **Eddie Matthew**, Regional Research Associate, San Diego & Imperial County Excellence

SUMMIT CONCLUSION