



CALIFORNIA LAND RECYCLING CONFERENCE

Imagine | Innovate | Implement
September 29 – October 1, 2026 | Foster City

WELCOME PLENARY

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**CENTER FOR CREATIVE
LAND RECYCLING**
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ABOUT CCLR

The Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR) is the only national nonprofit specializing in brownfield and infill development to promote health and safety of residents, environmental justice, and economic revitalization.

- One-on-one technical assistance
- National webinars
- Workshops and conferences
- Newsletters and online resources
- Grant Funding



CCLR'S LEADERSHIP ROLES

- U.S. EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Provider for Regions 9 & 10
- California's Department of Toxic Substance Controls (DTSC) Brownfield Technical Assistance Provider for the Equitable Communities Revitalization Grant (ECRG) program and Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)
- Groundwork USA's technical contractor for environmental justice leadership
- Co-manager of the National Brownfields Coalition
- Consultant on projects that support sustainable and equitable redevelopment



PROGRAMATIC PRIORITIES 2026/2027

Advance National Leadership & Visibility

- Budget Appropriations & Brownfields Reauthorization
- Replicable State-level initiatives to sustain momentum
- Return on Investment (ROI) analyses to demonstrate impact

Strengthen Existing & Build New Brownfield Programs

- Resource & Capacity Building
 - maximize grant & alternative funding
 - develop Champions
- Tribal engagement
- Responsible Innovation, including AI

Promote Safe, Clean Places to Live & Work

- Scale open space/park & climate initiatives
- Amplify role as Information Hub & Connector

2026 CONFERENCE THEMES

Imagine

Innovate

Implement



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CALRC BY THE NUMBERS

350

Registrants

21

**Approved
Scholarships**

23

Exhibitors

28

Sponsors

72

**Panel
Submissions**

114

Speakers

38

**Sessions &
Topic Talks**

2026 CONFERENCE FIRSTS

Moved to NorCal!

Expanded:

- Audience
- Perspectives
- Expertise to share
- Leadership

Organizing Committee

- Erin Curtis, Strategic Growth Council
- Diana Sasser, Grow America
- Alison Torbitt, Nixon Peabody
- Emma Morris, Siskiyou County
- Michelle Stephens, CALED



Organizing
Committee

The Dig

New plenary session.
True Stories from the
Brownfield Trenches,
inspired by The Moth
Radio Hour.

New Records

- Panel submissions
- Sessions
- Speakers
- Sponsors
- Original Karaoke songs

MEET THE CO-ORGANIZERS

California
Department of Toxic
Substances Control
Office of Brownfields



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U.S.
Environmental
Protection
Agency
Region 9



**BROWNFIELDS AND
LAND REVITALIZATION**



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MEET THE CCLR TEAM AT CALRC

Jean Hamerman

Claire Weston

Lauren Ghazikhanian

Ignacio Dayrit

Devyn Rainwater

Paige Dawson

Anna Maria Camardo

Ginger Mills

Nicole Lang

Sebastian Harrison

Jim Bergdoll

Janet Naito

Sarah Fingerhood

Melissa Amrhein



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MEET THE CCLR LEADERSHIP AT CALRC

Board

- Ontario Smith, Somos Group
- Preston Brooks, Cox Castle
- Jon Munkers, WSB
- Patricia Spitzley, Racer Trust
- Michelle King, EKI
- Jonathan Scharfman

Advisory Council

- Jim Ritchie, SCS
- Amilia Glikman, KP Public Matt Winefield, Winefield & Associates
- Dorinda Shipman, Langan
- Gordon Fuller, Meeting of the Minds
- Nicholas Targ, Holland and Knight



