



California's Green Economy & Grant Funding: ILG Webinar Features California Consulting

In a thought-provoking discussion on the future of California's economy, industry leaders gathered for a webinar exploring the state's shift toward sustainability. Steve Samuelian, CEO of California Consulting, joined a distinguished panel to discuss the growing emphasis on green infrastructure, renewable energy, and sustainable economic development.

The panel, which included Larry J. Kosmont (CEO, Kosmont Companies), Joseph Dieguez (Sr. VP, Kosmont Companies), Bonnie Lipscomb (Dir. of Housing & Econ Dev, City of Santa Cruz), and Brian Coleman (Project Financing Manager, GO-Biz), provided key insights into the \$1.2 trillion in available federal and state funding dedicated to climate action initiatives. Of particular focus was California's newly established Climate Resilience District, a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district designed to drive sustainability-focused economic growth.

Samuelian highlighted the critical role of grant funding in helping municipalities and businesses access financial resources for green energy, transportation, and housing projects. "This is a transformational moment for California. With tools like Proposition 4's

\$10 billion in sustainability funding, communities can take bold steps toward a greener future," he stated.

Moderated by Melissa Kuehne (Institute for Local Government), the discussion underscored the urgency of sustainability efforts and the economic opportunities they present. Attendees left with a deeper understanding of how to navigate emerging green funding opportunities and drive economic resilience.
