

Summary of the 2009
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Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa outlines the City's sustainability goals at the LABC Sustainability Summit on June 29, 2009.

Sustaining L.A.



U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, Summit Keynote

Los Angeles Primed to Lead **Green Economy**

By Mary Leslie

In industries from aerospace to transportation to entertainment, Los Angeles has long been a place where bold visions for business are realized. This propensity is becoming apparent once again as we embark on a new economic era—shaped by the challenges of global warming, foreign oil dependency and a great recession, and ripe with opportunities to create cleaner, more sustainable businesses.

Our emerging green economy is beginning to show important signs of life—a fact in evidence last month at the Los Angeles Business Council's Sustainability Summit. Attended by more than 500 policymakers, clean-tech innovators and green business leaders, the event showcased a wide range of sustainable companies in the region and highlighted the public and private collaboration that is necessary to spur green development.

Los Angeles is a base for many businesses building cutting-edge green products, such as NanoH2O, which is developing advanced membrane technology for water desalination and reuse using pioneering nanotechnology research from UCLA. The new local green economy also includes many established firms that have adapted their operations to incorporate sustainable practices—from Turner Construction, which has completed more than 82 LEED-certified projects, making it the largest green builder in the United States, to Safeway, which has taken supermarkets and corporate offices off the electricity grid to become the seventh largest retail purchaser of green power in the U.S.

These businesses and others have been spurred by a wide range of public investments and incentives to promote sustainable growth. Over the past several years, Los Angeles has dramatically increased the use of renewable energy through its Department of Water and Power, enacted one of the nation's toughest green building ordinances, mandated cleaner operations at the port, and created the Clean Tech Los Angeles Consortium—a partnership among the City, UCLA, USC, Caltech and business groups, working to develop clean-tech industries in the city.

While this progress is encouraging, it is just the beginning of the road. **That is why the Los Angeles Business Council has issued the following call to action, and is working to achieve five sustainability goals that will keep Los Angeles on the right track:**

- 1) We must ensure that the city receives its fair share of green stimulus dollars—in everything from research grants for local universities and businesses to directed Department of Energy programs, through which Los Angeles is primed to become a center for alternative energy research.
- 2) We must continue to develop the Clean Tech Los Angeles Consortium by attracting private capital and an anchor tenant to the newly designated Clean Tech Manufacturing Center in Downtown Los Angeles.
- 3) We must encourage smart growth and invest in major public transit improvements, leveraging federal stimulus funds and the new county-wide half-cent sales tax designated for transportation.
- 4) We must improve upon the city's landmark green building ordinance by enacting additional sustainable building requirements, such as water conservation and waste management.
- 5) We must expand the Department of Water and Power's solar feed-in tariff program so that more businesses, schools, hospitals and homeowners are able sell solar energy produced by rooftop photovoltaic panels back to the grid. This means refining the program's fee structure so that it is economically viable for many commercial and public-sector property owners to develop solar rooftop resources. Providing these incentives will be key to creating green jobs, adding to solar installations in the city and moving Los Angeles toward Mayor Villaraigosa's goal of generating more than 1,200 megawatts of solar power over the next five years.

Pursuing this overall green agenda will accelerate Los Angeles' movement toward a sustainable future, improving our environment, stimulating our economy and driving the invention of green technologies that will be used around the world. By leveraging significant public investment with the wealth of talent and ingenuity that Angelenos have long displayed, Los Angeles can become the model green city that will thrive in the 21st century.

Mary Leslie is the President of the Los Angeles Business Council.



More than 500 business leaders attended the 2009 LABC Sustainability Summit at the Getty.

In 2005, the Getty became the first facility in the country to be awarded a LEED certification for an existing building; in April 2008 the building was certified LEED Silver.

Business Leaders Address Sustainability

Sustainability Plus Leadership Equals Success

By Charles L. Harrington

Sustainability needs leadership to remain at the forefront in the construction industry and the world-at-large. Sustainability is generally defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Leadership sets the standard to produce the desired change. Leadership and commitment are critical to sustainability because we must constantly examine our personal daily routines to identify and implement solutions that efficiently and effectively make use of our natural resources.

