



# Green California

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit Agenda Summary

January 27, 2016 • Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento

8:30 am **Registration & Light Breakfast – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

9:00 am –  
9:15 am **Welcome – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

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10:15 am **One Year In: Perspectives from Freshmen Legislators – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

10:15 am – **Climate Change, Drought & the Way Forward – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***  
11:45 am

11:45 am – **Lunch – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

12:50 pm **Featuring Keynote Address by Nancy McFadden, Executive Secretary to Governor Jerry Brown  
& Address by Senator Ricardo Lara**

1:00 pm – **Breakout Sessions**

- 2:15 pm
- I. **Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy – *Beavis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - II. **Beyond BPA: Protecting Californians from Toxic Chemicals – *Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - III. **Forests & Wildlife: Threats, Challenges & Recovery – *Compagno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - IV. **Adaptation: Keeping Communities Resilient – *Bataglieri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***

2:30 pm –  
3:30 pm **Building a Sustainable Economy – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

3:45 pm – **Breakout Workshops**

- 5:00 pm
- I. **Powered Grassroots Advocacy: Building Organized Power Online and Offline – *Compagno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - II. **After the Legislative Fight: Ensuring Effective Environmental Enforcement – *Bataglieri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - III. **Plastic Bag Ban: Plug in to the Statewide Campaign – *Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*  
*Hosted by Californians Against Waste***

5:00 pm –  
7:30 pm **Reception – *Morgan's Restaurant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***

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**9:15 am – One Year In: Perspectives from Freshmen Legislators – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

**10:15 am** *On this panel, freshmen legislators will speak about their first year in office, the major environmental issues in their districts, and their environmental legislative priorities.*

- Moderator: Jena Price, California League of Conservation Voters
- Senator Connie Leyva
- Assemblymember Patty López
- Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
- Assemblymember Tony Thurmond

**10:15 am – Climate Change, Drought & the Way Forward – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

**11:45 am** *Climate change and drought have huge, profound impacts throughout California. This panel will cover those impacts, and panelists will discuss the ways California is addressing these issues and moving towards a more sustainable future.*

- Moderator: Asha Kreiling, Community Water Center
- Kim Delfino, Defenders of Wildlife
- Amanda Ford, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
- Malcolm North, USDA Forest Service
- Noe Paramo, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

**11:45 am – Lunch – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

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Introduction by Alex Jackson, Natural Resources Defense Council

**& Address by Senator Ricardo Lara**

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**I. Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy – Beavis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*Hear from experts about how our food and agricultural systems impact our environment and the sustainability of our planet.*

- Moderator: Victoria Rome, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Torri Estrada, The Carbon Cycle Institute
- Dana Gunders, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Jeanne Merrill, California Climate and Agriculture Network
- Jenny Rempel, Community Water Center

**II. Beyond BPA: Protecting Californians from Toxic Chemicals – Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*In an interactive and engaging session with advocates and scientists, learn about how toxic chemicals in our everyday products can harm our health and the environment, recent federal policy developments, and California programs and current legislation that are attempting to address the problem. We will discuss some major chemicals of concern in consumer products, and what lies ahead for reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Proposition 65, Safer Consumer Products, and toxics bills for this legislative session.*

- Moderator: Bill Allayaud, Environmental Working Group
- Kathryn Alcantar, Center for Environmental Health and Californians for a Healthy and Green Economy (CHANGE)
- Nancy Buermeyer, Breast Cancer Fund
- Veena Singla, Natural Resources Defense Council

**III. Forests & Wildlife: Threats, Challenges & Recovery – Compagno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*From unprecedented forest die-off to wolves re-inhabiting California for the first time in generations, it's a time of dramatic change for wildlife and habitat. Hear about threats and policy responses for California forests, planning for wolf conservation, and actions people are taking in urban areas to help support native species and habitat.*

- Moderator: Vern Goehring, Natural Solutions for Advocacy
- Pamela Flick, Defenders of Wildlife
- Dr. Gordon Frankie, UC Berkeley Urban Bee Lab
- Steve Greco, UC Davis Department of Human Ecology
- Paul Mason, Pacific Forest Trust
- Malcolm North, USDA Forest Service

**IV. Adaptation: Keeping Communities Resilient – Bataglieri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*Our climate is changing, and while California is doing a tremendous amount to mitigate the future impacts, this panel will discuss how the state is currently becoming more resilient and adapting to an already changing climate.*

- Moderator: Alex Leumer, The Nature Conservancy
- Louise Bedsworth, Office of Planning and Research
- Ashley Conrad-Saydah, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Raul De La Rosa, California Natural Resources Agency
- Randall Winston, Strategic Growth Council

2:30 pm – **Building a Sustainable Economy – Magnolia, Ballroom Level**

3:30 pm *This panel will share stories about how California businesses have adapted to environmental regulation and environmental challenges and how businesses can be successful while being good environmental stewards.*

- Moderator: Dan Jacobson, Environment California
- Jim Araby, United Food and Commercial Workers Western States Council
- Keri Askew Bailey, California Grocers Association Council
- Bernadette Del Chiaro, California Solar Energy Industries Association
- Paul Muller, Full Belly Farm

3:45 pm – **Breakout Workshops**

5:00 pm

**I. Digitally Powered Grassroots Advocacy: Building Organized Power Online and Offline – Compagno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*Digital advocacy is a critical component of any political and advocacy campaign. Come learn how to build support for your issue using online and offline activism.*

- Luis Avila, 270 Strategies
- Brent Messenger, 270 Strategies

**II. After the Legislative Fight: Ensuring Effective Environmental Enforcement – Bataglieri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*A review of options available for environmental, wildlife and public health law enforcement via the courts; the parties pursuing environmental law enforcement; the challenges they face; and legislative or procedural changes that can help overcome barriers to the administration of justice. Ample time will be provided for audience interaction with panelists.*

- Amy J. Bricker, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger
- Stacey Geis, Earthjustice
- Harold M. Thomas, Special Deputy District Attorney

**III. Plastic Bag Ban: Plug in to the Statewide Campaign – Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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*Join campaign team members for a working meeting on the statewide effort to implement the plastic bag ban. We will cover joining/organizing local campaign committees; endorsements; social media and upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.*

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