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SPECIAL THANK YOU

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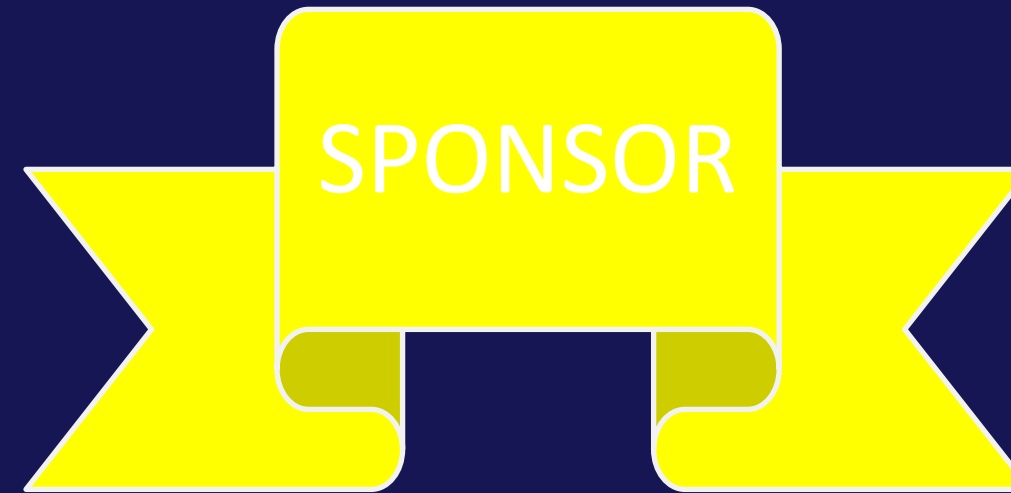
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**WELCOME
PLENARY**

CLAIRE TROMBADORE
**DIRECTOR, LAND, CHEMICALS,
AND REDEVELOPMENT
DIVISION**
USEPA REGION 9



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PLENARY**

KATIE BUTLER

DIRECTOR

**Department of Toxic
Substances Control (DTSC)**

WHAT'S ON TAP AT CALRC

Read the agenda on Whova app – find a QR code to download Whova on each table, or go to calrc.info

Happy Hour

Tonight at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer

Exhibitor Spaces and Topic Talks

23 Exhibitors! Read all about them in the Whova app!

11 Topic Talks! Topic Talk sessions are 15-minute presentations on any topic related to land recycling – descriptions are available in Whova.



WHAT'S ON TAP AT CALRC

Brownfield Karaoke Sing Along

Marco Polo Room, Wednesday Sept, 30 | 5:35 – 7:30 p.m.



HOW TO USE WHOVA

Agenda

You can view the full Agenda on the home screen of the app. This includes session descriptions, speakers, bios, time, and location of each panel.

