

DFG Climate College

Lecture #1

Title: California leading the way on climate action: where we go next is up to you!

Speakers: Chuck Bonham, Director, DFG

Ken Alex, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jerry Brown, Director of the Office of Planning and Research

Cliff Rechtschaffen, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jerry Brown

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Date: September 18, 2012 (Tuesday)

Time: 1:00 – 2:00PM

WebEx: Lecture is available to view via WebEx. We encourage DFG staff participating remotely to watch the lectures together by reserving a conference room with DSL. The powerpoint presentation will be posted in advance to minimize interruption for remote users due to WebEx or bandwidth complications.

Registration for Lecture #1

- **The September 18 lecture is full. The archived lecture will be posted online after September 21.**

Suggested reading materials recommended by the speaker


- Introduction of [Unity, Integration, and Action: DFG's Vision for Confronting Climate Change in California](#)
- [2009 California Climate Adaptation Strategy](#) Executive Summary (PDF)
- [Climate Change: Just the facts](#) (web page)
- [DFG Climate Science Program](#) (web page)
- [California Climate Change Portal](#) (web page)

Optional – for more information, consider the following resources

- [Our Changing Climate 2012: Vulnerability and Adaptation to the Increasing Risks from Climate Change in California](#) (PDF)
- [Voluntary Guidance for States to Incorporate Climate Change into State Wildlife Action Plans and Other Management Plans](#) Executive Summary (PDF)
- Conference Proceedings
 - [Vulnerability and Adaptation to Extreme Events in California in the Context of a Changing Climate: New Scientific Findings](#) (workshop)
 - [The Governor's Conference on Extreme Climate Risks and California's Future](#) (conference)

Speaker Biographies

Ken Alex: Ken Alex is a Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jerry Brown and the Director of the Office of Planning and Research. Before joining the Governor's Office, Ken was the Assistant Attorney General heading the environment section of the California Attorney General's Office, and the co-head of the Office's global warming unit. From 2000 to 2006, Ken led the California Attorney General's energy task force, investigating price and supply issues related to California's energy crisis. He spearheaded numerous settlement negotiations against power producers that collectively resulted in over \$5 billion of energy crisis-related recoveries for the State of California.



During his tenure at the Attorney General's Office, Ken handled cases under most federal and California environmental statutes, and negotiated dozens of significant settlements, including agreements with San Bernardino County and ConocoPhillips for the first required reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in the country.

California Lawyer named Ken an "Attorney of the Year" in 2004 for his work in energy law, and he received the ABA award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy in 2007 for global warming work. He has taught courses on environmental law and policy at Stanford, Hastings, and Golden Gate University.

Ken is a graduate of Harvard Law School and holds a B.A. in political theory from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Cliff Rechtschaffen: Clifford Rechtschaffen is a senior advisor in the Governor's Office, working on energy, environmental and agricultural issues. From 2007 to 2010 he was a special assistant attorney general for Attorney General Jerry Brown. He currently is on leave from Golden Gate University School of Law, where he taught environmental law and directed the environmental law program from 1993 to 2007. He is the author of several books and numerous articles about environmental law. Prior to becoming a professor at Golden Gate, he worked in the Environment Section of the California Attorney General's Office from 1986 to 1993. He is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School.