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Subject: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 11:05:40 AM
Importance: High

".. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town."

"Jamaica Farewell," Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokonomist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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Date: Thursday, April 03, 2014 12:54:30 PM

Greetings,

I wanted to make sure you were aware of a [letter](#) signed by over 200 business leaders - including executives at Apple, Oracle, Facebook, and Google – [calling for Secretary Kerry to reject the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline](#). The letter, signed by 227 members of E2, a “non-partisan, national community of business leaders who promote strong environmental policy to grow the economy”, emphasized the economic impacts and social cost of climate change, as well as the negligible benefit the project would bring to the United States economy. [Anthony Bernhardt, the Northern California director of E2, told Bloomberg Businessweek](#). “Even beyond our group, I’d say it’s a consensus among tech leaders that developing the tar sands will not benefit our economy—and on the contrary, increase the risk of real harm,” Bob Fisher, the chairman of Gap, who also signed on to the letter, added that the risk brought on by rising sea levels and extreme weather events is already threatening businesses, and “I don’t see increasing the risk of that for about the same number of jobs it takes to build and run a medium-sized mall.”

Earlier this week, the *New York Times* ran an important op-ed (“[Is Canada Tarring Itself?](#)”) highlighting the fact that by prioritizing tar sands expansion, Canada has deserted its role as a reliable partner on combating climate change. Canada is currently on track to miss its climate commitments by a substantial margin, [primarily because of its rapidly expanding tar sands sector](#). Despite this, [Canada has no credible means](#) of mitigating its increasing carbon emissions.

I also wanted to make sure you were aware of two studies released in the past week by the Alberta government drawing attention to the linkage between tar sands development and significant health concerns, discussed in the blog “[Mounting evidence of health concerns near tar sands development](#).”

Finally, [we address the argument](#) that Keystone XL has a role in the Ukraine debate.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,

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Subject: Fw: Dinner wed the 9th?
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 7:44:02 AM

she's already on my calendar for that night. can you follow up with her to just let her know how she should get into the building. she's coming late, so remind me to be by the phone so i can let her up.

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From: Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov
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Sent: Tue Sep 01 05:31:53 2009
Subject: Re: Dinner wed the 9th?

Would love to see you. Let's plan on the 9th. Can you come by and meet me around 5:30 pm? My info is below. Can't wait!!

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Hal said you might be able to have dinner on the 9th if early. He can't get in in time but I'll be there and would LOVE to see you, however briefly! Also free all afternoon that day. Was planning to be in NY and just decided to go to DC instead.

How are you?
Felicia

From: [Rhea Suh](#)
To: [Gail Adams](#); [Terri Johnson](#)
Subject: FW: Letter to Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell in re: Federal Coal Program and Need for Improvement
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2013 10:01:43 AM
Attachments: [2013-7-18 Jewell Letter.pdf](#)

FYI

From: Jeremy Nichols [mailto:jnichols@wildearthguardians.org]
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Subject: Letter to Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell in re: Federal Coal Program and Need for Improvement

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Attached, please find a letter from several conservation organizations, including national, regional, and local groups, regarding the federal coal program and concerns over its economic and environmental integrity in the wake of the Inspector General's June 11, 2013 report and recent plans announced by the Bureau of Land Management to lease more coal from the Powder River Basin of Montana and Wyoming. A hard copy of this letter is also being sent to you today via certified mail, return receipt requested. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Nichols

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Date: Thursday, July 18, 2013 1:01:10 PM
Attachments: [Greenpeace Dept of Climate Action Letter 7.18.13.pdf](#)

Thank you for sharing Rhea. Greenpeace (Dept. of Climate Action) showed up at DOI today and I went downstairs and accepted their letter as well - which is attached. I've shared with both with Exec Sec.

Terri

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On Thu, Jul 18, 2013 at 10:01 AM, Rhea Suh <rhea_suh@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Letter to Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell in re: Federal Coal Program and Need for Improvement

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Gratitude to Ali and Janet!
Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 6:21:16 PM

Friends:

I want to express heartfelt gratitude to Ali for hosting such a wonderful conversation last night -- and to Janet for facilitating it so skillfully. We missed those of you who were grounded by the storm or other commitments. But it was a beautiful and important evening. One take home: we need to think strategically as a community about the opportunities before us now.

With gratitude,

Michael

On Wed, Oct 10, 2012 at 11:41 AM, Janet Nudelman <jnudelman@breastcancerfund.org> wrote:

Thanks so much for the invite Ali and for putting together a discussion with such an extraordinary group of colleagues!

I am 95% certain I can join, pending my ability to find childcare.

Looking forward to it!

Best,

Janet

Janet Nudelman

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From: Forsythia Foundation [mailto:admin@forsythiafdn.org]

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 12:42 PM

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Cc: Anne Lebleu; Eric Kessler

Subject: ON BEHALF OF ALI CARLSON: Invite to EH Salon at Ali's Home (during APHA) 10/30 6:45pm

Dear Mike, Lynn, Rivka, Linda, Shelley, Dick, Sarah, Jill, Michael, Janet, Elise, Janet, Christopher, Deb, Steve, Jeanne, Ted, Peggy, Gina, Rhea, Trip, Dave, and Tracey:

Please join me, Lynn Goldman, Shelley Hearne, Gina Solomon, Janet Maughan and a small group of others for a gathering at my home during APHA on Tuesday evening, October 30th, 6:45pm.

We would like to take advantage of your presence in SF to put our heads together – in a relaxed atmosphere, over casual dinner and drink – to consider matters I know we all think about:

- Where are the best current policy options for protecting people from environmental threats to health? (Where do you think the best returns on investment, financial and human, are these days?)
- What the overlaps among key issues people are tackling now, and are we taking advantage of that overlap? Are there common challenges and opportunities we ought to be paying greater attention to (e.g. oil subsidies? integrity of science? Government resources for science?)
- How can the huge, powerful health field be nudged to support policies and funding for reducing environmental threats to health? (The health field pays some attention, but that is generally to social, lifestyle and cultural issues...what about chemicals?)

- What do you want health and environment funders to know as they evaluate their strategies?

Janet Maughan has kindly agreed to serve as a salon “moderator.” Can you make it? Please let me know via email to admin@forsythiafdn.org if possible **before October 24th** – *and indicate if you are vegetarian or not*. Dress: Casual and comfortable. Those attending will receive location details (Cow Hollow area of San Francisco) closer to the time.

Best,

Ali

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A man is a method, a progressive arrangement; a selecting principle, gathering his like to him; wherever he goes.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

From: [Alison Carlson](#)
To: "[Suh, Rhea](#)"
Cc: lgreer@nrdc.org; [Steve van Landingham](#); [Shelley Hearne](#)
Subject: Great news
Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 6:29:34 PM

Rhea,

Wow. Interior's loss but happy to see this gain for NRDC. I anticipate that this is good news for the Health Program (given your appreciation for the importance of its issues). As a Health Program funder over the years since 2008, I just want to say that your move to NRDC gives me heart as we take in Frances' departure. I look forward to future conversations with yet another new angle!

All best and congratulations to both you and NRDC –
Alison

From: [Hal Candee](#)
To: Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov; Letty_belin@ios.doi.gov
Cc: dobegi@nrdc.org; mschmitt@nrdc.org
Subject: Heads up: Patterson Fish Screen (confidential)
Date: Monday, July 13, 2009 12:55:48 PM

Have you heard of a new amendment on this CVP fish screen? We just heard it may come up. Here are my initial caveats.

Thanks.

Hal

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

-----Original Message-----

From: Hal Candee

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CC: 'mschmitt@nrdc.org' <mschmitt@nrdc.org>; 'dobegi@nrdc.org' <dobegi@nrdc.org>; 'bnelson@nrdc.org' <bnelson@nrdc.org>; Hal Candee

Sent: Mon Jul 13 10:24:33 2009

Subject: Patterson Fish Screen

In general we agree that fish screens are benign, and especially good on SJR now that more salmon will be there. But just be aware of some background issues:

State law requires cost sharing on DFG fish screens and that has been a topic in past with Patterson (isn't the screen mostly done?). The SJR settlement bill expressly preserved state cost sharing requirements.

Patterson is a DMC contractor and a prime target for recirculating our SJR restoration flows before they reach the Delta. The degree of recirc is still being debated. Wdnt want any language that seems to alter that debate.

How much are they requesting and from which pot of money?

Thanks Ben.

Hal

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Subject: Invitation: March 27, 5:30 p.m. Reception, White-Nose Syndrome Film Screening
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 8:49:25 AM

Please join me and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe on Thursday, March 27, for a social reception preceding the screening of two white-nose syndrome films as part of the 22nd Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital.

Thank you to our sponsors, Bat Conservation International and The Nature Conservancy, who will provide light refreshments.

Enclosed is your invitation. This is an invitation only event, as space is limited. RSVPs are required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with you and other professionals committed to solving the dilemma of this devastating bat disease. I hope to see you there.

Wendi

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You are invited...

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Come enjoy light refreshments and meet partners in the response to white-nose syndrome, agency and organization executives and congressional leaders.

When: Thursday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: South Penthouse, Stewart Lee Udall Department
of the Interior Building
1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240

Note: You will be required to go through security screening to access the reception. Please bring a photo ID. Only people who have sent in an RSVP to the reception will be allowed through the security checkpoint.

Following the reception, see live bats in the Yates Auditorium downstairs at 6:30 p.m, watch *The Race to Save Pennsylvania's Bats* and *The Battle for Bats: Surviving White-nose Syndrome* at 7:00 p.m and listen to a panel of experts answer questions about this deadly bat disease

R.S.V.P. no later than Sunday, March 23rd to Catherine_Hibbard@fws.gov with subject line WNS RSVP; this invitation is non-transferable.

