



From Meltdown to Rebound: A Crisis Is a Terrible Opportunity To Waste

March 19, 2009

- 8:00-8:45 **Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00-9:10 **Welcome and Overview**
Jean Ross, executive director, California Budget Project
- 9:10-10:30 **Morning Plenary**
Reforming California's Tax System: Balancing the Budget and Preparing for the Future
- Speakers:**
Alan J. Auerbach, professor of economics and law and director of the Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance, University of California, Berkeley
Betty T. Yee, chairwoman and member, State Board of Equalization, District 1
- Moderator:**
Jean Ross, executive director, California Budget Project
- 10:45-12:00 **Workshops**
- The Budget Agreement: What Did It Do? Where Are We Now?
 - Federal and State Health Care Policy in a New Era
 - Housing After the Bubble Burst: The Impact on California's Low- and Middle-Income Families
 - Stretched Thin: The Impact of State Budget Cuts on California's Health and Human Services Programs
 - What's Going On in the Economy, What's Being Done About It, and Why There Is Hope
- 12:15-1:45 **Lunch Plenary**
The Financial Crisis of 2007-2009: Understanding Its Causes, Consequences, and Possible Cures
- Speaker: Brad DeLong**, professor of economics, University of California, Berkeley

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2:00-3:15

Workshops

- The Changing Federal Budget Landscape: Opportunities and Challenges
- How School Districts Receive and Spend Their Money and What the Recent Budget Agreement Means for Schools
- How Bad Is It? What the Latest Employment, Wage, and Income Trends Mean for California
- Uncharted Waters: Navigating the Recently Signed Budget Agreement
- What's Going On in the Economy, What's Being Done About It, and Why There Is Hope

3:25-5:00

Afternoon Plenary

Bridging the Gap: The 2009-10 Budget and Beyond

Speakers:

Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Assemblymember Noreen Evans, chair, Assembly Budget Committee

Moderator: John Myers, Sacramento bureau chief, KQED Radio

5:00-6:00

Reception

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