

GSEC Chair's Retreat

Agenda

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Wed, June 4, 2025

4 P.M

CHECK-IN AVAILABLE

6-8 P.M

WELCOME RECEPTION *SPOUSES WELCOME

The Woods

Thurs, June 5, 2025

8 – 9 A.M.

BREAKFAST & COFFEE

The Ritz -Carlton Ballroom Foyer

9 – 9:25 A.M.

WELCOME

Bryan Gillette, Founder and Principal Consultant, Summiting Group / Gary May, Chancellor, UC Davis

9:25 – 10:55 A.M.

**POWERING THE FUTURE: STRATEGIC
ROADMAP FOR EV BATTERY &
SEMICONDUCTOR ADVANCEMENT IN
GREATER SACRAMENTO**

**Panelists: Robert Hess, Vice Chairman, Newmark / Harminder
Sehmi, CFO, Blaize, Inc. / Orville Thomas, CEO, Cal EPIC |
Moderated by Siri Pulipati, Mayor, City of Rancho Cordova**

Greater Sacramento is poised to be a leader in the EV battery and semiconductor industries, leveraging its strategic location, talent pipeline and innovation ecosystem to drive business expansion and new company recruitment. With a strong competitive position and a compelling value proposition, our region offers the infrastructure, workforce and market access needed for sustained industry growth. This session will outline a strategic roadmap to capitalize on these opportunities, ensuring Greater Sacramento remains a hub for advanced manufacturing and technology investment.

10:55 – 11:15 A.M.

BREAK

11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

**BUILDING THE FUTURE: YUBA-SUTTER'S
PLAN FOR GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY**

**Panelists: Mark Birtha, President, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Sacramento Fire Mountain / Gary Bradford, Supervisor, Yuba
County / Dan Flores, Supervisor, Sutter County / Jeremiah Smith,
President, First Northern Bank | Moderated by Eric Stevens,
President & CEO, Adventist Health**

This session explores the region's vision as a dynamic hub in the Northern Sacramento Valley. With major developments like Enterprise Rancheria's expansion near Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento, Yuba-Sutter is poised to become a premier destination for entertainment, retail and economic investment. This session will highlight long-term planning efforts, regional partnerships and the ecosystem driving sustainable growth and opportunity in the area.

12:30 – 1:45 P.M.

LUNCH

1:45 – 3 P.M.

OPPORTUNITIES SACRAMENTO: SHAPING PATHS TO PROSPERITY

Panelists: Adonai Mack, CEO, Child Action, Inc. / Kim Menzel, Senior Vice President & Area Manager, Kaiser Permanente / Faye Nabhani, President & CEO, SAFE Credit Union / Siri Nelson, President & CEO, Marshall | **Moderated by** Brian King, Chancellor, Los Rios Community College

Opportunities Sacramento is a pilot program dedicated to upskilling talent, creating career pathways and bridging the gap between employers and residents in underserved neighborhoods. Focused on Del Paso Heights, this initiative connects individuals

3 – 4 P.M.

A DECADE OF DETERMINATION: IGNITING OPPORTUNITY AND DEFINING TOMORROW

Barry Broome, President & CEO, GSEC

This presentation will celebrate a decade of transformative progress, highlighting the determination and collaboration that have propelled the Greater Sacramento region to new heights. By reflecting on how far we've come,

4 – 6 P.M.

FREE TIME

6 – 7 P.M.

COCKTAIL HOUR *SPOUSES WELCOME

The Meadows

7 – 9 P.M.

DINNER *SPOUSES WELCOME

The Meadows

Fri, June 6, 2025

8:30 – 9:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST & COFFEE

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Foyer

9:30 – 10 A.M.

BOARD MEETING

10 – 10:30 A.M.

**REIMAGINING DOWNTOWN WITH
SACRAMENTO STATE**

Luke Wood, President, Sacramento State

10:30 – 11 A.M.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR LOCAL
INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM**

Colleen McCain Nelson, Executive Editor / Regional Editor,
The Sacramento Bee / McClatchy

11 – 11:30 A.M.

CONTINUING A LEGACY OF DETERMINATION

Barry Broome, President & CEO, GSEC

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH (OPTIONAL)