Parsons embraced—and quickly became—a leader in sustainability. In fact, it is one of our six core values, along with safety, quality, integrity, diversity, and innovation. We plan, design, manage, and construct schools, bridges, airports, libraries, hospitals, power and communication facilities, water treatment plants, and public transit systems—the very infrastructure of our daily lives. We are working today to improve our communities for generations to come by designing schools that better educate our children, medical facilities that keep our families healthy, highway and transit systems that take us safely to our destinations and connect our communities and industries, and power and water facilities that provide the lifeblood of our homes and businesses. We strive to build them with an efficient carbon footprint and with as much clean, green, and innovative technology as possible. We help solve regional issues with the future in mind and in as eco-friendly a manner as possible.

Parsons is fortunate and proud to collaborate with many forward-thinking customers who believe strongly in sustainable solutions. Together, we have helped our customers achieve many landmark “green” projects, including the City of Los Angeles Branch Library Program, which in 2003 produced its first LEED Platinum-certified building. At that time, it was one of only nine buildings in the world certified at that level. We are working at Los Angeles International Airport on the major renovation of the Tom Bradley International Terminal, which, upon completion, will be the largest existing LEED-

NC (new construction) certified building for the City and will reduce energy and water usage by as much as 20 percent.

We are working with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to restore Lake Machado, providing the residents of Los Angeles with a unique opportunity to combine storm water solutions with urban renewal and habitat restoration. We collaborated with UCLA to develop and construct a chiller plant and cogeneration facility that provides electricity



for the entire campus: 41 megawatts of green energy. We are working on several major projects at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to help them meet their aggressive green goals. And we are helping the Los Angeles Unified School District plan and construct the next generation of LEED-equivalent schools/collaborative for higher performing schools (CHPS) that improve the learning environment for our children in the 26 different cities that the district serves while saving energy, resources, and money.

One of the most difficult things in life is to “walk the talk.” It is very easy to pick an issue and expound on what should be done. Leaders are those who take action and implement positive change. Parsons is proud to help our customers lead in delivering sustainable facilities and infrastructure for our future.

Charles L. Harrington is Chairman and CEO of Parsons



U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer arrives at 2009 LABC Sustainability Summit (from left to right: Pouria Abbassi, P.E., General Manager & CEO, Los Angeles Convention Center; Margareth Harper, Parsons; David Nahai, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; US Senator Barbara Boxer; Mary Leslie, LABC; and Brad Cox, Trammell Crow Company).



Kevin Ratner, President of Forest City Residential West, moderates “Partnership and Innovation- The Clean Tech LA Panel.”

Mid-Afternoon Panel: “How Will Energy And Water Policies Foster A Green Economy?”

Panelists include: Pouria Abbassi, P.E., General Manager & CEO, Los Angeles Convention Center; Randy Britt, Director of Sustainability Initiatives, Contract Professional, Los Angeles Unified School District; Stephen Compagni Portis, CEO and Chairman, Renewable Funding; Virginia Grebbien, P.E., Executive Vice President, Business Development, Parsons Water and Infrastructure Inc; Mike Massey, Executive Vice President, National ITC Corporation; and Zeke Triana, AIA, Director, Facilities Planning Design & Construction, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

How the Piping Industry Will Play a Key Role in Water and Electricity Conservation

By Mike Massey

Most everyone knows and understands that most of the water we drink and use for all of our other domestic personal hygiene reasons must be imported into Southern California. Fewer people know how much electricity is used to pump the water we use. State agencies have placed the amount of electricity used to pump water in the State of California at 20% of all electricity generated.

The EPA states that leaving a cold water faucet on for five minutes uses more electricity than leaving a 60 watt light bulb on for 14 hours!

Clearly, the correlation between water and power is permanent and will always be a factor in conserving both of these vital resources.

Simply considering water conserves electricity – we already know that – but conservation is only a part of what must be done. We must reuse and recycle water. The good news is we can do much more than we are doing now. The bad news is that there are perceptions about the costs associated with these measures. In addition, we face challenges in getting reuse/recycle provisions added to the entrenched plumbing codes and standards, which provide the level of safety and health most of us take for granted.

The design and engineering components of plumbing and piping systems are already capable of meeting the needs of water reuse/recycling. The contracting industry certainly exists. With little re-training, the skilled Southern California Pipe Trades Union are well-equipped to install reuse/recycling systems. So what do we need to start reusing/recycling water?

We need political champions who are willing to shake things up. We need innovators and change makers. We need courageous visionaries—and, most of all, we need to address costs. Only when the building industry takes into account the long-term cost savings of reusing and recycling water will we see dual pipe systems, extensive use of reclaimed water, gray water systems, rain water harvesting systems and other already existing reuse/recycling systems.