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Subject: Keystone XL National Interest Determination backgrounder and update
Date: Friday, March 28, 2014 9:15:01 AM

Greetings,

NRDC [released a backgrounder yesterday](#) briefly outlining some of the reasons why the proposed Keystone XL tar sands pipeline is not in the national interest. Keystone XL would significantly add to the carbon pollution that's driving climate change, undermine the nation's climate leadership and imperil the health and drinking water of millions of Americans. The proposed tar sands pipeline is a long term piece of high carbon infrastructure that simply doesn't fit in a world which is committed to stabilize climate change at 2 degrees Celsius. Secretary Kerry can't find Keystone XL in the national interest until a route through Nebraska has been determined and evaluated and the impact of that route on communities and resources can be evaluated. But he has already has all the information he needs to reject Keystone XL on climate and other grounds. By rejecting Keystone XL, Secretary Kerry has an opportunity to build [on his exemplary record on climate](#) and signal to the world that the United States is serious about tackling climate change.

To read more, please go to my blog: Secretary Kerry has all the necessary information to reject the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline at:

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/aswift/secretary_kerry_has_all_the_in.html.

I also wanted to make sure you were aware of recent decision by Shell [to cancel its plans to move forward with its proposed 200,000 bpd Jackpine mine](#), a development that highlights the vulnerability of tar sands expansion projects due to a lack of cheap transport capacity. This risk was also observed by the Conference Board of Canada, which released a new forecast concluding that tar sands expansion requires pipeline development, [saying](#):

"A risk to the forecast is the delay in pipeline development. Oil pipeline capacity remains a challenge for Alberta and without the construction of new pipelines, future investment in the oil and gas sector could be curtailed."

Finally, I wanted to highlight a decision by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) [to deny a permit by Canadian Natural Resources](#) to resume operations on its Primrose tar sands project after four uncontrolled leaks spilled hundreds of thousands of gallons of tar sands bitumen over several months. This blowout [has raised significant questions](#) regarding Alberta's regulatory oversight.

Best,

Anthony Swift | Attorney, International Program

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Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013 2:40:09 PM

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The arrival of a new year is cause for [reflection](#) on the past and renewed commitment to the [future](#). As we look back at 2012, California has much to be proud of: the creation of the nation's first ever [necklace of underwater parks](#); AB 32 and the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard are moving forward, driving clean energy investments and job creation; [salmon are spawning](#) in the San Joaquin River for the first time in more than 60 years; the Los Angeles and Sacramento regions are pursuing [visionary plans](#) for transit and smart urban design; all of our state parks stayed open to visitors despite a tough year; our [furniture is becoming less toxic](#), and our deserts remain healthy for wildlife while on pace to generate clean, renewable energy. NRDC produced a terrific [video](#) highlighting many of the victories achieved together last year. If you have not yet viewed it, we urge you to do so. It is truly inspiring.

We'd also like to highlight SF staff litigator Jen Sorenson, named one of five young attorneys in the country with a [2013 Distinguished Environmental Advocate Award](#) from the American Bar Association, set to receive her Rising Star Award in Salt Lake City this March.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

California's Coastal Marine Protection Update

Last month, West Coast marine lovers celebrated the long-awaited completion of the nation's first ever network of [marine protected areas](#). With the help of NRDC, in 1999 local residents began planning for this landmark coastal protection to ensure not only the rehabilitation of vibrant marine ecosystems off our shores, but also the [preservation of our ocean](#) economy, recreation rights and important legacy issues, such as tribal access. The initiative faced many challenges along the way, but, thanks to stakeholders from all walks of life and NRDC's never-faltering advocacy, California's coastlines now provide a model for the world.

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2012 Hottest Year to Date

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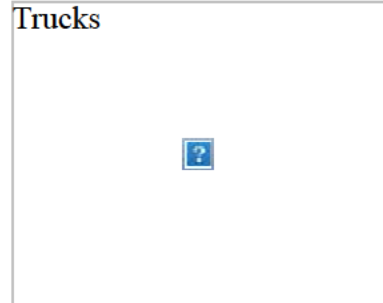


The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's recently issued State of the Climate [report](#) showed that 2012 was the [hottest year on record](#) in the continental United States. This information emphasizes what we already know about climate change: our concept of "normal" weather will continue to be challenged. NRDC just released a [proposal to cut carbon pollution](#) from existing power plants. The latest data shows that this action is more urgent than ever.

Clean Bus Regulations Get the Green Light

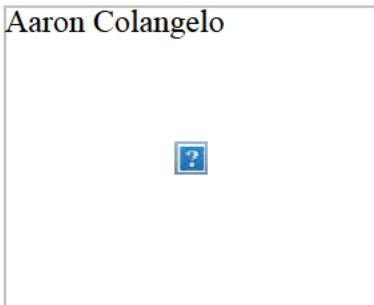
California recently scored another [clean air victory](#) when a United States District Court [dismissed a lawsuit](#) that sought to invalidate California's truck and bus rule. The regulation requires updates and/or the replacement of older trucks starting January 2015. This rule will clean up our largest source of [particulate matter](#) and smog-forming oxides of nitrogen in the state, preventing approximately 3,500 premature deaths. By January 2023, nearly all vehicles will need to have 2010 model year engines or newer equivalents. The California Dump Truck Owners Association sued California two years ago over the rule, and NRDC intervened to help defend the law. During the course of the lawsuit, the Environmental Protection Agency approved the rule as part of California's plan to meet federal air quality standards. And last month, the court dismissed the lawsuit, finding that the association's legal challenge implicates the correctness of the EPA's approval of the rule, and, that under the federal Clean Air Act, only the U.S. Court of Appeals can hear such cases.

Trucks



NRDC's Tireless Litigator

Aaron Colangelo



Aaron Colangelo is a senior attorney with NRDC's litigation team in Washington, DC. [Aaron](#) has litigated cases concerning coastal [water quality](#), farmworkers' exposures to pesticides, and toxic chemicals in children's toys and other [consumer products](#), as well as the most recent Clean Water Act case against Los Angeles County which he argued before the US Supreme Court last December. Before joining NRDC in 2001, he worked as a litigation associate at Covington & Burling. Aaron graduated from Penn State University and Harvard Law School. In his "spare" time, Aaron teaches an environmental protection clinic at Howard University School of Law.

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Earlier this month, on the evening of February 3rd, hundreds of candlelight vigils opposing the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline took place in almost all 50 states. [NRDC participated](#) in coalition with partners like CREDO and 350.org, speaking up loud and clear to President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry to say that the pipeline is [not in the national interest](#). NRDC founder John Adams spoke at the [Santa Monica vigil](#), which was pulled together over the weekend in response to the previous Friday release of the project's Final [Environmental Impact](#) Statement.

In other news, we were thrilled to learn earlier this month that NRDC's Western Director, Joel Reynolds, is being recognized as an Annenberg Foundation Visionary [Leader](#).

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Good News for Great Sharks: NOAA Upholds California Shark Fin Ban

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has finally determined that California's shark fin ban originally passed in 2011 is consistent with federal law. [After all the hard work](#) to pass this ban, the status of the law was [called into question](#) last year during a rulemaking in which NOAA alleged that shark fin bans like California's could interfere with federal law and be preempted. NRDC responded by analyzing the legal issues at stake and working to educate NOAA officials on why these state bans are in fact consistent with federal law. After many months of uncertainty, on February 3rd, NOAA released a letter concluding that California's shark fin ban [does not interfere](#) with federal law.

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Managing Water for All -- California's Drought Crisis

California's historic drought caught the nation's eye this month -- Federal and State Bills have been introduced. [President Obama](#)



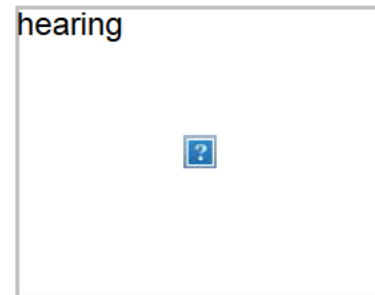
[came](#) to California to see and hear firsthand what impacts water shortages are having on communities without clean drinking water, farms, fishermen, farmworkers, dairies, the environment and more. Annie joined the roundtable with the President in Firebaugh where she emphasized the need for [real solutions](#) to the drought including conservation now and investments in efficiency, recycling, stormwater capture, local storage projects, and groundwater management, which will help create a [drought-resistant](#) supply. Everyone in the state is

[struggling](#) through the drought – we endorse [Governor Brown's call](#) to reduce our water usage by 20 percent. Even if your water district isn't calling for mandatory water use restrictions, learn about where your water comes from and think about what you can do to reduce your [water](#) footprint.

Yes We Care -- Poll Reveals Majority of Latinos Want Climate Change Action

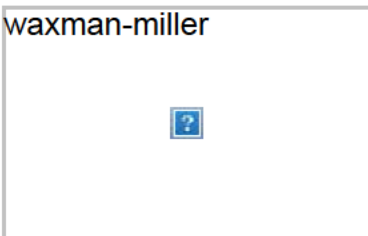
Last month, [Latino Decisions](#) conducted a nationwide survey for NRDC revealing that an overwhelming majority of Latinos in the United States [want strong presidential action](#) to curb the threat of climate change. According to the [nationwide survey](#), 9 in 10 Latinos surveyed feel it's important for the U.S. government to address global warming and climate change; 80 percent favored presidential action to fight carbon pollution that causes it -- [a critical message](#) to leaders as we await the Environmental Protection Agency's first-ever limit on carbon pollution from power plants. It's no surprise Latinos view tackling climate change as part of building a brighter, more hopeful future for their children. Click [here](#) to view key findings and themes from the report and [here](#) for video coverage and highlights.

