

# Agenda – Western Massachusetts Solar Forum

## Session 3: Solar Equity and Community Benefits

September 19, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Time	Item	Speakers
12:00 – 12:10	Welcome, Logistics, Introduction to Session.	Moderator: Jo Comerford, MA State Senate
12:10 – 12:20	Financing and Ownership Models for Large-Scale Solar Projects	Jon Abe, Sunwealth
12:20 – 12:30	Models for Community Ownership	Lynn Benander, Coop Power
12:30 – 12:40	Role of Federal, State, and Local Laws & Regulations	Priya Gandhir Conservation Law Foundation Massachusetts
12:40 – 12:50	Current Status of Solar Equity in Massachusetts	Christine Crago, UMass
12:50 – 1:00	Solar Equity - Challenges & Opportunities	Nathan Phelps, Vote Solar
1:00 – 1:10	Solar Equity – Governance and Public Participation	Ernesto Cruz, Coop Power
1:10 – 1:20	Other approaches to support solar equity	Yesenia Rivera, Energy Allies
1:20 – 1:30	Equity in the Workforce	Kerry Bowie, Browning the Greenspace
1:30 – 1:45	Group Q&A and Roundtable Discussion	All available speakers from above
1:45 – 2:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
2:00 – 2:10	Municipal Procurement of Solar	Maria Marasco, Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative
2:10 – 2:20	Green Municipal Aggregation	Samantha Hamilton, Live Well Springfield
2:20 – 2:25	Solar Loans	Richard Kump, President and CEO, UMassFive College Credit Union
2:25 – 2:35	AGO Consumer Protection Efforts	Chris Modlish, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
2:35 – 2:45	Other Current State Initiatives	Joanne Bissetta, DOER Green Communities
2:45 – 2:55	Group Q&A and Roundtable Discussion	All available speakers from above
2:55 – 3:00	Feedback and Wrap Up	Jo Comerford, MA Legislature