



AGENDA | **Friday, April 25, 2025, CSUB Student Recreation Center**

8:00 am ***Welcome and Introductions***

Dr. Matthew Herman, Emcee/Moderator, Department of Geological Sciences, CSUB
Dr. Jane Dong, Dean, College of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering, CSUB
Dr. Vernon B. Harper Jr., President, CSUB

8:20 am ***Historic Opportunities Disguised as Insurmountable Challenges: Earth Systems, Energy Innovation, and Carbon Management***

CRC Energy Transition Lecture Series Speaker: Steve Bohlen, Senior Director, Office of Government & External Affairs, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

9:05 am ***Building a Robust Hydrogen Ecosystem***

Panel: Kevin Woo, Principal Engineer, EN Renewables at ENTRUST;
Iryna Zenyuk, Director of the National Fuel Cell Research Center, University of California Irvine;
Chris Jackson, Director, Hydrogen Generation and Fuel Cells, PHY Consulting Ltd.
Moderator: John Thompson, Manager of Science Services, California Council on Science and Technology

9:45 am ***Hydrogen Development and Infrastructure SME***

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Speaker: Chris Jackson, Director, Hydrogen Generation and Fuel Cells, PHY Consulting Ltd.

10:25 am ***COFFEE BREAK***

10:45 am ***Repurposing Idle Wells: Challenges and Opportunities***

Panelists: Bill Bartling, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Geo2Watts;
Mike Umbro, Partner, Premier Resource Management
Moderator: Eric Dhanens, Partner/Senior Advisor, Cornerstone Engineering, Inc.

11:25 am ***California Geological Survey's Modeling and Monitoring Activities in Support of Carbon Sequestration in California***

Speaker: Jeremy Lancaster, Director and State Geologist, California Geological Survey

11:55 am ***Economic Impacts of the Energy Transition***

Panelists: Patrick Harris, Director, Corporate Development, Carbon TerraVault, California Resources Corporation;
Lorelei Oviatt, Director, Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department;
Noah Deich, Senior Advisor, Carbon180
Moderator: Kate Gordon, CEO, California Forward

12:30 - 1:30 pm ***LUNCH***

Poster sessions: CSUB Student Research; Booths showcasing regional organizations and companies
Location: Solario de Fortaleza, Student Recreation Center

1:30 pm ***Fireside Chat : Decoding Senate Bill 905***

Speaker: Natalie Lee, Assistant Chief of Industrial Strategies Division, California Air Resources Board
Moderator: Tony Rathburn, Interim Director of the California Energy Research Center

2:00 pm ***Evaluation and Mitigation of Induced Seismicity***

Speaker: Kayla Kroll, Research Geophysicist, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

2:20 pm ***A New Method for Continuous Monitoring of CO2 Containment***

Speaker: Terence O'Sullivan, Petrophysical Consultant

2:40 pm ***Caprock Integrity and Secure Hydrogen Storage in Porous Rocks***

Speaker: Liaosha Song, Associate Professor of Geology, Department of Geological Sciences, CSUB

3:00 pm ***FINAL REMARKS***

Dr. James L. Rodríguez, Interim Provost, CSUB; Dr. Matthew Herman



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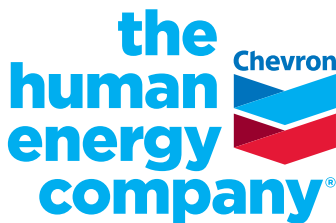
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