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NRDC's Congressional Salute: Two Golden State Defenders Set to Retire

waxman-miller



We can't let this month's issue go by without [recognizing two legendary](#) west coast environmental champions -- the Honorable [George Miller](#) and the Honorable [Henry Waxman](#) -- two California congressmen NRDC has been privileged to work alongside for the last four decades. From leading the change to inject environmental sanity into California's water policy, to protecting our coast from offshore drilling, [Congressman Miller's tenacity](#) has proven to be a critical asset to the state. And in epic environmental wins that benefit us all, [Congressman Waxman](#) was instrumental in the passing of the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments and achieved historic climate change breakthroughs when passing national clean energy and climate legislation in the House. California and the nation are far better off because of the visionary, courageous work of Representatives Miller and Waxman. Thank you.

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In his second inaugural address President Obama made a historic vow to confront climate change—something NRDC has [urged him to address](#). "We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that failure to do so would betray our children and future generations," said the president. In a front page [story](#) quoting **Dan Lashof**, *The New York Times* reported on President Obama's climate remarks and referenced NRDC's recently released power plants [proposal](#), authored by our climate and clean air team. The president reinforced his commitment to act in his State of the Union address, where NRDC president **Frances Beinecke** [reported from the gallery](#) of the House of Representatives. The president was clear and specific, "If Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will. I will direct my Cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take, now and in the future, to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change, and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy." California's path-breaking climate leadership provides a great roadmap for federal action.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

New Permit Would Allow Navy to Harm Millions of Marine Mammals

Last month, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposed a rule that would [permit the Navy to harm marine mammals](#) in U.S. waters on more than [31 million expected instances between 2014 and 2019](#). NMFS authored the draft rule granting the Navy's request for authorization to harass, injure, and kill whales and dolphins as part of its testing and training exercises along the Atlantic coast, in the Gulf of Mexico, and in waters off of Southern California and Hawaii. It is likely the largest harm to marine mammals that any federal agency has proposed as a result of direct agency action. [More than 550,000 people have signed a petition](#) at Signon.org calling for an end to the killing and harassment of marine mammals by navy sonar. NRDC will be submitting comments urging NMFS to

dolphins



meet its obligations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act—to develop and adopt protective measures that meaningfully protect whales and dolphins. The proposed rules can be [seen here](#) and comments can be made until March 11th.

Supreme Court to Hear Los Angeles Clean Trucks Case

clean trucks



The U.S. Supreme Court, which agrees to [hear only about 80 cases each year](#), will hear an appeal on April 16th by the American Trucking Associations of a lower court decision requiring trucks entering the Port of Los Angeles to comply with basic environmental, safety and security requirements. [NRDC intervened](#) in 2008 to defend the clean truck program which will replace 16,000 dirty trucks hauling cargo to and from the port daily with 2007 EPA-compliant models. Since the program's inception in 2008, truck-produced diesel air pollution has been reduced by 80 percent. Diesel pollution is a chronic health problem affecting low-income harbor residents who shoulder the daily pollution burden of living near the port complex.

Californians Can Breathe Easier—Stricter Soot Protections Enforced by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

On January 4th, NRDC celebrated another clean air victory when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must implement stronger requirements to clean up particulate matter, or soot pollution. The court agreed with our argument that the agency must follow strict implementation [requirements specific to soot pollution](#) written into the Clean Air Act, as opposed to the more general and lax requirements the [agency had been following](#). This ruling will mean stronger protections against soot pollution; and by limiting the public's exposure to this respiratory danger, thousands of lives will be saved by reducing thousands of asthma attacks, heart attacks, and strokes every year.

Clean air



NRDC Attorney Dives In to Save Sharks

Seth Atkinson



Thanks to skilled staff attorneys like Seth Atkinson, California's 2011 law banning the sale of imported shark fins (finning is already prohibited in California waters) [survived a recent legal challenge](#). Seth's love for oceans and marine life began in beautiful, coastal Santa Cruz during his youth, where he spent his days bodysurfing and wading through tide pools. Just last month, Seth and the oceans team were instrumental in setting an important precedent: the upholding of the constitutionality of state shark fin bans. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California [rejected a request](#) by industry groups to stop California from enforcing its recently passed shark fin ban. By closing off an end use market, the ban reduces global demand and thereby helps to reduce the number of sharks slaughtered each year.

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California received some desperately needed rain and snow recently [although](#) everyone realizes that we need much much more to replenish reserves to alleviate this persistent drought. NRDC's water team is hard at work on near term drought solutions and policies to produce a more drought resilient California in the long-term -- including speaking on a panel before the State Water Resources Control Board about how California farms can conserve more water and contribute to the Governor's call to conserve 20%. NRDC testimony also focused on urban conservation strategies presenting a total of [nineteen recommendations](#) for drought resiliency.

These recommendations are intended to build on the great work of the California Legislature and Governor [Jerry Brown who signed](#) a much needed \$687 million [drought-relief](#) package in March.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
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Polluting Battery Operation Poisons the Community

Exide Technologies -- a giant battery acid recycling operation in California -- has [emitted lead and arsenic](#) into the neighboring communities for many years. Lead is a very dangerous neurotoxin with negative effects on IQ and learning ability that can last a lifetime. Arsenic is a known carcinogen. Exide has been operating for more than 30 years with an interim permit to dispose of its waste issued by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control -- with [no environmental review](#). The South Coast Air Quality Management District has [filed](#) an Order for Abatement to push Exide to mitigate the health impacts on surrounding communities or else be shut down.

The district has also adopted new regulations to further reduce Exide's toxic emissions; Exide is challenging those regulations in court. NRDC intends to file a motion to intervene to support the regulations and [protect communities](#) in South East Los Angeles.



An Impassioned Climate Change Community: "This is OUR Future"



The call for action to combat climate change keeps growing louder. And more young people are getting active and willing to take a stand in some very [public](#) and even demanding ways. Earlier this month 398 young people [marched on Washington](#) to ask President Obama to "Dec-line the Pipe-line" -- and reject the proposed [Keystone XL tar sands pipeline](#); a dirty energy project that has no place in leaving a healthy climate legacy. About the same time here in California, our friends at the [March for Climate Action](#) began their nine-month, 3,000-mile cross country climate action fight in Wilmington -- the site of a proposed new rail and refining capacity for crude oil -- to emphasize

that further burning fossil fuels will only result in further climate disruption. [NRDC President Frances Beinecke endorsed the march](#), and we remain with the marchers in spirit on their journey to advance this very important goal.

10-City Energy Project Targets LA

[The City Energy Project](#) -- a groundbreaking national initiative to create healthier and more prosperous American cities by improving the energy efficiency of buildings -- has [launched in ten cities](#), including [Los Angeles](#). City buildings account for the majority of energy use and carbon pollution -- even more than the transportation and industrial sectors. We know that improving the energy performance of these buildings will yield significant, rapid results. Working in partnership, the project and participating cities will produce innovative, [practical solutions](#) to boost local economies, reduce pollution, and create healthier communities nationwide. The initiative is a [joint enterprise of NRDC](#) and the Institute for Market Transformation.



Setting High Standards: NRDC Energy Fellow Targets Buildings



From the San Fernando Valley to Alaska's Supreme Court to NRDC's Chicago office, Kimi Narita has helped establish and defend various renewable energy projects. Having earned her joint J.D./M.S. in Environment and Resources Portfolio Standards at Stanford Law, Kimi's passion and appreciation for natural resources, renewable energy and efficiency has been applied in projects across [Kansas](#) and Missouri, in [Chicago](#), and now in her home of California. Kimi's most recent effort -- [outreach](#) on the above-mentioned [City Energy Project](#) - is taking center stage here in our Golden State. When she's not busy thinking of ways to cut energy waste and reduce harmful pollution,

Kimi can be found baking her famous non-dairy [cupcakes](#).

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Clean energy companies continue to spring into action as they drive [job growth](#) across the country, with California ranking #1 with the most clean energy and clean transportation projects. Earlier this month in San Francisco, outgoing U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar told Governor Jerry Brown at an event that California was “the tip of the spear” as a world leader in clean energy development.

Springing up at NRDC.org is a new [interactive web tool](#) that allows Californians to explore the water sources that make up their water supply and understand how their own water districts are planning for the future.

We also are pleased to congratulate budding NRDC leader Amanda Eaken, [who was recently](#) selected one of [San Francisco Business Times' Forty Under 40](#)—the brightest and most innovative young professionals helping to build the Bay area's future.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Fewer Toxics Lead to Safer Fire Prevention

[Last month](#) an extremely old and outdated flammability standard, **TB-117**, was *finally* revised, which means we can all [feel safer](#) about our furniture and the other foam materials we bring into our homes. Although well-intentioned, [TB-117 was never proven to be effective](#) in reducing the instances of fire or fire deaths. Rather, it was found to have toxic properties that migrate out of our furniture -- into our homes, our lungs, our children's and pets' mouths. Once enacted, newly released TB-117-2013 will improve fire safety while eliminating the need for any chemicals to be used in furniture. Check out the newest [animated release](#) from [NRDC's science team](#), “Toxic Couch,” that aptly tells the story.

couch



Diesel Toolkits Empower Communities

climate



Our NRDC health team has released a series of [community resources](#) for reducing [diesel air pollution](#) from the freight industry. The [toolkits](#) draw on NRDC's experience in improving air quality and health around ports, rail yards, and major transportation hubs in California. Now you can review information on the health impacts of diesel pollution, the laws that are in place to protect communities, and actions that you can take to help clean up our cargo and transportation infrastructure all in [one handy location](#).