There is no doubt that getting reclaimed water to high density- high use areas will require large and costly civil engineering projects in addition to the piping systems required in the structures themselves. Yes, there is a cost to water reuse; what we must decide is that we CANNOT afford the price of not reusing and recycling water.

Mike Massey is Executive Director of the Piping Industry Progress and Education Trust Fund

For Safeway, Managing Energy Costs is Good Business

By Joseph H. Pettus

At Safeway, 'Green' is a profit center. And there is nothing wrong with that.

And there is absolutely nothing easy about it either.

Safeway operates in the greater Los Angeles area under the Vons and Pavilions banners. In California, we operate 520 stores, which makes Safeway one of the largest commercial consumers of electricity in the state.

As one of California's largest employers, it is essential that we control our costs, while delivering fresh and competitively priced products to our customers. This creates jobs and supports the local economy.

So the goal is to protect the environment, reduce costs and create jobs. No easy task. But we have done it.

How?

First, our philosophy is to manage our energy costs just like we manage our health care costs: with a creative and pioneering spirit. Several years ago, the California Legislature created something called Direct Access, or DA. This allowed commercial customers, like Safeway, to choose their energy provider, just like each of us have the right to pick our own cell phone provider.

So rather than source all of our energy needs through the local utility, Safeway selected the newest, cleanest, state-of-the-art electricity generation facilities that were independently owned. They are called combined-cycle, natural gas-fired facilities. What this means is that they are very efficient, and less polluting than older facilities. We bought our own natural gas, delivered it to

them and paid them to 'toll' it into electricity.

As a result, Safeway saved money. At the same time we reduced our carbon footprint. Win, win. But we didn't stop there. In fact, it was just a start.

With a portion of our savings from DA electricity costs, Safeway invested in renewable energy. According to the EPA Green Power Partnership program, Safeway has been one of the Top 10 national retail purchasers of wind energy since 2005.

We also pioneered investments in solar energy. By the end of this year we plan to have nearly 20 acres of solar panels on our roofs in California. Every bit of the energy generated on our roofs is directed into our stores; it is never sold back to the local utility. Later this year we will open our first store to be powered with cutting edge, high-efficiency fuel cells. Natural gas in, electricity out, with no moving parts. These fuel cells were designed, tested and built right here in California. More energy savings. More jobs.

What's next for Safeway? Well, I can't tell you...it's a secret. But I can reiterate one point: When it comes to renewable energy, Safeway is a pioneer. But pioneers don't have maps. The future of green energy is dependent upon the action, or the lack of action, taken by our elected leaders in Sacramento. Renewable energy needs investment incentives and legislative clarity.

The most effective energy policies provide businesses the flexibility to innovate. This state, its people (our customers) and the environment will all be better for it.

Joseph H. Pettus is Senior Vice President - Fuel & Energy, Safeway Inc.

Metro: On the Cutting Edge of Mobility

By Arthur T. Leahy

At the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) we are on the cutting edge of solving some of the region's largest mobility challenges - building a world-class transportation system that includes a conscious effort toward "being green."

Metro is a multi-modal agency and we are different from other transit agencies because we are the regional transportation planner, builder and transit operator for Los Angeles County. We are committed to providing a sustainable transit system -- as the operator of the largest fleet of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses in the country, as well as hosting the largest solar panel installation in the transit industry. Additionally, we have aggressively pursued federal stimulus monies to continue to implement our sustainability and energy efficiency programs.

Metro's overall sustainability program incorporates the various elements of sustainability -- air quality, energy, solid waste, water, and other support elements into the agency's operations and infrastructure -- without compromising our core mission of moving people efficiently and effectively.

Measure R, the half-cent sales tax initiative approved by the voters of this region last November, will go a long way in improving our infrastructure and improving the region's mobility through a host of vital transportation projects that will be built and operated over the next 30 years.

Through this effort, we see a continued expansion of our rail network, providing more transportation options for our customers and a network of highway projects and local street

and intersection improvements that make sense in a region suffering from traffic congestion.

In addition, Measure R provides us the ability to form and expand working partnerships with cities, communities and local businesses. At the same time, Measure R will generate thousands of jobs for the region while improving mobility and reducing pollution and saving energy.

In a nutshell, Measure R has allowed us to add needed transportation projects such as a Westside Extension of the Subway and the downtown Los Angeles Regional Connector and the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line to Azusa in the San Gabriel Valley, the Crenshaw Line, and an extension of the Green Line to the airport, just to name a few, to Metro's plans for the future.

