



# Gene Acres 2024 Agenda

## Wednesday, May 29, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 pm Informal reception  
*Hyatt Place Vacaville Hotel Lobby,  
located at 610 Orange Dr, Vacaville, CA 95687*

## Thursday, May 30, 2024

*Sunrise Event Center located at 620 Orange Dr, Vacaville, CA 95687*

- 7:00 – 8:00am Exhibitor Set-up
- 7:30 – 8:30am Registration / Breakfast / Vendor Showcase
- 8:30 – 8:50am **Welcome Remarks:**  
**Mike Guerra, California Life Sciences**  
**The Honorable Mayor John Carli**
- 8:50 – 9:20am **Opening Plenary: Building the next generation of scale-up facilities**  
**Moderator: Matt Gardner, CBC**  
**Panelists: Lon Hatamiya, The Vine Institute;**  
**Maria Olide, BEAM Circular**
- 9:20 – 10:30am **Session 1: Entrepreneurship and Start-Up Ecosystems**  
**Moderator – Chris Rico, Solano EDC**  
**Panelists: Dipesh Lad, LifeSpace Labs; Kara Leong, UC Davis;**  
**Kinkead Reiling, Bonneville Labs**  
*What are the “nice to have” and “must have” ingredients to an incubator strategy that supports biotech entrepreneurs and communities alike in regions where the biotech landscape is still young and growing?*
- 10:30 – 10:50am Mid-Morning Break / Vendor Showcase
- 10:50 – 12:00 pm **Session 2: Operational Excellence and Management**  
**Moderator: Gordon Zagar, Zagar Consulting**  
**Panelists: Chuck Alaimo, BridgeBio; Al Dadson, Agenus Bio;**  
**Brian Stonerock, CareDx**  
*As the C suite focuses on reducing burn rate and cash conservation, operations budgets are frequently targets. There is often a struggle between FM and the C suite in communicating effectively to identify short- and long-term methods to meet financial strategies while delivering consistent, compliant and quality services.*



## Thursday, May 30, 2024, *continued*

- 12:00 – 12:20 pm Lunch service
- 12:20 – 1:15 pm **Luncheon Plenary: Genentech Vacaville  
Biomanufacturing – Past to Present**  
**Moderator: Gary Schoenhouse**  
**Panelists: Hans Koning Bastiaan, Carla Boragno, Craig Doerfert, Mike Edwards, Patricia Lufburrow, Chris Schreil**
- 1:15 – 1:30 pm Break / Vendor Showcase
- 1:30 – 2:40 pm **Session 3: Speed to Market – Biomanufacturing for  
Cell and Gene Therapies**  
**Moderator: Terry Stelter, Mazzetti**  
**Panelists: Kevin Campbell, G-CON; Simon Forder, IPS;  
Stephen Hubbard, Eppendorf**  
*As hundreds of innovative therapies move through the development pipeline the overall economy remains a challenge, presenting a difficult thread-the-needle scenario for companies needing to plan for commercial launch while also needing new tools in the build-buy-partner decision to successfully deliver those therapies. New business models in manufacturing continue to emerge to help companies navigate uncertainty.*
- 2:40 – 3:00 pm Mid Afternoon Break / Vendor Showcase
- 3:00 – 4:10 pm **Session 4: Energy and Sustainability in Life Sciences**  
**Moderator: Peter Conte, Transwestern**  
**Panelists: Rey Banatao, GoogleX; Jim Cooper, Blue-X;  
Brandon Miskey, Elemental Machines;**  
*Greening of the lab will not be enough to deliver net zero results in life sciences. This panel will take a comprehensive look at state-of-the-art tools, practices, and building materials to take biotech to new heights of sustainability.*
- 4:10 – 4:30 pm **Closing Comments**
- 4:30 – 6:00 pm Vendor Showcase / Networking Reception
- 6:30 – 7:00 pm Showcase Breakdown