NRDC to Fight Terrible Port Project

Earlier this month, Los Angeles Harbor commissioners approved a \$500 million rail yard that NRDC believes will [cause significant health burdens on](#) harbor-area schools, parks, low-income neighborhoods, and communities of color. The Port of Los Angeles—the busiest container port in the country—approved the final environmental assessment for the Southern California International Gateway to be operated by railroad giant BNSF Railway Co., adding more than 8,000 daily diesel truck trips to the region, which already faces dangerously high levels of air pollution from port operations, nearby refineries, and highways packed with diesel trucks. NRDC and our allies will [continue to fight](#) this terrible project that is the portrait of environmental racism.

Port



California's Most Efficient Native Son

Alex Jackson



Alex Jackson is leading NRDC's legal defense of California's landmark cap-and-trade program, which held its [second successful auction](#) of carbon pollution allowances last month, from a [lawsuit](#) filed by the California Chamber of Commerce. He also led our advocacy efforts to secure the California Public Utilities Commission's approval of more than \$1 billion over three years to improve energy efficiency in low-income households. Alex's deep California roots—born in Santa Monica, a UC Berkeley graduate, and San Francisco Mission-dweller—make him the perfect leader to defend the state's clean energy laws. At home Alex answers to his wife Jackie, and two cats Milo and Olive.

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April was a big month as California officially placed Bisphenol A—also known as [BPA](#)—on the '[Prop 65 list](#)' of chemicals recognized by the state to be reproductive hazards. Also, the South Coast Air Quality Management District adopted a [new rule](#) on fracking essential to curbing the [state's air pollution problems](#). The rule requires oil companies to notify the agency before beginning drilling operations. And for the fifth year in a row, NRDC celebrated innovators in sustainable food at [the Growing Green Awards](#) with a crowd of 400 friends in San Francisco.

It was a tough month too. Here at NRDC we lost a dear friend and colleague when [John Neu](#) passed away. John was inspirational not just for inventing a whole new [recycling industry](#), but for being a caring businessman and social change advocate. He will be dearly missed.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
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Los Angeles Commits to be Coal-Free by 2025

The largest public utility in the country, Los Angeles' Department of Water & Power (LADWP), [unanimously approved](#) a new plan to get off of coal and replace it with cleaner energy. Rooted in the requirements of SB 1368, a 2006 law sponsored by NRDC, the new plan is the culmination of years of work and negotiation, and sets the stage for LADWP, the most coal dependent utility in California, to be [coal-free by 2025](#), and possibly sooner. This [historic advance](#) was announced by Mayor Villaraigosa on March 21st and heralded by NRDC's clean energy team, setting the stage for utilities across the country to move away from coal and toward cleaner, local power.

smokestacks



Efficiency Standards for Transformers Equal Big Savings for California

The U.S. Department of Energy issued new standards for electricity distribution transformers across the country. The new standards stem

transformer



from the DOE's 2009 agreement to settle a lawsuit that NRDC filed with the Sierra Club, Earthjustice and several states—including California—in which we challenged the Bush administration's weak energy efficiency standard for transformers. Because nearly all electricity from the national power grid flows through one of the 40 million transformers nationwide, even small increases in efficiency add up to large savings. The new standards will net consumers about [\\$13 billion while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by about 260 million metric tons](#) over 30 years. This is a great step in the right direction for the DOE, and we hope that the department will adopt even stronger standards for greater savings under the leadership of the new Energy Secretary, Dr. Ernest Moniz.

NRDC's Media Dynamo Sets New Records

Before arriving at NRDC in 2011, Media Associate Jackie Wei spent more than six years in public relations, including her work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Los Angeles. A graduate of the University of Washington, Jackie now creates narratives for many NRDC projects such as our [Growing Green Awards](#) -- she was integral to production of the [film about this year's awardees](#). Her savvy press efforts have set Growing Green media records, garnering prominent coverage in [Forbes](#) and [E&E Greenwire](#), as well as in regional California outlets such as the [Santa Cruz Sentinel](#). Jackie's mantra? *"Effective communications is a necessary catalyst for meaningful engagement with our environments and with each other."* When she's not busy pitching stories or preparing press packages, Jackie can be found hiking and doing yoga in places off the beaten path (two of her favorites are Yosemite and Bali).

Jackie Wei



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[Great news](#) -- Rio Tinto, one of the largest mining companies in the world, [announced](#) that it is abandoning once and for all the giant Pebble Mine proposed for the Bristol Bay region of southwest Alaska. The Pebble Mine has generated [unparalleled opposition](#) from [Alaska residents](#) and [people around the world](#), because it threatens the most productive wild salmon fishery in the world. Rio Tinto's decision to walk away is the latest major blow to the project, coming right after the Environmental Protection Agency [invoked a critically important process](#) under the Clean Water Act to protect the Bristol Bay watershed from the proposed mine. Rio Tinto's divestment is outstanding news which Joel [personally thanked](#) them for.

In drought news, Californians received the latest snowpack report in early April, and the [results are not good](#). This year's low snowpack follows the driest year ever recorded in California and is a harbinger of our water future, as warmer temperatures from climate change are expected to dramatically reduce annual snowpack in the future. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals [just ruled in favor](#) of environmental water protections, but we need to do more to balance water allocations more equitably

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
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Keeping Toxic Crude Rail Terminals Out of California Communities

NRDC's campaign against crude-by-rail facilities in California is gaining steam. Last month, on the heels of the [Berkeley](#) and [Richmond](#) city councils adopting resolutions to [oppose crude-by-rail plans](#), and the Attorney General identifying serious environmental concerns, NRDC filed a lawsuit along with three other groups, represented by Earthjustice, against the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and *Kinder Morgan* for failing to conduct an environmental review for a new crude oil rail terminal in Richmond. The lawsuit sends a strong [message to the oil and rail industries](#) and regulators that major crude oil rail terminals cannot stealthily begin operations in the middle of a community without a public review and permitting process.

Crude Oil rail terminal



New Appliance Efficiency Standards Will Save Energy

Electricity meter



NRDC continues to fight for big energy savings in California homes. We are pleased to report that the California Energy Commission recently announced that it will establish [new energy efficiency standards](#) for 15 product categories, ranging from water faucets to the light bulbs that go into small recessed cans and consumer electronics like computers, monitors, modems and Wi-Fi routers. These new standards reflect many of the [recommendations](#) that NRDC submitted in collaboration with California investor-owned utilities last year. The final standards, once in full effect, may save an estimated \$2 billion in annual electricity bills and avoid the need to build three new large

power plants and the harmful pollution they would generate.

Shuttered Nuclear Plant Gets Replaced with Clean Energy

California took another major step to make its commitment to clean energy real with [its decision](#) to rely significantly on energy efficiency and other clean energy resources to help [replace electricity](#) once generated by the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS) in Orange County. Instead of turning directly to dirty fossil fuel power to replace SONGS, this decision fills at least two-thirds (and possibly all) of the gap with clean energy resources. The decision will have a major impact on future long-term energy planning because it demonstrates that we can replace an enormous nuclear power plant with clean energy and [transmission solutions](#).



NRDC's Efficiency and Climate Expert all Charged Up

Pierre Delforge



Pierre Delforge, NRDC's Director of High Tech Sector Energy Efficiency, comes to NRDC after 20 years in the IT industry. Pierre now has a single focus -- to reduce the energy consumed by information technology and consumer electronics. Since joining NRDC in 2011 he and his team of NRDC energy [vampire hunters](#) have convinced the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to increase the stringency of the ENERGY STAR label for computers and advocated for California's Energy Commission new [15 product energy standards](#) mentioned above -- setting the bar for the [entire nation](#). Pierre earned his M.Sc. from Ecole Centrale de Paris and a

Diploma in Computer Science from Cambridge University. When he's not in the office Pierre can be found working alongside his 3 teenagers testing video games and their consoles at home.

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Yes, good beer needs clean water, more about that below. Celebrating everything from [Oceans Day](#) to [Endangered Species Day](#), Californians continue to show their support for the protection of our marine resources and the creatures that inhabit them. This summer we are focusing on Senator Alex Padilla's recently introduced single-use [bag ban Senate Bill 405](#) - to cut down on ocean plastic pollution.

In Southern California news, the Orange County Transportation Corridor Agency is coming under renewed scrutiny for its proposed 16-mile [toll road](#) project, or the "zombie road" that will not go away. Not only would the road pave over San Onofre State Beach and some of CA's last remaining coastal lands, but the Agency is now trying to circumvent the Coastal Commission's 2008 rejection of the road by building it in segments. NRDC, our allies, and the state Attorney General's office filed new lawsuits this week to stop this disastrous highway proposal, and we're also opposing a key permit to the road that the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board will consider next month. It's not too late to [take action](#) by telling the water board to reject this terrible project.

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NRDC Visits Sacramento to Advocate for Oceans

The annual Oceans Day celebration in Sacramento set a new high-water mark in its 7th year. Each spring dozens of students, citizens, scientists, small business owners, and activists for the sea come together with NRDC to educate policy decision-makers and their staff on critical issues for our oceans and the necessary protections needed for marine resources that support so much of our Golden State's economy. This year, NRDC staffers led teams that visited every single office in the entire legislature to tell them to [stop plastic pollution](#), support the monitoring and management of our landmark network of [marine protected areas](#), and make sure we prepare for

oceans day



sea-level rise as well as take steps to mitigate acidification, which threatens the base of all marine ecosystems.

President's Budget Plan Targets Climate Change

climate change



President Obama continues his [commitment to climate change](#), recently [releasing](#) his Fiscal Year 2014 budget plan taking aim at the dirty energy industry's unnecessary multi-billion dollar tax handout that continues to harm our health as well as our planet. The elimination of these oil subsidies, along with the furthering of wind, solar, and other innovative high-tech [budget investments](#), are vital in addressing the disastrous impacts of climate change and in keeping America on a path to a [clean energy future](#). Doing so will produce new companies and jobs, while strengthening and protecting our communities from the impacts of climate change and the carbon pollution that causes them. Click [here](#) for reaction from some of the nation's leading policy experts.