The Los Angeles region is one of the most important urban regions in the world. Metro's influence on the cities and the improvements it can bring to the region's transportation system is key to the environment and economy. An example of this is good movements, which offers traffic congestion relief and reduces air pollution. High Speed Rail is another important mode to bring efficient high speed train service linking cities throughout the state.

At Metro we continue to strive for solutions to traffic congestion to give the public transit options that encourage them to leave their cars at home and take public transportation. Now is the time to invest in public transit and start changing commuter behavior by offering vital transportation solutions that work.

Arthur T. Leahy is CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

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Green Cleaning: Good for Health, the Environment and Business

By Michael Mahdesian

The built environment has become the focus of many who are trying to reduce carbon emissions, minimize toxins going into the waste stream, and improve the indoor air quality. "Green Cleaning" has become a vital tool in helping achieve some of those goals. It can also contribute up to 26 percent of a building becoming LEED Certified, and improve the bottom line of building owners and property managers.

Green Cleaning is defined as cleaning that protects health without harming the environment. 90 percent of our time is spent indoors. Indoor air quality tends to be two to five times more polluted, contributing to increased rates of asthma, allergies, and other chronic illnesses. A good green cleaning program can help reduce those trends while increasing productivity and morale for building occupants. Green Cleaning can also make a big dent in the volume of waste, as well as the type of waste, entering the environment.

All this has changed the way building owners and managers look at our company. As a janitorial contractor, we were seen as a necessary service, but not given much consideration beyond the efficiencies we could achieve. Today, we are embraced as part of our customers' sustainability teams. We are asked to be highly visible partners in helping educate their tenants on how our green practices are improving the indoor environment. This improves tenant satisfaction and helps building owners and managers with their own marketing.

Going green has improved our growth dramatically over the last seven years. Servicon, our company, was named one of the

fastest growing companies by the LA Business Journal in 2008. Today we provide Green Cleaning services at over 70 million square feet every day in hospitals, large aerospace facilities, and high rises. In 2008, largely because of our commitment to green, we were awarded the contract at the Los Angeles Convention Center, the first LEED-Certified building run by the City of Los Angeles. We have also helped over 20 other buildings gain points for LEED certification with our green program.

Of course, the price has to be right, but the good news is that green costs no more than traditional cleaning. In fact, by helping conserve energy, water, and reduce the waste stream, Green Cleaning can lower operating costs on a client's building, and a LEED Certification can increase the value of the property.

Green Cleaning is a process of continual improvement. Servicon has been cleaning green for seven years, but it took us several years to get it right. Intensive training is required, with frequent quality control and audits to make sure our janitors are actually implementing green practices. More than changing products and processes, going green is about changing attitudes and behaviors.

For us, Green Cleaning is only the beginning. We are bundling other green services for our customers like Integrated Pest Management, recycling, and management of the waste stream. We are quantifying our sustainable practices with metrics our customers can use in their own sustainability plans. For Servicon, Green Cleaning is not just a program; it is a total commitment to provide a safer, healthier work environment for our clients and employees.

Michael Mahdesian is Chairman of Servicon Systems, Inc.

A New Day for Sustainability in L.A.

US Senator Barbara Boxer headlines LABC's Sustainability Summit; event focuses on business-driven solutions, policy prescriptions



"Clean energy is the mother of all markets - perhaps the largest economic opportunity of the 21st century," said Senator Boxer, Chairwoman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, during her keynote address at the Los Angeles Business Council's third annual Sustainability Summit. Boxer's comments, quoting famed Silicon Valley venture capitalist John Doerr, put a clear business focus on the current environmental challenges, and served as the coda to a day filled with forward-looking solutions, warnings about the cost of inaction and evidence that Los Angeles is emerging as the nation's capital of sustainability and innovation.

The daylong summit, held June 29th at the Getty, drew an overflow crowd of more than 500 leaders from business, government, academia, media and the non-profit community. Gathered to discuss the emerging local green economy, they addressed a wide range of proposed and enacted public policy initiatives aimed at driving sustainable practices in the region.

Speaking just days after her colleagues in the House of Representatives passed major climate change legislation, Sen. Boxer used her keynote address to spell out in clear terms the need to develop a robust clean energy economy in the United States. She said the "clean energy revolution" would be a vital cure to the dual challenges of global warming and the great recession, and promised to help spur this revolution by passing corresponding legislation out of the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works, which she chairs.

Sen. Boxer also addressed the federal stimulus package's unprecedented investments to make the nation more sustainable, including \$58 billion for clean energy. These dollars have begun flowing to Los Angeles, complementing local green programs already underway.

