WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Economic Opportunities and Impacts Relating to DCPP Closure October 17, 2019 (1:30 PM – 6:00 PM)

Workshop Presenters

Maureen Zawalick is the Senior Director of Regulatory, Risk Management, and Decommissioning for Generation at PG&E. In this role, she is responsible for regulatory strategies and compliance programs, enterprise and operational risk management, decommissioning, geosciences, used nuclear fuel management, cyber security, land and environmental stewardship and academic partnerships. In the last five years, she was also the Director of Risk and Compliance and served as the Chief of Staff for the Senior Vice President, Generation, and Chief Nuclear Officer where she was involved with the overall strategic direction, planning, and oversight of PG&E's utility owned generation. Maureen has a degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Wisconsin and lives in San Luis Obispo.

Guy Savage currently serves as the Assistant County Administrative Officer for the County of San Luis Obispo. Guy discovered his passion for public service when he created a non-profit organization designed to preserve and maintain a small, privately-owned parcel that serves as the only community park in Los Olivos. He is currently helping our region solve problems related to the closure of Diablo Canyon, mental illness, aging infrastructure, cannabis, and more.

Dave Christy recently retired as Provost at Baruch College in the City University of New York and returned to the Central Coast. He served as Dean of Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business from 2004-2013. Dave also served on the EVC Board, Cancer Support Community, and SLO County Economic Forecast.

Melissa James serves as President & CEO of the Hourglass Project. Before joining the Hourglass Project, Melissa served as the Director of Economic Initiatives and Regional Advocacy at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, where she worked on a variety of initiatives that gave birth to the Hourglass Project. A Cal Poly graduate, Melissa has compiled a proven track record of building highly effective coalitions and teams focused on the intersection of public policy and economic development. She believes that innovative approaches and results-oriented coalitions are critical to increasing economic opportunity for all Central Coast residents.

Andrew Hackleman is the Vice President of Strategy for the Hourglass Project. Previously, Andrew was the Home Builders Association Executive Director. Andrew enjoys challenging problems and collaborating on effective solutions. He has an extensive background in strategy, analysis, performance measurement and operational leadership, and is a retired U.S. Air Force Officer. While in the military, Andrew successfully led teams, large and small, on strategy, analysis, logistics and program management experience, including oversight of multi-billion-dollar projects.

Bob Linscheid is the Special Advisor to the President of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for Economic Development, leading the integration of economic development, regional collaboration and business attraction for Tech Park initiatives at Cal Poly. He is the past President / CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for California State University, having served from 2005 to 2014. Currently Bob serves on the Board of the Hourglass Project. He received his bachelor's and Master's in Public Administration from Chico State University and an Honorary Doctorate from San Francisco State.

Michael A. Houlemard, Jr. serves as Executive Officer for the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), which is a broadly representative agency located on the Monterey Bay, responsible for former Fort Ord conversion to civilian reuse program. His professional career spans 30 years in community planning, real property development, business training, and economic forecasting, including managing several successful multi-interest partnerships to complete regional and larger-scale projects. Prior to assuming his current post in 1997, Michael served as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and as Director of Community Planning and Land Development for the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Kailie Johnson is passionate about urbanism, mobility, and community connection. During her years at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (Bachelor of Architecture, '18), she moved between Chicago, Los Angeles, and southern Germany where she participated in a year-long exchange program at Hochschule Biberach, University of Applied Sciences. She currently lives in San Diego and is pursuing her architectural license.

Citizen Panel Discussion Participants

- Dave Garth, former CEO, San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce
- Jeremy Goldberg, Executive Director, Central Coast Labor Council
- Michael Houlemard, Executive Officer, Fort Ord Reuse Authority
- Cordelia Parry, Executive Director of SLO County Builders Exchange
- James Worthley, Regional Planning Division Chief, SLOCOG
- Larry Werner, CEO, North Coast Engineering (Retired)
- Myraline Morris Whitaker (representing tourism in the county)

Dave Garth retired in 2011 after a 39-year career as President/CEO of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce where he helped develop the Chamber into one of the most influential public policy Chambers in the state. Previous to his Chamber career, Dave was a television journalist. For the past 40 years, he's also been a nationally published photographer specializing in endangered landscapes, wildlife and cultures.

Jeremy Goldberg serves as Executive Director of the Central Coast Labor Council.

Myraline Morris Whitaker built her decades long Hospitality Industry career as head of Marketing in several of California's most prominent hotels, located in Los Angeles and San Diego, and has managed marketing for Visitors and Conventions Bureaus in two of the country's largest markets, Los Angeles and Houston. She relocated to San Luis Obispo County in 2005 to operate five hotels and two restaurants. She was also President of the Board, for the then named San Luis Obispo County's Visitor's and Conference Bureau, and now serves as a Board Member of the California Lodging Industry Association (CLIA). In 2008, she formed Central Coast of California Hospitality, LLC, a Management Company presently operating the SeaCrest Oceanfront Hotel and Inn at the Cove, both on the Pismo Beach Bluffs.

Cordelia Perry serves as Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo County Builders Exchange. She has been involved in the Construction Industry for over 20 years and represents 500 local Central Coast Construction companies.

James Worthley is the Regional Planning Division Chief with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, responsible for transportation planning, coordination, and programming in SLO County. With over 20 years of experience, James has served in a variety of capacities, including Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy development, regional housing needs assessments, programming and project delivery, traffic modeling, and preparing financial assessments and alternatives. He has a B.S. degree in City Regional Planning from Cal Poly and a master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning from SJSU. In his free time, James enjoys taking his family to the region's many outdoor offerings, including bike paths, hiking trails, and so many other activities.

Larry Werner served as President and CEO of North Coast Engineering (NCE) until 2018 and has over 36-years' experience in land development engineering, land entitlement, project design and project construction, including 8-years working on the construction of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. He currently has a consulting service, Larry Werner Consulting, and is involved with land development projects. Larry also serves in numerous city and county volunteer and appointed positions. He has supervised a number of projects ranging from large residential subdivisions, complex commercial projects, and destination resort projects. Project involvement has ranged from tentative map layout to final approvals including coordination with City/County Planning and Engineering Departments, State and Federal Agencies, and presentation of projects before Planning Commissions, City Councils, and Board of Supervisors.