Fracking Debate Heats up in California, Progress in New York Where Town Repeals Gag Order

Fracking continues to be a hot button issue not just for [Californians](#), but particularly for one town—Sanford, New York—where the town board has repealed the [gag order](#) it passed last summer on discussing fracking at its meetings, following a First Amendment lawsuit filed in February by NRDC and allies. As a result, NRDC has dropped the freedom of speech lawsuit against the board. "The people of [Sanford will no longer be silenced](#). With this action, the town board has rightly recognized the validity of residents' concerns about this controversial heavy industrial activity moving into their backyards, and the need for their local representatives to hear them," said Kate Sinding, NRDC's director of the Community Fracking Defense Project. Communities threatened by fracking in California and across the country can take some comfort in the knowledge that their right to participate in these important land use and public health decisions will be protected.

gag order



Campaign Manager Pours Herself into Clean Water Commitment

Melissa Waage



This month we raise a glass to Melissa Waage, who has been instrumental in launching NRDC's first ever brewers campaign. Melissa and her clean water colleagues realized that you can't have great beer without clean water, and thus the Brewers for Clean Water partnership was born, pairing NRDC's policy objective to defend the Clean Water Act and 20 of the nation's leading [brewers committed](#) to the project's [Clean Water Pledge](#). Since 2007, Melissa has worked alongside NRDC experts outlining campaign strategies to mobilize the public around everything from fracking to [wildlife conservation](#). Having served both as the legislative director for the Center for Biological Diversity, where she successfully lobbied to defeat a roll-back attempt on the Endangered Species Act and as a grassroots field organizer at U.S. Public Interest Research Group in her early career, Melissa's broad range of talents (she's also an avid ultramarathon runner) have been fully utilized in her current role as a member of our campaign unit.

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Climate change and extreme weather are already taking a toll on our communities, especially here in California as NRDC President [Frances Beinecke](#) highlighted in commenting on the [National Climate Assessment](#), released by the White House earlier this month. The western drought is one example of how a changing climate affects us all. Governor Brown drove that point home when he explained how our State is preparing for what promises to be a very challenging fire season. He issued yet another urgent call to act now to cut [carbon pollution](#).

It's good to see [Pacific Coast state leaders](#) moving forward on climate action. Yet, despite progress, here in California, some of our most vulnerable communities are still plagued with unhealthy levels of pollution as reported by The American Lung Association's "[State of the Air](#)" report.

There's always reason to celebrate healthy, sustainable food at our sixth annual Growing Green Awards which we partnered with the Berkeley Food Institute for the first time. Please look inside the remarkable work [of four food leaders](#) that we can all celebrate and [view](#) the latest documentary film featuring this year's winners.

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Supreme Court Justices Deny Review: LA County Must Now Clean Up Its Waterways

The U.S. Supreme Court made a [decision](#) this month that will protect the millions of people who enjoy Los Angeles rivers and beaches from the harmful effects of water pollution – by [declining](#) LA's County's review of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling finding LA County liable for the untreated stormwater pollution plaguing waterways. [Denying review](#) of the case allows the lower court ruling to remain in place and holds the county liable for water pollution, with documented and persistent violations of its Clean Water Act permit in the LA and San Gabriel rivers since 2003. This final resolution of liability (*initiated by NRDC in 2008*) now obligates the county to take immediate action

Stormwater



to clean up its runoff and protect people and water quality.

This is What Climate Change Looks Like 3.0: National Climate Assessment Unveiled

drought



This month NRDC released "[This is What Climate Change Looks Like 3.0](#)" -- depicting the harm we face from too much carbon pollution. As mentioned above, the [National Climate Assessment released](#) its latest report. Analysis shows cities such as Philadelphia and Chicago (to name a few) has seen a dramatic increase in death rates and hospitalizations from recent heat waves. Cutting power plant carbon emissions is [essential](#) to reducing the impacts of climate change. In an [NRDC analysis](#) released in March, we [outlined](#) ways the United States can reduce carbon pollution from power plants by 25 percent to 30 percent by 2020 using readily available, cost-effective

technology.

Los Angeles Leadership Council Goes to Sacramento

On Earth Day, NRDC's Los Angeles Leadership Council went to the Capitol in Sacramento to advocate on fracking, drought resiliency, climate change, and antibiotic use in animals. The group started off the day by participating in a press conference held by Senator Kevin Mullin about the threat of [antibiotic-resistant bacteria](#). Los Angeles Leadership Council Co-Chair, Cami Gordon (pictured right), spoke about the importance of restricting antibiotic use and its health effects. The LA Council also met with several other legislators and spent an hour and a half with Governor Jerry Brown, discussing a [range of environmental issues](#). The Council is a tremendously impactful, effective and committed group of advocates and NRDC is grateful to have all of them standing by our side.



A Golden State Salute: Long time California NRDC Trustee Retires

Pierre Delforge



Without Bob Fisher, NRDC would not be the thought leader in California that it is. Serving as an [NRDC Trustee](#) for over two decades, Bob has been an invaluable strategic advisor and active participant in our state advocacy. Everything Bob has done has both strengthened our institution and championed sound environmental policies. His [vision](#) as an original architect of NRDC's California Advocacy program has made our Golden State a world leader in fighting climate change, building sustainable communities and protecting our land and ocean, air and water.

Word has it that Bob was the first person outside of Governor Schwarzenegger's immediate staff to receive word that the governor had decided to sign California's path-breaking global warming legislation back in 2006. Later he was tapped to serve on the state's [Strategic Growth Council](#) to guide implementation of another California first SB 375, a law connecting transportation planning and climate. And just this year, Bob helped reform how California measures traffic impacts, a change championed by urbanists for decades.

Bob Fisher deserves many accolades, our continued support, and our utmost thanks. His compelling advocacy at the moments and in the places that count most has helped guide our state to greatness. (Bob Fisher pictured above, along with NRDC President Frances Beinecke and Executive Director Peter Lehner)

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It was music to these Californians' ears to hear President Obama [call](#) for the first-ever federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants as part of his comprehensive climate change initiative. Many of the policy commitments made by the president are rooted in the path breaking work pioneered here in California. Now we have a partner in Washington, DC. NRDC president [Frances Beinecke](#) made the following statement:

"The president nailed it: this can't wait. We will cut this carbon pollution today so our children don't inherit climate chaos tomorrow. We owe that to future generations, and we owe it to ourselves."

It was also good to see California's Governor Brown driving home the importance of [science](#) in public policy. He joined in a "[call to action](#)" highlighting the scientific consensus about the very real impacts of climate change. Science must also be in the driver's seat when it comes to water management. The state-federal [Bay Delta Conservation Plan](#) must meet the coequal goals of water supply reliability and restoration of the delta's beleaguered ecosystem. California state officials traveled to Washington, D.C. to discuss the governor's [two-tunnel proposal](#). California's congressional representatives are asking the hard questions that need to be asked to safeguard the environment and scarce public dollars. Taking more water from the estuary would jeopardize California's \$250 million per year salmon fishery and other native fish. But if we [take action now](#) to manage our water resources, we can have a reliable water supply, healthy rivers and fisheries—even in the face of climate change.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Continuing the Fight Against Ocean Plastic Pollution

California's Assembly Appropriations Committee deep-sixed a bill to reduce widespread plastic pollution last month. With no warning or explanation, the committee refused to take action on AB 521, a bill

that would have required manufacturers to figure out how to keep the most common plastic junk out of state waterways. NRDC is now focusing on broadening the coalition for support of a comprehensive approach to combat plastic pollution, especially within important southern California districts. Join us in the [Stop Plastics Pollution Campaign](#) and send a message to California's senators that says you don't want your ocean trashed.

Stop plastic pollution



California Members of NRDC's Global Leadership Council Head to D.C.

Golden Leadership Council



As a part of its annual meeting, NRDC's Global Leadership Council met with more than 20 members of the U.S. Senate and with President Obama's key advisors on climate: Heather Zichal and Nancy Sutley. GLC members urged the president to use his executive authority under the Clean Air Act to issue carbon pollution standards for existing power plants. The GLC group made the case forcefully that there's no time to waste to combat the climate threat. Now that the President has announced his [ambitious plan](#) to combat climate change, the GLC will be working to make sure that plan comes to life.

"Road to Nowhere" Toll-Road Project Re-emerges

NRDC and our allies [won another round](#) in the fight against the notorious Foothill-South Toll Road when the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board turned down this ill-conceived highway project earlier this month. The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency has [resurrected its proposal](#) to build the toll road, which would pave over San Onofre State Beach and destroy some of the last remaining wildlands along the southern California coast. The regional board's denial is the latest setback for the road, joining rejections by the California Coastal Commission and the Bush administration in 2008. NRDC continues to fight this proposal. We've reopened our 2006 lawsuit against the agency, [filed a new lawsuit](#) challenging the toll road, and are [rallying public support](#) to stop this unpopular highway project as we did five years ago.