Mayor's Remarks

In his address, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa spoke of the city's environmental successes and efforts to make Los Angeles a capital of the growing green economy. He touched on the Clean Trucks Program, which has already replaced over 5000 dirty diesel trucks at the ports with cleaner trucks, the Green Building Ordinance, which will reduce the City's carbon emissions by more than 80,000 tons by 2012, the establishment of a Cleantech Corridor along the LA River and, in collaboration with the LABC, the formation of Clean Tech LA, the first-ever partnership between the City, business organizations and the region's premier research institutions: USC, UCLA and Caltech.

The Mayor also expressed pride in the City meeting Kyoto targets four years ahead of schedule, and promised to accelerate LA's sustainable agenda by increasing the use of renewable energy to 40% of the City's portfolio and going "coal free" by 2020.

In addition to notable keynote speeches, the summit featured four high-powered panels stocked with policymakers, green business leaders and clean-tech entrepreneurs. Their discussions illustrated how a green economy has already begun to emerge in Los Angeles and conveyed how sustainability has become a major focus throughout the public and private sectors.

Panel I: What is Driving Regional Sustainability?

During the early morning panel, executives representing large public and private institutions described how they had re-tooled their operations to become more sustainable. Alan Rothenberg, President of the Los Angeles World Airport Board of Commissioners, outlined the wide-ranging sustainability guidelines it has integrated into the construction of buildings, roads, runways and other facilities at all of its airports. He said, "We must change conventional thinking and search for new sustainable practices to create an acceptable future where there will be more people and scarcer resources."

"The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has sharply cut its cost of installing photovoltaic technology through bulk purchases and a third-party financing strategy that draws federal and state incentives," said Larry Eisenberg of the LACCD, which has begun a \$5.7 sustainable billion program that makes significant use of solar panels to generate energy. Joseph Pettus described how Safeway has also embraced the use of alternative energy. By taking its stores off the electricity grid, the supermarket chain has become one of the nation's largest retail purchasers of alternative energy, reducing its carbon footprint by the equivalent of the annual emissions from 69,000 cars. Rounding out the panel, venture capitalist Eric McAfee explained that investments in alternative energy were likely to build a market in California that would eventually grow to \$1 trillion.

Panel II: A Sustainable Community Connects Transportation, Housing and Jobs

The mid-morning panel explored how sustainability is integrally connected to transportation, housing and jobs. Claire Bonham-Carter of AECOM detailed how single-occupancy car use—a major source of carbon emissions—stems from sprawl and a lack of public transit. As part of the strategy to control climate change, panelists highlighted the importance of balancing the location of housing and jobs and making investments in public transportation, such as California's planned high-speed rail line and the projects included in LA County Metro's Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Last fall, LA County voters paved the way for significant new investment, approving a half-cent sales tax to fund transportation. Describing the benefits of this measure, Richard Katz, a member of the LA County METRO Board of Directors, said, "The \$40 billion from Measure R will serve as an economic stimulus package and transform our county, improving air quality, our kid's health, our mobility and our quality of life."

Panel III: How will Energy and Water Policies Foster a Green Economy?

The early afternoon panel revolved around two other key components of sustainability: energy and water. Public and private sector panelists described innovative efforts to boost the use of alternative energy sources and increase water conservation and reuse. Moderating the panel, David Nahai, CEO and General Manager of LADWP, explained how his department has worked to encourage water conservation, providing incentives for water-saving measures from drought-friendly landscaping to waterfree urinals.

Panel IV: Partnership and Innovation: The CleanTech LA Panel

The final panel of the afternoon focused on how Los Angeles can create a new series of green buildings and a friendly environment for green companies. Roberto Peccei, Vice Chancellor for Research at UCLA, described the enormous potential for the Clean Tech LA Consortium to bring in federal research and stimulus dollars and generate new green technologies. Business executives on the panel depicted how these technologies could translate into viable companies and economic growth, including Kevin Czinger, President and CEO of Miles Electric Vehicles, whose company plans to begin selling an all-electric five-passenger vehicle with a 100-mile range in September 2009.

Also present on the final panel were real estate executives with major holdings in Los Angeles, who explained how they are meeting the challenge of creating more energy-efficient buildings. Brad Cox, Managing Director of Trammell Crow Company, described the logic behind his firm's decision to create buildings that meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards even though this can add up to 5% to construction costs. Detailing both the social and economic rationale for green building, Cox explained that LEED buildings are less expensive to operate over the long-run, garner 6% to 10% higher rents and attract tenants that are more likely to stay. Kevin Ratner, the President of Forest City Residential West, also stressed the importance of incorporating sustainability into his buildings and operations, describing his company's green programs that extend from construction waste recycling to "green roof systems" to water conservation.

