



## V2G for enhancing grid resiliency, accommodating projected load growth and enabling flexible load programs



The 7th edition of the **V2G Business, Policy & Technology Forum**, April 28-30, 2026 in Los Angeles brings together top industry players, working groups, utility professionals and others who are focused on the successful development and implementation of vehicle-to-grid in the United States.

Building on the success of previous editions, the Forum offers a neutral venue in which different V2G stakeholders can come together to work on accelerating V2G standardization and adoption in North America.

The goal is to examine obstacles and challenges to effectively achieving the potential of V2G, and to identify appropriate solutions and implementation success strategies for grid operators and other stakeholders across market verticals.

Host-sponsored by Southern California Edison, the Spring 2026 event will focus on questions such as: What best practices are being advanced? Which states are leading the effort? What are the viable compensatory business models for Auto OEMs, energy market operators, utilities, aggregators, charging network operators, fleet owners, residential EV owners, etc.? What are the latest utility programs that are being implemented, and what have been the key findings? The Forum will also offer an overview of recent technology and standards progress in the V2G space, including recent pilots, programs and commercial deployments.

**"Great! Didn't think I could learn much more on the topic but the Forum was very enlightening."**

*- Joshua McDonald, Consulting Engineer, Southern California Edison*

**"Excellent conference. Gathering of so many diverse experts provided a clearer statement of problems and gaps but above all focused on solutions. Great networking!"**

*- Bjoern Christensen, Managing Director, Next-Dimension Advisors*

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# Agenda

*Note: Subject to change. Additional speakers TBA*

## Tuesday, April 28, 2026

9:00 - 9:30 am **Opening Keynote Session**

- **Chanel Parson**, Director - Clean Energy and Demand Response, **Southern California Edison**

9:30 - 10:45 am **Unlocking Value from V2G: Lessons from School Bus Pilots and V2H Insights**

- **Neetu Garcha**, Project Lead- Grid Innovation, **Alectra Utilities**
- **Russell Vare**, Vice President of Vehicle Grid Integration, **The Mobility House**
- **Hannah Ahn**, Senior Engineer, **DNV Energy Insights USA**
- **Simitrio Arellano**, Engineer, Smart Grid Emerging Technologies, **ComEd**

10:45 - 11:15 am -- Networking Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:15 pm **BRIDG-ing the Gap to Scaled, Residential V2G**

- **Anna Bella Korbatov**, Vice President - Regulatory Affairs, **Fermata Energy**
- **Alex Pawlowski**, Regulatory Strategy Manager, **Kia North America**
- **Kurt Johnson**, Director, Climate Resiliency, **The Climate Center**
- **Robin Milshtein**, Senior Director – Business Development, **New Sun Road**

12:15 - 1:15 pm -- Lunch Break

1:15 - 2:15 pm -- Attendee Roundtable Brainstorming and Reporting Out

2:15 - 2:30 pm -- Coffee Break

2:30 - 3:45 pm -- **Gauging and Engaging the Residential and Commercial Customer: Effective Strategies to Date, Lessons Learned and Directions Forward**

- **Zach Woogen**, Executive Director, **Vehicle-Grid Integration Council (VGIC)**
- **Frances Bell**, Founder and CEO, **Bidirectional Energy**
- **Randy Robinson Jr.**, Senior Product Manager, **Southern California Edison**
- **Nick Fiore**, Clean Transportation, Innovation Manager, **SDG&E**
- **Julie Mitchell**, Director of OEM Operations, **ChargeScape**

3:45 - 4:15 pm – Networking Coffee Break

4:15 - 5:15 pm -- **Giving Data a Voice: Quantifying the Societal Benefits of Transportation Electrification, VGI and V2G**

- **John Holmes**, Sr. Principal Energy Advisor, **American Honda Motor Company**
- **Parth Vaishnav**, Assistant Professor of Environment and Sustainability, **University of Michigan**
- **Nancy Ryan**, Partner, **eMobility Advisors**

5:15 - 6:45 pm -- Networking Reception

## Wednesday, April 29, 2026

9:00 - 9:30 am -- **Opening Address**

- **Orville Thomas**, Chief Executive Officer, **Cal EPIC**

9:30 - 10:30 am **Paths to Commercial V2G**

- **Leah Brams**, Marketing Development Manager, **Highland Electric Fleets**
- **Chanel Parson**, Director, Clean Energy and Demand Response, **Southern California Edison**
- **Gabriela Olmedo**, Manager, Policy & Regulatory Affairs, **EnergyHub**
- **Morgan Casella**, Managing Partner, **Dynamic Organics LLC**

10:30 - 11:00 am -- Networking Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 pm **TRACK A Progress in Standardizing / Harmonizing V2G**

