



# Integrated Renewable Energy

## Community Action for Distributed Energy Resources

### The New IRESN

The Integrated Resources Network (IRESN) and Communities for Advanced Distributed Energy Resources (CADER) are pleased to announce a new partnership. Its aim is to promote more effective engagement between local jurisdictions and energy service providers toward accelerated deployment of local energy resources. Its strategy is to identify and call attention to cases of exemplary, integrative collaborations.

What this means for IRESN:

- A new name, i.e. “Integrated Renewable Energy Systems Network, Inc.”
- A seasoned, integrative and professionally active board of directors
- Responsibility to build on CADER’s 15 year legacy of advocacy for decentralized energy resources
- Registration as a 501.c.6 business league
- An updated IRESN website
- Resumption of outreach to the IRES network, emphasizing updates on local energy resource integration topics

To read more, [click here](#).

### Event: The Business of Local Energy, May 5th

The Center for Climate Protection along with our partners at the [Local Government Commission](#) and the [Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition](#) will offer our third Business of Clean Energy Symposium at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach on May 5th, 2017. The Symposium will convene government, business, and community leaders to accelerate California’s shift to a clean energy economy. The event provides a forum to exchange ideas about Community Choice Energy programs and to learn about current energy policy, regulations, markets, and technology. Featured speakers include California Senate President Kevin de Leon, Senator Ben Allen, and California CPUC President Michael Picker. [Click here](#) for an event flier, including Symposium topics.

At the symposium, IRESN’s Gerry Braun will moderate a panel of industry experts speaking to the possibility and desirability of 100% renewable portfolios heavily reliant on local resource integrated at an affordable cost.

### Event: Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum, June 14 & 15

The Local Government Commission is holding its [8th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum](#) in Fresno, California. IRESN’s Gerry Braun will speak at a plenary session on the 15<sup>th</sup> that will discuss the electricity grid and highlight grid modernization efforts to solve the challenges of integrating

conventional and renewable sources with energy storage and smart buildings. He will cover trends and opportunities toward an "integrated decentralized" grid structure, and the role of local governments in modernizing the grid.