



2026 AES Program Schedule



Preconference

Monday April 20, 2026

7:00 am – 7:30 pm	Registration [2 nd Floor Foyer]				
LOCATION	Atlantic 1&2	Pacific 1	Pacific 2	Caribbean	Meetings
					Boardroom
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Pool Plan Check	Mobile Foods	Intro to Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Preconference Training	Instructors: -Kiki Cason, OCEH -Kenneth Gregory, Pentair -Libby Carruesco, CDPH -Christina Buranday, OCEH	Instructors: -Monica Cardenas(LB) -Gabriela Mata (LB) - Mobile Food Partners (Revolution)	Instructors: - Shannon Warkentin (CDPH) -Johnny Velasco	Leadership Academy -Ric Encarnacion -Sarah Crossman -Graciela Garcia -Linda Launer -Deepa Dillikar -Muhammed Khan -Janiah McGill	EHSRC Program Meeting -Betty Ho
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm					1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Lunch is on your own	Moderator: -Juan Lorenzano	Moderator: -Mozhgan Mofidi	Moderator: -Frank O’Sullivan		CEHA Board of Directors Meeting -Marissa Castillo
	8 CECH	8 CECH	8 CECH	8 CECH	
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Decorator Setup [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2]				
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibitor, Awards and Silent Auction Setup [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2]				
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Exhibits Grand Opening Sponsored by Hedgerow Software [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2]: Early Registration + Prizes + Hors D’oeuvres + Bar				

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Conference Day 1

Tuesday April 21, 2026

7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Registration [2 nd Floor Foyer]				
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Exhibitor Viewing [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2] and Breakfast				
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Opening Ceremony Welcome Address [International 3,4 &5]: Daryl Supernaw (LB City Councilmember), Judeth Luong (LB EH Director), Lisa Medina (CCDEH President) Marissa Castillo (CEHA President), Larry Ramdin NEHA President and Darryl Wong (CEHA ConEd) Ric Encarnacion (MC for General Sessions and Lunch) (No CECH Offered)				
8:30 am – 10:20 am	General Session Keynote Speaker [International 3,4 &5]: “Foodborne Illness Litigation/How it Started - Better Food Safety Needed” - Bill Marler and Darin Detwiler 1.5 CECH				
10:30 am– 11:30 am	General Session [International 3,4 &5]: “Collaboration vs. Confrontation” - Steve Mandernach (AFDO), Chris Duggan (CRA), Shannon Warkenton (CDPH), Heather Buonomo (CCDEH Food Policy) 1.5 CECH				
11:30 am - 12:30pm	EXHIBITOR VIEWING [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2]				
12:30 pm – 1:50 pm	LUNCH [International 3,4 &5: 480 Banquet]: CEHA BUSINESS MEETING; Leadership Program Presentation/Graduation 1.5 CECH				
LOCATION	Atlantic 1&2	Pacific 1	Pacific 2	Boardroom	[Room]
TRACK	Water Quality	Communication	Food	Meetings	
MODERATOR	Janice Garcia	Frank O’Sullivan	Parminder Dhillon	n/a	n/a
2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	“Nanobubble Technology for Chemical Reduction” -Nick Dyer (CEO Moleaer) 1 CECH	“Intro to Risk Based Inspection” - Part 1 -Shannon Warkentin (CDPH) 1 CECH	“Alro Floors and Walls: Compliance Driven Solutions” -Larry McLaughlin (Altro USA) 1 CECH		
3:00 pm – 3:50 pm	“Advanced Treatment Septic Systems: Protecting Our Water Resources” -Megan Floyd (Sacramento County) 1 CECH	“Intro to Risk Based Inspection” - Part 2 -Shannon Warkentin (CDPH) 1 CECH	“Implementation of Microenterprise Home Kitchens in La County” -James Dragan (LA County) -Roya Bagheri (CA) -Lauren Wolfer (CA) 1 CECH	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm CEHA Past President’s Council Meeting -Kiki Cason	
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	10 Minute Break				
4:00 pm – 4:50 pm	“Seafood Inspection Program Overview & Updates” -Shahara Warren (NOAA) 1 CECH	“How to Effectively Communicate” -Shannon Warkentin (CDPH) 1 CECH	“The Future of Food Safety: Emerging Trends & Innovations” -Todd Frantz(Steritech) 1 CECH	CEHA Past President’s Council (continued)	
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Exhibitor Viewing [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2] Social Sponsored by HS Gov + Prizes + Hors D’oeuvres + Bar				