Conclusion: Looking to the Future

The day's speeches and panels reflected an unprecedented interest in sustainability, highlighting innovative models from many different types of public and private entities that will guide both business and government in the years to come. Bringing to life the close connection between many different areas where the world must become more sustainable—from urban planning and transportation to building construction to energy and the water supply—the event also made clear the need for the public and private sectors to collaborate in achieving solutions.

Upcoming Sustainability Programs

The LABC is committed to continue providing quality programs around sustainability in Los Angeles, including a range of events over the next several months.

On August 10th the LABC will host a business luncheon forum on Sustainability and the Entertainment Community, emceed by Gretchen Lewotsky of Fox Entertainment Group and featuring panelists representing the five major studios. The luncheon forum will feature a presentation by Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti who will then join the discussion on how Los Angeles can support the studios' sustainability efforts. In September the LABC will host a business forum about the federal stimulus package, educating companies how to access these funds.

The LABC has launched a comprehensive study of LADWP's proposed solar feed-in-tariff program in partnership with UCLA and other business and community groups. The results of the study will be announced in time for the next Sustainability Summit, which is planned for March 2010.

Please visit www.labusinesscouncil.org for more information about this year's summit and to register for upcoming LABC events. Also available on the website are downloads of panelist presentations and DVD recordings of the summit for purchase.

LABC VIP Reception at Sony Studios honors David Freeman and Art Leahy

On June 23rd a crowd of 200 gathered at Sony Studios for the LA Business Council's VIP Reception, honoring Metro CEO Art Leahy and David Freeman, Los Angeles' new Deputy Mayor for Energy & Environment. The event included a cocktail reception and a program of speeches by prominent business leaders and policymakers leading the effort to make Los Angeles more sustainable.



2009 LABC Sustainability Summit Reception at Sony Studios featuring LA City Controller Wendy Greuel and Co-Host Patti Shwayder, Senior Vice President, AIMCO.



2009 LABC Sustainability Summit Reception at Sony Studios. The LABC honors METRO CEO, Arthur Leahy.



Framing Panel: "What is Driving Regional Sustainability?" was moderated by Alan Rothenberg, LAVA and included (from left to right) John A. Bohn, California Public Utilities Commission; Timothy Brick, Chair, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Larry Eisenberg, Los Angeles Community College District; Eric McAfee, Cagan McAfee Capital; and Joseph Pettus, Safeway, Inc.



METRO CEO Arthur Leahy, right, presents to fellow panelists. From left: Claire Bonham-Carter, AECOM; Rory DeJohn, Turner Construction Company; Tom Smith, NBC Universal; Ken Lewis, AC Martin Partners, Inc; and Jeff Morales, Parsons Brinkerhoff.



Bill Black, Haworth, on the first panel: "Partnership and Innovation—The Cleantech LA Panel."



The LABC honors LA Deputy Mayor David Freeman (in hat). Also with Freeman, from left to right: Joseph Marfi, Turner Construction Company; Christine Noonan, Los Angeles Convention Center Department Board of Commissioners; and Pouria Abbassi, Los Angeles Convention Center.



Debra Reed of the Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric delivers the business keynote.



Participants at the Sustainability Summit, from left: Scott Lyle, Arden Realty, Inc; Larry Eisenberg, LACCD; Louise Bryson, J. Paul Getty Trust; and Joseph Pettus, Safeway, Inc.



2009 LABC Sustainability Summit Reception co-hosts. From left: Lori Tierney, Unisource Solutions, Inc; Brad Cox, Trammell Crow Company; Shaun Dentice, SEMPR Energy Utilities; Lee Alpert, LADWP; Keith Weaver, Sony Pictures Entertainment; Scott Lyle, Arden Realty, Inc; Celeste Altimari, Haworth; Joseph Marfi, Turner Construction Company; and Mary Leslie, LABC.



Sustainability Summit kicks off with CA Public Utilities Commissioner John Bohn (left) and Alan Rothenberg (right), President of the Los Angeles World Airports Board of Commissioners. Joining them is LABC President Mary Leslie.



2009 LABC Sustainability Summit Reception at Sony Studios. Co-host Jamie Krug is pictured with Nancy Pearlman of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

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