



# Green California

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

February 15, 2017 • Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento

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

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

9:15 am –  
10:15 am **Continuing California's Environmental Leadership – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

10:30 am – **Breakout Sessions**

- 11:45 am
- I. **Climate and Equity Solutions for the Infrastructure Package – *Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - II. **Funding Safe & Affordable Water – *Beavis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - III. **Natural and Working Lands Solutions to Climate – Opportunities to Slow Global Warming are All Around Us – *Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***

11:45 am –  
12:50 pm **Lunch – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***  
**Featuring Keynote Address by Dolores Huerta**

1:00 pm –  
2:00 pm **Building the California Dream Alliance – *Magnolia, Ballroom Level***

- 2:15 pm –  
3:30 pm **Breakout Sessions**
- I. **Protecting California's Coast and Ocean over the Next Four Years – States' Rights and What California Can Do – *Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - II. **Chasing the Triple Bottom Line – A Discussion with Progressive Businesses – *Beavis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - III. **An Opportunity to Play Offense: Toxics Policy in California – *Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***

- 3:45 pm –  
5:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**
- I. **Creating Water Justice: Engaging Environmental Justice Communities, A Best Practices Workshop – *Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
  - II. **Improving Community Health and Vitality through Climate Investments – *Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***

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

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**9:15 am – Continuing California’s Environmental Leadership – Magnolia, Ballroom Level**

**10:15 am**

*California has long been an environmental leader. As Governor Jerry Brown said in his State of the State address, “California is not turning back. Not now, not ever.” Panelists will discuss how the environmental and environmental justice movements plan to continue to make progress in California, even in the face of rollbacks by the new federal administration.*

- Moderator: Pete Price
- Kim Delfino, Defenders of Wildlife
- Kelly Jiang, CALPIRG Students Board of Directors
- Ann Notthoff, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Parin Shah, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

**10:30 am – Breakout Sessions**

**11:45 am**

**I. Climate and Equity Solutions for the Infrastructure Package – Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*This year, the Legislature will consider a large infrastructure package to raise many billions in new revenue for housing, transportation, parks, and water projects. Will these investments advance or thwart progress toward attaining our climate goals? Toward improving the quality of life of Californians? Toward relieving unjust burdens on our most vulnerable populations? Join this session to hear and share ideas for ensuring that California invests in a sustainable, equitable future.*

- Moderator: Tony Dang, California Walks
- Tyrone Buckley, Housing California
- Rico Mastrodonato, Trust for Public Land
- Joshua Stark, TransForm
- Jeanie Ward-Waller, California Bicycle Coalition

**II. Funding Safe & Affordable Water – Beavis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*Over one million Californians lack access to safe, affordable water. In this session, panelists and attendees will have a productive discussion about the various mechanisms to fund and address unmet community water needs, including possible funding sources and long term drinking water solutions.*

- Moderator: Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action
- Brad Coffey, Metropolitan Water District
- Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center
- Max Gomberg, State Water Resources Control Board

### III. Natural and Working Lands Solutions to Climate – Opportunities to Slow Global Warming are All Around Us – Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

*The best way to remove CO2 already in the atmosphere and slow global warming is to improve the health of our natural environment. Increasing biological and soil carbon in our forests, rangelands, croplands, and wetlands is safe and cost effective, and improves wildlife habitat while helping address and adapt to a changing climate. Join us to learn about climate action opportunities on natural and working landscapes, and a discussion of how to improve and scale these efforts.*

- Moderator: Paul Mason, Pacific Forest Trust
- Torri Estrada, Carbon Cycle Institute
- Laurie Wayburn, Pacific Forest Trust

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Introduction by Diana Vazquez, California Environmental Justice Alliance

1:00 pm –  
2:00 pm

#### **Building the California Dream Alliance – Magnolia, Ballroom Level**

*This panel will focus on how progressive organizations are working together to move California forward. Panelists will discuss how they are responding to federal actions and how they are working with environmental groups to move the state forward.*

- Moderator: Kathryn Phillips, Sierra Club California
- Chione Flegal, PolicyLink
- Natasha Minsker, ACLU of California
- Tia Orr, SEIU California

2:15 pm –  
3:30 pm

#### **Breakout Sessions**

##### **I. Protecting California's Coast and Ocean over the Next Four Years – States' Rights and What California Can Do – Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*This session will explore threats and opportunities for California coast and ocean protection in light of a hostile federal administration. Panelists will speak to offshore oil drilling, coastal zone management and access, coastal justice and the respective roles of state agencies, including the Coastal Commission, and policy makers in maintaining California's world famous coastline.*

- Moderator: Ann Notthoff, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, Azul
- Dan Jacobson, Environment California
- Susan Jordan, California Coastal Protection Network
- Damon Nagami, Natural Resources Defense Council

##### **II. Chasing the Triple Bottom Line – A Discussion with Progressive Businesses – Beavis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*A panel of progressive business group representatives will be asked about how they pursue the triple bottom line and how their work supports environmental and equity policies and goals. Panelists will discuss how their industry or sector supports a sustainable pathway, progressive social and environmental policies, and how their business has embraced them.*

- Moderator: Justin Malan, Ecoconsult
- Shannon Casey, Cleantech San Diego
- Cynthia Clark, Sustainable Silicon Valley
- Lenny Mendonca, Blue Business Council
- Andy Wunder, Manager, California Program, Ceres, Inc.

### III. An Opportunity to Play Offense: Toxics Policy in California – Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

*Despite the expected agenda coming out of Washington, there are opportunities in California to engage in legislation and other initiatives to advance a move away from toxic chemicals both here and nationally. This session will provide a brief introduction to those opportunities, followed by an interactive discussion on how we can develop policies that are equitable and responsive to the needs of all Californians.*

- Moderator: Bill Allayaud, Environmental Working Group
- Kathryn Alcantar, Center for Environmental Health
- Nancy Buermeyer, Breast Cancer Fund
- Catherine Porter, California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
- Andria Ventura, Clean Water Action

#### 3:45 pm – Breakout Sessions

5:00 pm

#### I. Creating Water Justice: Engaging Environmental Justice Communities, A Best Practices Workshop – Tofanelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

*This session will present best practices of community and issue engagement from the perspectives of environmental justice community members, environmental justice organizations, and state agencies. Panelists will address, through interactive discussion and Q&A format, how environmental conservation and environmental justice campaigns can work together to achieve complementary outcomes, with examples of best practices from Salton Sea, Central Valley, and Northern Tribes projects.*

- Moderator: Amanda Ford, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
- Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel
- Luis Olmedo, Comite Civico del Valle
- Marina Perez, State Water Resources Control Board

#### II. Improving Community Health and Vitality through Climate Investments – Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

*The focus of this session will be to discuss types of climate investment projects that can provide health and community benefits, how the state and local governments can work together to leverage successful projects, and the role for community members in becoming involved in the process. The workshop will also provide examples of successful local collaborations and provide time for participants to brainstorm key next steps in their regional contexts.*

- Moderator: Bonnie Holmes-Gen, American Lung Association in California
- Larry Greene, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- Katelyn Roedner Sutter, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton
- Steve Sanders, Institute for Local Government

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