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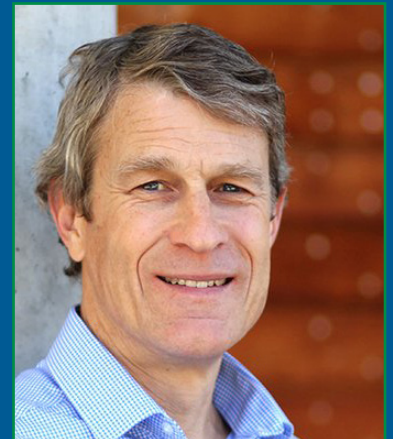
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**California offshore wind:
- the challenges of "high road" climate policy -**

Thursday, April 11

5:30 - 7:00 pm in Founders Hall 118

Planning is underway to site huge floating wind farms along California's coast to help the state reach its goals of 100% clean energy. But will the green economy accentuate or narrow the state's widening income and opportunity gaps? In the case of offshore wind, an entirely new industry is envisioned, which could have a uniquely "high road" potential for well-paying jobs, community benefits, an industrial supply chain, and major infrastructure improvements — but achieving this will not be easy. This presentation will explain this conundrum for offshore wind and state climate policy in general.



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