- **Haukur Asgeirsson**, Hawk Utility Consulting Affiliated with **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory**
- **Peter Evans**, President and Founder, **New Power Technologies**
- **Scott Picco**, Principal Engineer, Distributed Energy Resources, **UL Solutions**
- **Tim Zgonena**, Principal Engineer, Distributed Energy Resources and Equipment, **UL**
- **Roger Salas**, Principal Manager, Distribution System Analysis, **Southern California Edison**
- **Gordon Lum**, Independent Consultant, IEEE 2030.5.1 (CSIP) – Chair, Formerly CTO, **Kitu Systems**

11:00 - 12:30 pm **TRACK B Compensation Mechanisms for V2G**

- **Blake Heidenreich**, Strategic Advisor, Customer Solutions Program Design and Development, **Southern California Edison**
- **Andrew Higgins**, Board Chair, **Texas Electric Transportation Resource Alliance (TxETRA)**
- **John Taggart**, President and Co-Founder, **Weave Grid**
- **Reuben Behlihomji**, Principal Manager, Rate Design, **Southern California Edison**

12:30 - 1:30 pm -- Lunch Break

1:30- 2:45 pm **TRACK A** **Depot and Fleet Engineering: Designing Large-Scale V2G Sites**

- **Brad Beauchamp**, EV Product Segment Leader, **Blue Bird Corporation**
- **George Liu**, Field Applications Engineering Manager, **Pacific Power Source**

1:30 - 2:45 pm **TRACK B** **Can We Really Achieve End-to-End V2G Interoperability?**

- **James Mater**, Director of Strategy, Smart Grid, **QualityLogic**
- **Erika Myers**, Executive Director, **CharIN North America**
- **Jaime Kolln**, Senior Power Systems Engineer, **Pacific Northwest National Lab**
- **Tim Zgonena**, Principal Engineer, Distributed Energy Resources and Equipment, **UL**
- **Andrew Cifala**, Strategic Planner for Grid Modernization, **Keysight Technologies**

2:45 - 3:15 pm -- Networking Coffee Break

3:15 - 3:45 pm **TRACK A** **Smart & Bidirectional Charging in Europe**

- **Kor Meelker**, Senior Director, Global Standards, **ChargePoint**

3:45 - 4:45 pm **Top Priorities for V2G Advancement in the U.S. -- Towards and Industry (Technology and Policy) Roadmap**

- **Brittany Blair**, Manager, Research & Energy Strategy, **Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA)**
- **Vincent Weyl**, Vehicle-Grid Integration Principal, **California Energy Commission**
- **Rudi Halbright**, Expert Product Manager, Vehicle-Grid Integration, **Pacific Gas & Electric Company**

3:15 - 4:30 pm **TRACK B** **Battery Engineering: Degradation, Cycling and Thermal Management in V2G Systems**

- **Boryann Liaw, PhD**, Founder, **High Power Research Laboratory**
- **Marcus Peng**, Business Development Manager, **Keysight Technologies**
- *Additional panelist TBA*

## Thursday, April 30, 2026

8:00 am - 10:00 am

**Workshop 1: Defining MVP (Minimum Viable Product) Use Cases for V2G**

- **John Holmes**, Senior Principal Energy Advisor, **American Honda Motor Company**
- **Jaime Kolln**, Senior Power Systems Engineer, **Pacific Northwest National Lab**
- **Nancy Ryan**, Partner, **eMobility Advisors**

10:00 - 10:30 am – Break

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

## Workshop 2: Implementing End-to-End Interoperability

- **James Mater**, Director of Strategy, Smart Grid, **QualityLogic**
- **Tim Zgonena**, Principal Engineer, Distributed Energy Resources and Equipment, **UL**
- **Elise Keddie**, Principal, **Keddie Advisory Services**
- **John Holmes**, Senior Principal Energy Advisor, **American Honda Motor Company**
- **Jaime Kolln**, Senior Power Systems Engineer, **Pacific Northwest National Lab**



**"Great attendance and mix of attendees"**

- *Russel Vare, Auto OEM Partnerships, Kaluza*

**"Excellent, outstanding! Relevant, focused and high-value"**

- *Ted Witham, PE, Eaton Corporation*

**"Very informative. The ability to talk to experts in the field as well as meet potential partner was the most valuable aspect"**

- *Shannon Anderson, Senior Planner, EV Infrastructure and V2X Strategy, Nissan North America*

**"Very good. Got all the right people to attend, and plenty of time for networking."**

- *Robert Nolty, Vehicle-Grid Integration Specialist, California Energy Commission*

**"Very informational and a great Forum for connecting with others in the industry."**

- *William Jameson, Sr Consultant, EV Charging Strategy, Toyota Motor North America*

**"Always very relevant. I come to this conference to get to the true state of affairs on V2G / VGI. Thank you again!"**

- *Gregg Kresge, Sr Manager, Utility Engagement and Transportation Electrification, World Resources Institute*

**"Really technologically 'in the weeds' and very helpful. Huge positives: networking and brainstorming. This is my first V2G Forum and it's been a positive experience."**

- *Ruedi Hauser III, Program Manager for Clean Transportation Massachusetts Clean Energy Center*

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