San Onofre



NRDC Teams Up With Hollywood Heavyweight and Lifelong Environmental Champion

Robert Redford



Since 1975, NRDC Trustee Robert Redford has [dedicated himself](#) to promoting sound stewardship of the earth. Ranging from efforts to move the country off oil, to stopping tar sands, to protecting [Bristol Bay](#), Mr. Redford has been an [undeniable force](#), truly invested in helping NRDC drive solutions forward to resolve America's most critical environmental woes. [Recently](#), Mr. Redford was featured in a powerful new [TV and online campaign](#) in which he singles out the most effective tool for tackling the climate crisis right now—presidential leadership—challenging President Obama to have [the courage of his convictions](#). *"Thirty-eight years ago I decided to consolidate my energies behind the one environmental group with the most power: NRDC. They had the power to sue—the power to go to court against the corporate goliaths. I've felt that way ever since and I feel that way even more so today."* We humbly thank him for his

devotion— and leadership throughout the years. NRDC looks forward to our continued partnership with Mr. Redford as we continue our fight for the protection of our planet.

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It's an exciting time here at NRDC: Last month in Santa Monica we celebrated recent edible victories at our "Thought for Food" [benefit](#), and two weeks later saluted environmental champs Lisa Jackson and Bob Fisher in San Francisco at [People + Places + Progress](#). June kicked off with a huge climate announcement as EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy announced the single biggest step taken to combat climate change – the country's [first-ever limit](#) on carbon pollution from existing power plants (more below). In California, we know that climate change is already impacting everything from our food to our water supply.

In coping with unprecedented drought, it's abundantly clear that we must come together to discuss real [water supply solutions](#). NRDC along with our partners at the Pacific Institute just unveiled "[The Untapped Potential of California's Water Supply](#)" – a [first-ever statewide analysis](#) detailing new water savings opportunities across every sector, which can help bridge the dangerously growing gap between [water demands in California](#) versus available water supply.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

California Court Backs Investment for a Clean Energy Future

In a [big win](#) for clean energy, a state appellate court upheld one of California's premier renewable energy and energy efficiency programs, the [Electric Program Investment Charge](#) (EPIC). The program will provide \$1.3 billion over the next few years for research and development into new electricity technologies, which are critical to California's [ability to meet its climate goals](#). NRDC played a significant role in helping the California Public Utilities Commission shape the program, and also came to the program's defense when it was challenged in court. Ultimately, the [court decided](#) that the program was entirely lawful. With that green light, the program can [continue to fund the R&D](#) that will lead to the technological breakthroughs necessary for a clean, reliable, and low-cost energy future.

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EPA Carbon Pollution Rule is Good News for California

power plant



The [Environmental Protection Agency just announced](#) the most significant action ever taken by the United States to address climate change, by seeking to limit the industrial carbon pollution coming from power plants. [Governor Brown](#) and NRDC's northwest climate partners reacted positively right away. Under California's Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and clean power law (SB 1368), [California's program](#) to cut carbon pollution and promote clean energy is already up and running. We are steadily [reducing our carbon intensity](#) while growing the economy. The EPA's guidance [allows](#) California to continue implementing its portfolio of clean energy

strategies as the foundation for its state plan: [Frances Beinecke](#), NRDC president, praised the proposal. "The new carbon pollution standards will be good for our health, good for our economy and good for our children and all future generations. Time is running out, but today the president is reminding us that we have the solutions."

Thought For Food Benefit in Santa Monica a Great Success

At the end of May NRDC hosted a [grand event](#) in southern California featuring NRDC's work to maintain a healthy and sustainable food supply. The evening featured a [new film](#) featuring NRDC's food and agriculture team, a compelling discussion on the overuse of antibiotics on the farm, and a musical performance by the uplifting and inspirational [Aloe Blacc](#). The SoCal development team worked hard to make sure it would be [a night to remember](#), and a wonderful recognition of our connection to the environment, embodied by our food.

LA benefit



Former NRDC Legal Intern's, Now Attorney's, Clean Energy Triumph

Pierre Delforge



Since joining NRDC just over a year ago, attorney Jackie Prange has litigated several of NRDC's important cases, including the above-mentioned win in which NRDC intervened to defend a state clean energy program. As a part of NRDC's [Litigation Team](#) in San Francisco, she has also worked on issues involving water pollution, environmental justice, climate change, and food safety. Originally from Oregon, Jackie eventually made her way south and worked as a legal intern in NRDC's Santa Monica office back in 2007. After a brief hiatus to finish law school, earn a master's degree in environmental health, clerk for a federal judge, and practice law at a small public

interest firm, Jackie ultimately rejoined NRDC in March of 2013. An avid hiker, Jackie spends her free time roaming the mountains of California.

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NRDC made a splash this month with the release of our 23rd annual [Testing the Waters](#) beach report — a comprehensive guide to the bacteria levels and water quality trends at more than 3,000 beaches in the United States. When it comes to keeping our oceans clean, our report found that pollution levels remain too high -- while three beaches here in California received a five-star perfect rating, 10 percent of our state's beachwater samples exceed bacterial standards. [Plastic pollution](#), stormwater runoff, and sewage contribute to this ongoing problem. As the California legislature goes on summer recess for a month, opponents of the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)—California's [NEPA](#)—are trying to weaken this landmark law. Protecting California's clean air, clean water, coastlines and communities depends on CEQA enforcement. Stay tuned for an end-of-summer, end-of-legislation session showdown on CEQA this year.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Two Big Wins in San Onofre

Southern California Edison recently announced that it will retire the two troubled [nuclear reactors at San Onofre](#). This welcomed decision represents an opportunity to move forward with a resource portfolio dominated by energy efficiency, renewable energy and high-efficiency natural gas applications, and away from an outmoded technology that is no longer economical and carries the risk of a severe radiation accident.

In additional celebratory San Onofre news, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board voted 3-2, [denying](#) the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's application for a key water-quality permit for the first segment of the destructive Foothill-South Toll Road, which we've been telling you about. A big thank you goes out to the hundreds of surfers, park advocates, conservationists, and

San Onofre



concerned citizens who came to the hearing in San Diego last month.

Climate Action Plans Set to Boost Job Industry

Climate action boosts jobs



On the heels of President Obama's announced first-ever federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants, NRDC has released a new jobs analysis examining the [impacts](#) that these standards would have on jobs, electric bills, and gross domestic product. Using widely accepted economic modeling techniques and based on our existing proposal to [cut existing power plant emissions](#) by 26 percent by 2020 through innovative methods, [Less Carbon. More Jobs. Lower Bills](#) finds that the national employment rate would increase by a net total of 210,000 jobs by 2020. Also, the average residential electricity bill would drop by 90 cents per month, with essentially no GDP impact.

SoCal Railroad Proposal Jeopardizes Communities' Health

A mega-railyard project proposed for southern California is facing a [new lawsuit](#) led by NRDC attorneys, on behalf of harbor residents living within the shadow of the largest development on Port of Los Angeles property in more than a decade. The proposed Southern California International Gateway project is dangerous not only to the health of the local working class neighborhoods and communities of color, but to the entire region. NRDC is committed to fighting this project through all legal means. Solutions like maximizing on-dock rail -- the ability to load and unload containers directly from rail car to vessel -- could meet the port's cargo goals without building this monstrosity. The proposed project would add one million truck trips and thousands of train trips through the local neighborhoods daily. The city could adopt cleaner alternatives for both truck and rail transportation, but it has failed to do so.

SoCal railyard



NRDC Attorney Joins Global Network of Top Enviro Educators

Michael Wall



The driving force behind many of the biggest protections NRDC has garnered in California is senior attorney Michael Wall. The leader of our San Francisco based litigation team, Michael was recently honored by the American College of Environmental [Lawyers](#) as an elected member. The beach-going father of two is committed to safeguarding our golden state -- his legal work has yielded history-making results. Michael has tried two cases protecting native fish from California's state and federal water projects, won a ruling that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation had unlawfully dried out 60 miles of the [San Joaquin River](#), and secured an order requiring [clean-up of an illegal hazardous waste facility](#) at the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet -- a part of San Francisco Bay's estuary. Before joining NRDC, Michael served in the U.S. Department of Justice and clerked for the Hon. Edward E. Carnes on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. We also congratulate Michael for completing his eighth marathon just last month here in San Francisco.

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Just in time for summer fun, NRDC [released](#) its 24th annual '[Testing the Waters](#)' beach report last month. Here in [California](#) nine percent of [beaches](#) had bacteria levels exceeding the threshold for [swimmer safety](#) set by the Environmental Protection Agency -- putting Californian on par with a 10 percent failure rate of the country's beaches overall.

For your summer reading pleasure, Simon & Schuster just released "[War of the Whales](#)," an arresting account of NRDC's [20-year fight](#) to protect whales from harmful ocean noise pollution, especially high-intensity naval sonar. It's a fascinating true story featuring our own [Joel Reynolds](#)' who took on the U.S. Navy, litigating all the way to the Supreme Court to defend marine mammals from reckless use of this devastating technology. We hope you have a chance to read the book this summer.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Supreme Court Delivers Two California Wins

The U.S. Supreme Court has declined oil and ethanol companies' request to review a [Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling](#) that upheld California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard. This is a [big step forward](#) in California's fight to clean up motor vehicle fuel sold in the state and to combat global climate change. This fuel standard is part of California's landmark clean energy plan, AB32.

The Supreme Court also declined to review a case brought by Drakes Bay Oyster Company which sued the Department of Interior after former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar let the company's [40-year lease expire](#). This decision sets the stage for the [first marine wilderness park](#) on the west coast, in Point Reyes National Seashore.

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California Welcomes Gray Wolves

In a 3-1 vote, the California [Fish and Game Commission](#) voted this

power plant



summer to protect future Golden State gray wolves under the state [Endangered Species Act](#). This is terrific news for wolves, as many experts expect populations of this native California species to [reenter the state](#) in the coming years. The State's gray wolf population was killed off in the early 20th Century. [NRDC](#) testified before the commission in favor of protecting wolves, and spoke beforehand to a rally of wolf supporters. The [dispersal of wolves](#) out of the northern Rockies will help bring balance to other ecosystems in need of their stabilizing influence, making this vote a very important first step.

