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**Sunrise from the West**

*By*

**Commissioner David Hochschild**  
*California Energy Commission*

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 2:00-3:00pm, RTH-526 and  
Webinar**

**ABSTRACT:**

Commissioner Hochschild will be providing an overview of California's progress in building a clean energy future. Highlighted will be some of the key trends in innovation and clean technology markets.



**BIO:**

David Hochschild was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in February 2013. He fills the environmental position on the five-member Commission where four of the five members by law are required to have professional training in specific areas - engineering or physical science, environmental protection, economics, and law.

Commissioner Hochschild's career has spanned public service, environmental advocacy and the private sector. He first got involved in the solar energy field in 2001 in San Francisco as a Special Assistant to Mayor Willie Brown where he launched a citywide \$100 million initiative to put solar panels on public buildings. He went on to co-found the Vote Solar Initiative, a 60,000-member advocacy organization promoting solar policies at the local, state and federal level. He served as executive director of a national consortium of leading solar manufacturers and worked for five years at Solaria, a solar company in Silicon Valley. In 2007-2008, he served as a commissioner at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

For his work to advance clean energy, Commissioner Hochschild was awarded the Sierra Club's Trailblazer Award, the American Lung Association's Clean Air Hero Award and the Department of Energy's Million Solar Roof True Champion Award. Commissioner Hochschild holds a B.A. degree from Swarthmore College and a Masters of Public Policy degree from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and was a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs.

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