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**When:** Monday October 18, 2021 – 9:30am (Pacific)

**What:** Workshop

**“Tribal Community-scale Solar Solutions for Climate & Community Resilience”**

**Where:** Virtual – webinar links and telephone numbers provided after RSVP

- **PLEASE RSVP:** Simple! Send an email to [jganion@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov](mailto:jganion@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov)

**Who (would find it useful to attend):** Tribal government leaders, Tribal staff, Tribal community members, Tribal businesses in energy, all those managing or building solar and related systems (i.e., telecom, microgrids, tribal utility authorities) on tribal lands.

**Why:** For tribal nations seeking to build - or expand - solar energy development within their nations at the community, facility, and/or residential scale, join this lively dialogue-based workshop with experts and practitioners and opportunities for one-on-one follow-up consulting. (We are going to knowledge share, and wherever possible have some fun doing it. Please join - solar! storage! microgrids! resilience! climate solutions! reliability! and more.)

**Top-Level Agenda:** (subject to updates)

- *Why build community scale solar energy systems?*
- *Planning and feasibility*
- *System design and interconnectivity*
- *Economics*
- *Regulatory / jurisdictional context*
- *Visioning / feedback for next workshop*



Figure 1 Blue Lake Rancheria Residential Solar Array

**Presenters:** (subject to updates)

- Wahleah Johns, Director, U.S. Dept. of Energy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (*invited*) <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/contributors/wahleah-johns>
- Pilar Thomas, Partner, Quarles & Brady LLP <https://www.quarles.com/pilar-m-thomas/>
- Tim Willink, Director of Tribal Programs, GRID Alternatives <https://gridalternatives.org/tim-willink>
- Sherry Stout, Integrated Applications Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory <https://www.nrel.gov/research/staff/sherry.stout.html>
- Jana Ganion, Director of Government Affairs and Sustainability, Blue Lake Rancheria

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