NRDC Tip Sheet: 8 Things We Hate About Summer Will Worsen with Climate Change

Leading up to the July 4th weekend, NRDC published a [tip sheet](#) featuring eight summertime woes that will worsen with climate change along with steps individuals and the nation can take to ease the misery. [Among the hazards](#) were heat waves, bad air alert days, insects, poison ivy, sneezing and wheezing, food-borne illness, dangerous swimming conditions, and ruined visits to national parks. The good news is that the EPA recently announced the single largest action the U.S. government has taken to fight climate change to date, the [carbon pollution standards](#) for existing power plants.

LA benefit



Facts on Fracking: NRDC Scientist Uncovers Health & Safety Risks

Pierre Delforge



Born in Long Beach, California, NRDC staff scientist Briana Mordick grew up fascinated by the way the world works. After studying geology in college Briana first worked in the oil and gas industry -- then arrived at NRDC in 2010. Much of Briana's work has centered on fracking -- most [recently](#) analyzing new findings showing [induced](#) or "man-made" earthquakes are induced by such [oil and gas activity](#). In 2012 Briana and her team delivered hundreds of [comments](#) to the EPA recommending a ban on the use of diesel in hydraulic fracturing fluids given the potential health and environmental impacts, resulting in the EPA's release of a final [permitting guidance](#) under the safe

water drinking act. When not conducting research, Briana enjoys baking and hiking. She's working hard to ensure that California's new regulations governing fracking are the toughest in the nation.

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Clean water is a hot topic in California, bolstered by a [NRDC victory](#) in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Now Los Angeles County and the County Flood Control District will be required to clean up two of Southern California's most polluted waterways—the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers. [This](#) ruling is a pivotal turning point for the state, as stormwater runoff is the number one source of our beach and river pollution, causing thousands of residents and tourists to become ill from bacteria exposure. Safe drinking water also scored a win this month when Alameda [required](#) the State Department of Public Health to adopt a standard for hexavalent chromium in drinking water by January 1, 2014. Read more below.

As summer draws to a close, it's worth celebrating 40 years of energy [efficiency success](#) in California. Thanks to our long bipartisan [history](#) of promoting energy efficiency and avoiding dirty-power generation, Californians have saved \$65 billion on utility bills. That's 25 percent below the national average—and it's produced 26,000 clean energy jobs.

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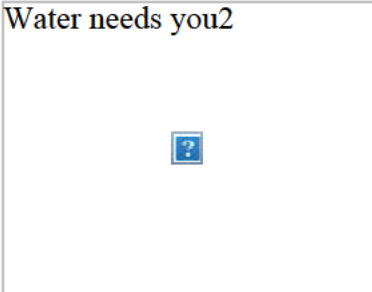
Fracking Regulations Adopted in San Benito County

Last month, NRDC—accompanied by a group of [community advocates](#)—achieved a [major victory](#) in the effort to better protect California residents from oil and gas extraction and fracking. The San Benito County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a revised ordinance clarifying how oil and gas development will take place in the county. The outdated ordinance only required companies to pay a \$100 fee to drill an oil well. The revision adds a host of significant safeguards, including a new 500-foot setback from homes and businesses, increased bonding and insurance requirements, and rules requiring companies to disclose chemicals used in drilling and fracking. This is a huge step forward for communities across the state where fracking is a concern. NRDC is



continuing to [fight](#) to ensure all Californians' health and drinking water sources are fully protected from oil and gas development by fighting for further safeguards. [Urge](#) our elected leaders to take action and extend critical protections to all Californians by passing bill SB4 -- which among other things, requires oil companies to tell the public about these risky operations in communities throughout California. In the meantime, we're also [calling on the Governor](#) to immediately place a moratorium on fracking while the state evaluates the risks.

Protecting California's Drinking Water



As noted above, thanks to a win in the Alameda County Superior Court, the state's Department of Public Health was [ordered](#) to proceed with setting a standard to protect millions of Californians from unsafe levels of hexavalent chromium in drinking [water](#). This is the same cancer-causing chemical made infamous in the movie *Erin Brockovich* for contaminating drinking water and sickening residents in the town of Hinkley, California. The court's decision comes nearly [one year after NRDC](#) and the Environmental Working Group sued the agency for failing to protect millions of Californians from hex chrome. After nearly a decade of unlawful delay, the department must now propose standards by the end of August.

Bay Area's Path to Cleaner Air and a Stronger Economy

The Bay Area continued its legacy in sustainability last month when the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments [adopted](#) San Francisco Bay Area's Sustainable Communities Strategy — titled [Plan Bay Area](#) — an integrated transportation and land-use strategy through 2040 that marks the nine-county region's first long-range plan to meet the requirements of California's landmark 2008 [Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act](#), which calls on each of the state's 18 metropolitan areas to develop a sustainable communities strategy to accommodate future population growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks.



NRDC's Sustainable Sports Superhero

NRDC veteran and senior scientist Allen Hershkowitz's 25 years of expertise encompasses not only solid waste management, recycling, and sustainable development, but he has also taken on all manner of sporting events and venues as the environmental advisor to

Hershkowitz



numerous professional [sports](#) leagues, as well as to the Grammy and Academy Awards ceremonies. This summer, Allen was appointed as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Sustainable Sports Management at the Presidio Graduate School in San Francisco, where he recently delivered the convocation address for graduating MBAs and MPAs. In addition to lecturing throughout the year, Allen will help the Presidio develop the world's first [MBA certificate program](#) specifically focused on sports and sustainability operations. When not out lecturing or greening stadiums and arenas, Allen can be found practicing yoga, playing tennis, and catching up with his three adult children.

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Comedy and conservation came together this month when TV host Conan O'Brien [joined our battle](#) to save water in the face of California's epic drought with a series of fun [PSAs](#). Working with [NRDC's](#) drought awareness program and the State of California's [Save Our Water](#) campaign, O'Brien and funnyman sidekick, Andy Richter, humorously [deliver](#) important tips on reducing personal water use, from toilets to car washes and more.

State leaders took action to address the [worst drought in the state's history](#), by replacing the bloated [water bond](#) on the November ballot with a new & improved slimmer version. [NRDC](#) supports the new bond. It will support local water supply programs and [help reduce](#) dependency on the Delta for water. [Join #TeamCocoH2O](#).

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
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California's Monumental Groundwater Management Win

In more water news, a Sacramento County trial court recently ruled [California's public trust doctrine](#) -- a common law doctrine stating the state owns all navigable waterways within its borders as a public trust for the benefit of its people -- applies to groundwater pumping if extraction of groundwater [adversely impacts](#) a navigable waterway to which the public trust doctrine does apply. In line with [NRDC's recent groundwater analysis](#), this decision marks the first time a state court has decided the public trust doctrine applies to groundwater interconnected to nearby rivers. [This big win](#) stands to not only to protect our rivers, but will also to force California to rethink the management of groundwater resources.

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Crude Oil Danger Zones: New Maps Detail Vicinity of Hazardous Rail Routes

Nearly four million California Bay Area and Central/San Joaquin Valley residents remain at risk as [dangerous crude oil rail lines](#) roll through

power plant



their communities. Rail routes in close proximity to population centers and not to mention "high hazard areas" for [derailments](#) (generally located along waterways), [pose extreme safety risks](#) to those that live and work in these environments. Recently, [NRDC released](#) a series of detailed rail route maps showing which areas are at risk. As California experiences a proliferation of new crude by rail terminal proposals this year, these findings provide useful information about which communities and schools are located in the vicinity of

hazardous crude oil rail routes and deserve safeguarding.

Mexico and California's Climate Action Pact

California took [another step](#) in leading on climate action when Governor Jerry Brown [signed a memorandum of understanding](#) (MOU) with Mexico's Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Undersecretary Rodolfo Lacy and the Mexican National Forestry Commission Director General Jorge Rescala Perez to align on greenhouse gas reduction programs and climate adaptation strategies. Gov. Brown also signed a [similar MOU](#) with Mexico's energy secretary, Pedro Joaquín Coldwell -- calling for technical cooperation and joint implementation of programs to boost low-carbon energy, biofuels, energy efficiency, energy storage and other emissions-reducing technologies. Nearly [90 delegates](#) from private and public sectors -- [including](#) NRDC California advocates -- went to Mexico to discuss common key issues we face: climate change, environment protection and the economy.

LA benefit



A Scientist's Mission to Protect Bay Area Communities

Pierre Delforge



A nature lover from day one, NRDC senior health scientist [Diane Bailey works](#) to promote the reduction of diesel exhaust, air toxics, and global warming pollution negatively impacting our health and the economy. Raised in a small town in New York, she was inspired to protect the environment when she learned as a child that the town well's water was contaminated with TCE and other chemicals. After receiving her B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Washington University and an MS in Environmental Engineering from Rice University, Diane began her career with Citizens for a Better Environment. Since arriving at NRDC in June of 2001, [Diane has brought](#) the dangers of crude oil transportation to the forefront, putting [pressure of the rail industry](#) and empowering [city leaders](#) to demand public safety, and gone after [diesel truck](#) polluters and [oil refineries](#) dumping air pollution into our backyards.

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September brought great news from up north. NRDC members and activists have been fighting for years to save Bristol Bay, Alaska's world renowned salmon runs from plans to develop Pebble Mine, a vast open-pit gold and copper mine. In a [stunning announcement](#) on September 16th, Anglo American, one of the world's largest mining companies and 50 percent stakeholder of the project withdrew from the project.

As Joel, who is [leading](#) this fight said,

“with the principal partner abandoning this disastrous project and writing down its losses, it's clear the smart money realizes what Alaskans, EPA researchers, and anybody who has seen Bristol Bay know so well: Pebble Mine is a bad bet that's not worth taking. It is simply the wrong mine in the wrong place. Anglo-American realizes that and Northern Dynasty Minerals, now the sole owner of the project should realize that too.”