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Conference Day 2

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Registration [2 nd Floor Foyer]				
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Exhibitor Viewing [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2] and Breakfast				
8:00 am - 8:50 am	General Session [International 3,4 &5]: “Bridging the Gap Between Regulated and the Regulators Compliance to Collaboration” - Parminder Dhillon (Save Mart); Michele Bilodeau (MC for General Sessions) 1 CECH				
9:00 am – 9:50 am	General Session [International 3,4 &5]: “NEHA Presentation TBA” – Larry Ramdin (NEHA President) 1 CECH				
10:00 am - 10:50pm	General Session [International 3,4 &5]: “A Model Curriculum for a Competency Based Environmental Health Practicum/Internship Experience” – Amer El-Ahraf (CSU Dominguez Hills) 1 CECH				
11:00 pm – 12:30 pm	EXHIBITOR VIEWING and Networking [Exhibits Hall: International 1&2]				
12:30 pm – 1:50 pm	LUNCH [International 3,4 &5]: CEHA AWARDS CEREMONY, CCDEH Manager of the Year Award				
LOCATION	Atlantic 1&2	Pacific 1	Pacific 2	Boardroom	[Room]
TRACK	Emergency Preparedness	Management	Heat Pump Water Heater 2.0	Meetings	
MODERATOR	Ben Mock	Leila Judd	Deepa Dillikar	n/a	n/a
2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	“Wearing Multiple Hats During the Eaton Fire Response” -Rachel Janbek (Dir. Pasadena) 1 CECH	“Creating Value: Getting Public Buy-In and Support for EHS” -Larry Ramdin (NEHA President) 1 CECH	“Heat Pump Water Heaters 101” -Richard Young (Frontier Energy) 1 CECH		
3:00 pm – 3:50 pm	“Emergency & Outbreak Response” -Hermie Francisco (FDA) 1 CECH	“Being Everywhere, All at Once, At the Same Time” -Ric Encarnacion (Dir. Monterey) 1 CECH	“Heat Pump Water Heater Sizing Guidelines and Sizing Calculator Demonstration” -Amin Delagah (TRC) -Maya Gantley 1 CECH		
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	10 Minute Break				
4:00 pm – 4:50 pm	“Rebuilding After the January 2025 Fires” -Scott Abbot (LA County) 1 CECH	“Recruit, Retain Renew: The Lifecycle of an EHS Professional” -Freddie Agyin (Dir. Vernon) -April Meneghetti (Dir. Yolo) 1 CECH	Heat Pump Water Heater Applications in the Field and Panel Discussion” -Richard Young, Amin Delagah & Maya Gantley (West Monroe) 1 CECH		
5:00 pm	“Enjoy the Long Beach Night Life”				

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Conference Day 3

Thursday, April 23, 2026

7:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration [2 nd Floor Foyer]				
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast [Room]				
8:00 am – 8:50 am	General Session [International 3,4 &5]: “Evolving Cannabis Regulation in Los Angeles County” - Charlene Contreras (LA County) Linda Launer (MC for General Sessions)				1 CECH
9:00 am – 9:50 am	General Session [International 3,4 &5: 480 Banquet]: “Industry Food Safety and the Importance of Accurate Temperature Measurements in a HACCP Program” - Jason Horn (In-N-Out) and Tom Fisher (ThermoWorks) and Brian Packer (ThermoWorks)				1 CECH
10:00 am – 10:50 am	General Session [International 3,4 &5]: “Practical AI Recipes for EH Professionals” - Darryl Booth (Hedgerow Software Co.)				1 CECH
11:00 am – 11:50 am	General Session [International 3,4 &5]: AQMD – Scott Epstein				1 CECH
12:00 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH [International 3,4 &5: 480 Banquet]: CEHA BOARD INSTALLATION				
LOCATION	Atlantic 1&2	Pacific 1	Pacific 2	Boardroom	[Room]
TRACK	HazMat	Vector Control	Body Art	Meetings	
MODERATOR	Charles Futoran	Estefania Lopez	Melanie Sebastian	n/a	n/a
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	“Lithium Battery Hazard: Do You Own a Thermo Runaway?” -David Duncan (LA Fire) 1 CECH	“Air Curtains in the Retail: Enhancing Food Safety and Environmental Control” -Anday Ross (Mars Air Doors) -Leslie Gerritsen(Mars Air Doors) 1 CECH	“Body Art Inspections” -Dean Freed -Amy Marchen -Jennifer Nguyen 1 CECH	9:00 am – 3:00 pm CCDEH Region 4 Meeting	
2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	“Environmental Health Response to Moss Landing BESS Thermal Runaway” -Ric Encarnacion (Dir. Monterey) 1 CECH	“Rodent Control in California – Challenge Accepted” -Frank Giannico (Clark Pest Control) 1 CECH	“6 Workplace Safety Controls for Body Piercing Facilities” -John Johnson (OSHA) 1 CECH	CCDEH Region 4 Meeting (cont.)	
2:50 pm – 3:10 pm	20 Minute Break				
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm	Plenary Session [International 3,4 &5]: “Ash to Acton: Heal the Bay’s Post-Fire Response” - Annelisa Moe (Heal the Bay)				1 CECH
4:00 pm	AES Concludes – Thank you for your support and see you next year in Sacramento at the 2027 AES!				

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2026-2027 CEHA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday April 24, 2026

Boardroom

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