Session Q&A

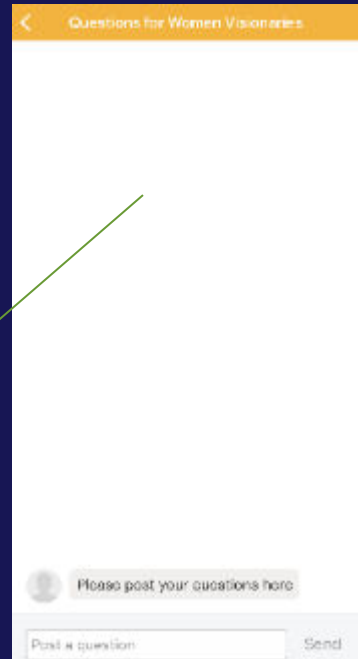
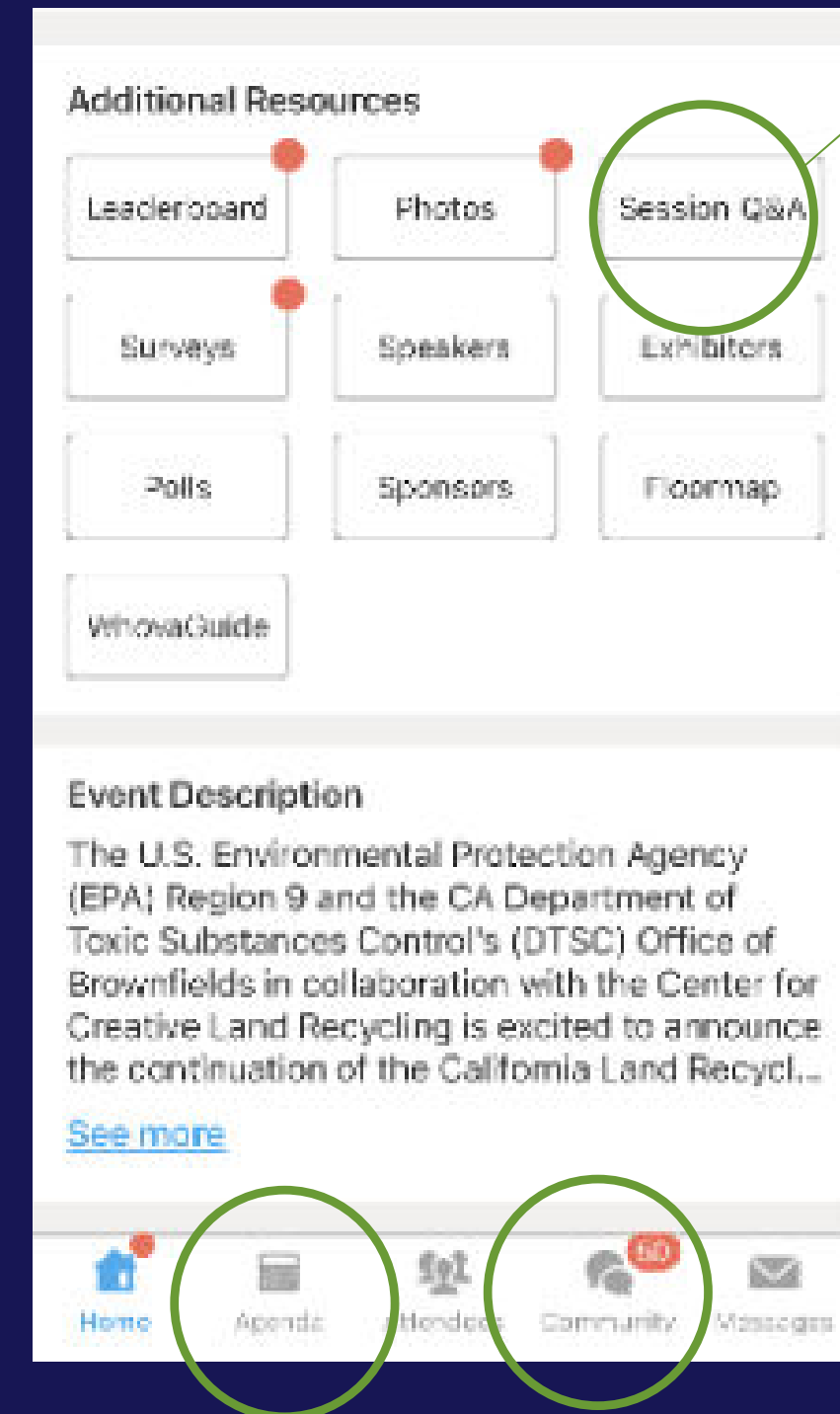
During the Women Visionaries plenary, we will solicit questions via the Whova app.

Other Resources + Features

Read about each speaker, exhibitor, and sponsors using these resources. Plan meetups or get to know other attendees by using the “Community” tab.



CALRC26LOGIN



HOUSEKEEPING



Storing your belongings

No coat or storage room. Please keep your items in your hotel or on your person.



Food in the area

Refer to Restaurants list which will always be available at the registration desk.



WIFI

Find signs with wifi network and password details on your table.



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feedback, follow this QR code
to submit an evaluation form
on Whova.

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THE FUTURE OF LAND RECYCLING

Join the conversation, use #CALRC2026
to share your photos, insights and
highlights!



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