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The Verde Group, Rafael Aguilara: Mr. Aguilara co-founded the Verde Group in 2007 and began offering his consulting and lobbying services to progressive non-profits who shared his vision of starting a clean energy revolution in California. Mr. Aguilara has worked on behalf of the two largest and most prominent regional environmental coalitions in California (Central Valley and Los Angeles), climate and clean energy advocacy non-profits, as well as community-based social justice organizations. As one of the architects of California's landmark climate bill, AB 32 (2006), Mr. Aguilara helped negotiate the first economy-wide carbon cap in the world with community and public health protections, provisions that call for an equitable share of investments in disadvantaged communities, and a standing environmental justice advisory committee. The Verde Group will address the original intentions of AB 32, and the realities that have emerged.

California Energy Commission, Panama Bartholomy: Mr. Bartholomy is an advisor for Jackalynne Pfannenstiel, the Chair of the California Energy Commission where he works on green building, climate change, renewable energy and transmission and biofuels policy. He participates in the Governor's Green Action Team, the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Taskforce and the Collaborative for High Performance Schools. The CEC's focus will surround the policy side of energy issues and how they affect our low-income families.

California Public Utilities Commission, Keri Bolding: Ms. Bolding is a Senior Communications Advisor for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), working to position California as a global leader in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and aggressive emissions reduction legislation. She currently directs the Workforce Education and Training Task Force, the Marketing Education and Outreach Task Force, and related efforts to achieve the Commission's goals in these areas under California's recently adopted Long Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan. The CPUC will discuss existing and planned Workforce Education and Training programs and efforts across the state focused on energy efficiency and clean energy facilitated by regulated utilities. They will address proactive steps to ensure that minority, low-income and disadvantaged communities fully participate in training and education programs at all levels of the DSM and energy efficiency industry.

KEMA, Kathleen Gaffney: Ms. Gaffney is a Director in KEMA's Sustainable Market Strategies business practice. She has been consulting on all aspects of energy efficiency projects for nearly 20 years, and she has an extremely successful track record managing energy program evaluation and market assessment studies throughout the U.S. Recently, Ms. Gaffney managed the CPUC's Low Income Needs Assessment Study, which relied on data collected from 1,500 onsite surveys of qualified, low-income households throughout the state. KEMA will highlight on the design and availability of new technologies for the low-income community. This presentation will draw on the research completed in the CPUC's recent low income needs assessment study, as well as more recent energy efficiency plans and proposals targeting California's low income population.

Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, Carole Gates: As the primary field agent for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Ms. Gates builds partnerships to develop, commercialize and encourage the use of those technologies, and in doing so, works closely with DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, other national laboratories, the private sector, state and

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local governments, and many other stakeholders across the nation. Ms. Gates is the DOE Program Officer at the Golden Field Office for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for the Western States. She works closely with each state to implement the DOE WAP through rule interpretations, training, guidance, and support. Ms. Gates represents the program at all levels and acts as a liaison between states, DOE Headquarters, and the National Energy Technology Laboratory Project Management Center. DOE will address where the department is going in the future with respect to energy efficiency.

California Workforce Investment Board, Barbara Halsey: designees, **Ken Quesada & Moreen Lane** are representatives of the Accountability in Workforce Investment Committee. This special committee of California Work Investment Board (CALWIA) is one of four that focuses on the workforce policy priority, “Ensuring the accountability of public and private workforce investments.” CALWIA Board members are appointed by the Governor and represent the many facets of workforce development – business, labor, public education, higher education, economic development, youth activities, employment and training, as well as the Legislature. Ms. Halsey currently serves as Executive Director of the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Department. CALWIA will address the growing green workforce that is being created through the development of green technology.

California Air Resources Board, Jerry Hart: California’s Legislature established the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in 1967 to study the causes and solutions of air pollution in order to promote and maintain healthy air quality. CARB will provide an overview of the AB 32 Scoping Plan and Cap and Trade.

California Solar Energy Industries Association (CALSEIA), Sue Kateley: Sue Kateley is Executive Director of CALSEIA, a position she returned to in 2007 following 20 years at the California Energy Commission. From 1983 to 1986, Sue served as Executive Director of CALSEIA. California Solar Energy Industries Association supports the widespread adoption of solar thermal and photovoltaic systems by educating consumers, supporting solar legislation and conducting business in a professional and ethical manner. CALSEIA will further look at the overall intentions and results of policy makers and utilities, highlighting where the strengths and weaknesses lie.

Redwood Community Action Agency, Val Martinez: Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) is a locally based, private non-profit organization that provides a wide range of services to low and moderate income residents of Humboldt County. It’s long-term goal is to develop programs through which people can become self-sufficient and empowered to improve their own lives. There are 52 Community Action Agencies in California and approximately 900 nationwide.

California Community Colleges, Workforce Development Programs, José Millan: José Millan was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as Vice Chancellor on the California Apprenticeship Council in December 2005. In this capacity, he oversees the programs within the Economic Development and Workforce Preparation Division. The mission of the economic and workforce development program is to advance California’s economic growth and global competitiveness through high quality education and services focusing on continuous workforce improvement. Mr. Millan will outline the impacts the increased stimulus allocation would have on the community colleges, specifically those in the green workforce with emphasis on solar energy.

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Association of California Community Energy and Services,

Arleen Novotney: Ms. Novotney serves as the Executive Director for the Association of California Community and Energy Services (ACCES). This organization comprises community action agencies, community based organizations, non-profit and for-profit organizations which provide energy services to low income households throughout California.

Maravilla Foundation, Ed Ocampo: Maravilla Foundation is a non-profit community organization in Los Angeles dedicated to providing comprehensive, multi-purpose no-cost social services to low income people, in order to improve their quality of life, help them become self-sufficient citizens and family providers, and break the cycle of poverty in communities most in need.

Central Coast Energy Services, Dennis Osmer: Central Coast Energy Services, Inc. of Santa Cruz and Monterey counties (CCES) strives to improve household safety, health, and economic security within our communities. CCES fosters community health and well being by providing energy conservation, consumer education, advocacy, home improvement, utility assistance, job training, and other services to people in need. At CCES we promote an environment of safety, hard work, teamwork, and high quality services.

California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), Renee Webster-Hawkins: The mission of the CA Department of Community Services & Development (CSD) is to administer and enhance energy and community service programs that result in an improved quality of life for the low-income population. CSD administers the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in California. The federal Department of Health and Human Services distributes funds to states annually to assist with energy bills and offset heating and/or cooling energy costs for eligible low-income households. California's share is approximately \$89 million annually, which CSD distributes to contracted community energy service providers.