

John Harper Biography



John Harper is an experienced clean power finance executive, investor, and advisor. John leads Birch Tree Capital, a financial consulting firm advising project developers, investors, buyers, and other public and private entities on renewable power financing transactions. As a partner with the Clean Energy Venture Group (www.cleanenergyventuregroup.com), John sources and leads investments in early stage clean energy companies.

John has over three decades of infrastructure project finance experience, and closed equity and debt financing for multiple utility and commercial-scale solar and wind projects. John has advised corporations, towns, and non-profit entities on solar power purchases. He was the lead author on a Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory report on wind project financing structures and advised the National Renewable Energy Laboratory on solar tax equity financing. John is a managing director of the Carreden Group sourcing tax equity capital for utility-scale solar projects.

In addition to his advisory work, he co-leads an investment firm that develops, finances, and owns distributed commercial solar projects. He closed on venture equity and debt financing for a start-up clean power technology firm. John previously led project finance teams for Tioga Energy, EDF Renewable Energy, Wärtsilä, ABB, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and closed financing for power generation, telecommunications, oil & gas, mining, and other infrastructure projects in the United States and over two dozen emerging market countries.

John holds FINRA Series 7 and 63 licenses, a M.A. in Law & Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a B.A. in Government from Pomona College. He co-chairs the Advisory Board for the Center for International Environment & Policy at the Fletcher School, and is a member of the Town of Wayland Energy & Climate Committee.