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INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Select Committee on Permitting Reform

Understanding the Permitting Impediments to Addressing the Housing and Climate Crises

California State Capitol, Room 447
Tuesday, June 18, 2024
9:00am-12:00pm

AGENDA

- I. Opening Remarks from Chair Wicks and Select Committee Members**
- II. Perspective from Academic Experts**
 - a. Housing: Nick Marantz, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy, University of California, Irvine
 - b. Clean Energy: Michael Wara, Director of the Climate and Energy Policy Program, Stanford University
 - c. Water: Newsha Ajami, Chief Strategic Development Officer for Research in the Earth and Environmental Sciences Area (EESA), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
 - d. Climate Resilience: Steve Bohlen, Senior Director, Government and External Affairs, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- III. State Government Perspective**
 - a. Christopher Calfee, Special Counsel to the Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
 - b. Shannan West, Housing Accountability Unit Chief, California Department of Housing and Community Development
- IV. International/National Best Practices**
 - a. Lars Moller Christiansen, Danish Environmental Protection Agency
 - b. Gillian Black, New York State Energy Research & Development Authority

V. Practitioner Testimony

- a. Clean Energy: Marisa Mitchell, Principal, Intersect Power
- b. Clean Energy: Rick Umoff, Director of Government Affairs, Vineyard Offshore
- c. Housing: Margo Bradish, Partner, Cox Castle
- d. Housing: Nevada Merriman, Vice President Policy & Advocacy, MidPen Housing
- e. Housing: Robin Baral, Senior Counsel, Hanson Bridgett
- f. Climate Resilience: John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, Valley Water
- g. Climate Resilience: Keith Dunn, on behalf of Sites Project Authority
- h. Climate Resilience: John Kennedy, Policy Advocate, County Representatives of California

VI. Public Comment

VII. Closing Remarks from the Committee Chair