

# 2010 Sierra Land Use & Sustainability Summit



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*Keeping light in the range.*

May 27, 2010  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Stonehouse Hospitality Academy  
Nevada City, CA

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9:00 a.m. – **Registration**  
9:30 a.m.

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9:30 a.m. – **Welcoming Remarks and Group Activity**  
10:30 a.m.

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10:30 a.m. – **Morning Workshop I** - Facilitated by Mali Dyck, Executive Director of APPLE-NC  
12:00 p.m. **Sierra Stories: Communities in the Sierra Moving Toward a Sustainable Future**

This workshop will explore the benefits and challenges of both top-down and ground-up approaches to improving city and regional sustainability—from the establishment of a city sustainability commission in South Lake Tahoe to grassroots collaborative action in the Nevada City area and in the Calaveras and Tuolumne county region. These sustainability movements are working to change the ways in which individuals conceive of the relationship between their built environment and the social and economic health of their communities. The discussion will cover the benefits and challenges of improving city and regional sustainability and address topics such as: energy efficiency, locally grown food, elimination of disposable bags and water conservation.

*Reinette Senum, Mayor, Nevada City*

*Patricia Hickson, Sustainability Commissioner, City of South Lake Tahoe*

*Randy Crutcher, Johanna Atman and Jan Schmidiger  
Foothill Collaborative for Sustainability (FoCuS), Calaveras and Tuolumne counties*

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12:00p.m. – **Lunch Break**  
1:00p.m. *Catered by Stonehouse Hospitality Academy*

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1:05p.m. – **Afternoon Workshop I**: Facilitated by Marion Gee, Sierra Nevada Alliance  
2:20p.m. **Integrating Climate Change Into Land Use and Natural Resource Plans**

This session will introduce the Sierra Nevada Alliance's 3rd edition of the Sierra Climate Change Toolkit and cover the most recent regulation, policy direction and incentives to reduce emissions, and adapt to climate change. Special focus will be placed on resource planning, including land use planning. Invited speakers will discuss case studies and strategies relevant to the Sierra on how to reduce emissions and adapt.

*Marion Gee and Nick Santos, Sierra Nevada Alliance*

*Lisa Trankley, Deputy Attorney General and Terry Watt, consultant, Attorney General's Office*

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*Marni Koopman, ClimateWise program, National Center for Conservation and Science and Policy*

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**2:20p.m. –  
2:30 p.m.**      **Afternoon Break**

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**2:30p.m.-  
3:40p.m.**      **Afternoon Workshops II**  
**Breakout room A (upstairs): Natural Resource Management and Privately Owned Properties** Facilitated by Patricia Hickson, Sierra Nevada Alliance

The Sierra Nevada is filled with small and large parcels of privately owned land with a history of use in agriculture, ranching, mining and timber production. From giant Sierra Pacific Industry owned parcels, to neighborhood farms, to mining brownfield sites – these properties dot the landscapes and communities of the foothills. As the economic climate and resource extraction industries of California and the U.S. change, so do perspectives on the best use of these properties. Learn from state-wide experts about TPZ rezoning dilemmas, how the state budget crisis may affect Williams Act contracts in the foothills and how the impacts of legacy mining may be impacting growth and development in your region.

*Gabe Ross, Attorney, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP*

*Chuck Mills, Associate Director of California Council of Land Trusts*

*Elizabeth “Izzy” Martin, Executive Director, Sierra Fund*

**Breakout room B (main room): Energy Efficiency and Local Policy**

Energy efficiency and conservation are key elements to reducing emissions and have become national priorities with more opportunities, tools and resources available now than ever. This session will look at local policies and programs that facilitate the proliferation of both residential and community-scale retrofit projects for existing buildings: AB 811 municipal financing as recently demonstrated through Placer County’s MPOWER Program, building performance standards and PG&E’s new Whole House program. Learn about new and existing programs and from the experience of communities who have seized these opportunities.

*Kimberly Hawley, MPOWER AB 811 municipal financing program and Chief Deputy Treasurer at the Treasurer Tax Collector Department of Placer County*

*Michael Thompson, California Building Performance Contractors Association*

*Dan Perunko, Home Performance Contractor and PG&E Consultant*

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**3:45p.m. –  
4:30 p.m.**      **Afternoon Workshops III**  
Group break-out  
Field trip to the newly constructed APPLE Center for Sustainability for coffee and cookies

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*Thanks for joining us!*

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