This announcement, while a [huge blow](#) to the project, does not mean the fight to stop Pebble Mine is over. Far from it. Northern Dynasty Minerals immediately issued a [press release](#) vowing to move forward. NRDC, with the help of our members and activists, will [press the EPA to use its authority](#) under the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay from large scale mining like the Pebble Mine. Because some places are simply too important to be sacrificed.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
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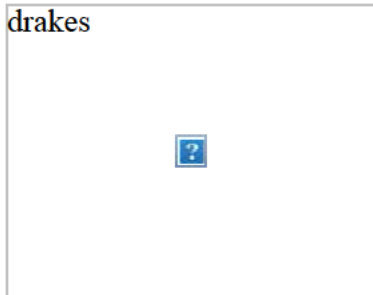
Local Communities Pay the High Price of Plastic Waste

Our Marine Plastics Campaign has launched a new web site, StopPlasticPollution.org, and a report showing the high price California communities pay to prevent trash from entering our

waterways. The analysis of 95 California cities and towns found that these communities are spending nearly \$500 million annually to keep our rivers, lakes, beaches and ocean clean. The site also features a [map](#) that shows a breakdown of costs each of these communities pays for this pollution. Our efforts earned favorable press coverage across the state including op-eds in both English and Spanish media outlets. Our activists took to social media, more than doubling our reach on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



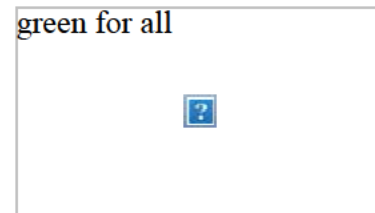
Three Wins in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals



The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on the side of the environment in three big cases in September. The court [sided with NRDC](#) in a case against the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, [ruling](#) that the county is responsible for documented violations of the Clean Water Act in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers, requiring them to take action to clean up both polluted waterways. We also celebrated a [wilderness victory for Drakes Estero](#), a vital estuary within California's Point Reyes' National Seashore. The Court upheld former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar's determination, allowing the commercial oyster farming [permit at Drakes Estero](#) to expire at the end of its term, and rejecting the operator's request for a preliminary injunction. Lastly, the court [reversed](#) a District Court decision and found that California's low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) does not violate the dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution - a decision that strongly supports California's landmark program to combat climate change.

California's Climate Message on the Hill

NRDC's climate staff partnered with Bay Area non-profit [Green for All](#), and the Joint Center for Political and Economic [Studies](#) to conduct a recent briefing with California [Rep. Barbara Lee](#), entitled "Less Carbon, More Jobs: How Tackling Climate Change Can Create Jobs & Expand Economic Opportunity." NRDC presented our power plant proposal and the recently released "[Less Carbon, More Jobs, Lower Bills](#)" report. The event drew over 60 people, with attendees spilling out into the hallway. NRDC followed up with a second briefing of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition on our report "[Who Pays for Climate Change?](#)", a look into the heavy federal budget impacts of climate change. All and all it was another successful day on the Hill.



Behind the Marine Plastics Buzz

In 2007 media maven Serena Ingre joined NRDC to help publicize the institutional priorities of our organization. Since then, Serena has been instrumental in shining a light on NRDC campaigns such as California's first Low Carbon Fuel Standard and adoption of the nation's most comprehensive cap-and-trade program. The launch of our new web site [StopPlasticPollutions.org](#) received extensive coverage, including op-eds in the [Los Angeles Times](#), the [San Jose Mercury News](#), the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) and [La Opinion](#).

Serena



thanks to Serena's outreach. Before landing in San Francisco Serena lived and worked all over the world in such places as India, Ecuador, and Washington, DC.

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This fall Governor Brown had a bumper crop of good public health and [environmental protection bills](#) on his desk for his signature. From a much needed water bond, to groundwater protections, a clean transportation [initiative](#) for cars and trucks, a consumer food safety petition, the phase-out of plastic bags, to ocean and coastal protection, California is setting the pace. We worked hand in hand with many coalitions, reflecting the breadth of California's diversity and *working together worked*. And working together is what over [400,000](#) people did just last week, as NRDC marched in unison with people from [all walks of life](#), to demonstrate that we need action on climate *now* from our world leaders. More on the People's Climate March below...

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Reducing Antibiotics in Livestock: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back

Following a legal setback in July when the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals overturned NRDC's lower court victory that would have compelled the Food and Drug Administration to take steps toward stopping the misuse of medically important antibiotics to raise livestock, NRDC launched a renewed effort to end the overuse of antibiotics in livestock production. [We have asked](#) the entire court of 13 [judges to reconsider](#) the appellate panel's 2-1 decision. On the consumer front, [Perdue](#) -- the third largest poultry producer in the U.S. -- pledged to curb antibiotic use in 95% of its chicken. Assuming reporting and third party verification measures up to [NRDC standards](#), this is a huge step forward in ending antibiotic overuse in animal agriculture. Meanwhile, our campaign to get [Foster Farms](#) to disclose its use of antibiotics and commit to safe use continues to put on the [pressure](#).

livestock antibiotics



"In EPA We Trust": Bristol Bay Residents Submit Comments Opposing Pebble Mine

The [public comment period](#) to protect the Bristol Bay, Alaska watershed from the proposed Pebble Mine ended on September 19, with more than [155,000 comments](#) submitted in support of the rule. Development of this copper and gold mine would result in one of the

pebble mine



largest open pit copper mines in the world and would threaten one of the world's most productive salmon fisheries. In the wake of the devastating Mt. Polley Mine [disaster](#) on the Fraser River in British Columbia, NRDC [released a video](#) highlighting the huge risk of large-scale mining in a salmon-breeding watershed, issued an EPA [call to action](#), and ran a [series of ads](#) urging the Obama administration to

[stop](#) the proposed Pebble Mine.

People's Climate March 2014: Taking it to the Streets in Demand of a Sustainable Future

On [September 21st](#), just as world leaders were arriving in New York City for the UN Climate Summit, NRDC took to the streets. Our presence demonstrated the groundswell of support for a sustainable future that has grown around the country and [across communities](#), ages, and backgrounds. This was a historic moment for [our movement](#); the People's Climate March was the largest rally for climate action in the world to date. [Together](#) with diverse constituencies, we demanded global action on climate change. Extreme drought, heat, and storms are hallmarks of climate change, and while several recent reports confirm that these events are on the rise, most of us know first-hand that [California](#) is in the grip of "exceptional drought," the worst category on the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#). The world's leading scientists say dire consequences for our health, food supply, economy, and environment await if we continue to kick the can down the road.

march in nyc



But if we act today, we can stave off that dire future. We know how to solve this. The People's Climate March was designed to create the political will needed for greater action, and NRDC was very proud to be a part of it.

NRDC Youth Coordinator Rallies the #ActOnClimate Masses

Robert Friedman



Robert Friedman has been spearheading NRDC's Youth Task Force and grassroots climate change efforts since June 2013. Having grown up in a small town in New York's Hudson Valley that had a Class 2 Superfund inactive hazardous waste disposal site, Rob decided on a career in environmentalism at a very young age, leading him to study climate policy and social movement theory at Bates College in Maine. Since his arrival Rob has not only helped [elevate the voices](#) of the young people employed at NRDC, but also rallied youth voices across the country to send a clear message to the EPA to act on climate and limit carbon pollution from all new power plants. From organizing the

first ever youth convergence at the annual Good Jobs, Green Jobs conference, to working with [young people](#) in the Northeast and nationally on [anti-fossil fuel advocacy](#), to aiding in execution of the [People's Climate March](#), Rob is ensuring that NRDC's mission includes the next generation.

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When the curtain closed on the 2014 California Legislative session, it was clear that we made progress for the State's public health and environment. Governor Brown [signed a record number](#) of wide-ranging environmental bills. Then President Obama came to Los Angeles where he [made history](#) by designating the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument -- [a natural resource](#) right next to millions of people.

Here at NRDC, we have big news. We just announced the third president in our 45 year history, Rhea Suh, and the publication of outgoing President Frances Beinecke's new [book](#) "A World We Create". Finally, don't forget to vote "yes" for [Proposition 1](#), the water bond on California's statewide ballot on November 4.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

California Keeps Moving Forward

California continues to set the pace when it comes to environmental action and advocacy. Governor Brown [signed a ban](#) on plastic bags into [landmark law](#) to help keep the estimated 13 billion single-use [plastic bags](#) used in California every year from polluting our waters and lands; turning the Golden State into the first of the 50 states to mandate a bag ban. And later, the [governor vetoed](#) a weak antibiotics bill, SB 835, which would have made little progress in the fight to reduce antibiotic abuse in the livestock sector, [sending a clear message](#) that California can and should do more to curb unnecessary antibiotics use. All of these actions can be replicated in other states.

Governor Brown



Power Plants Killing Aquatic Life are Asked to Do Better

Recently NRDC [joined a coalition](#) of environmental groups in a lawsuit against the EPA for [stronger standards](#) to reduce the impact of power plants' cooling systems on fish and other underwater species. The three basic types of cooling systems -- once-through, closed-cycle, and dry cooling -- [differ dramatically in their water usage](#), with once-

Power plant

through cooling being the most water-intensive and environmentally harmful method. NRDC originally objected to the rules when they were proposed over three years ago.

The Bay Area Pledges to Reduce Refinery Pollution

Community, public health, climate, and environmentalists celebrated a victory this month when the Bay Area Air District Board [passed a resolution](#) that supports clean-up of air pollution from oil refineries. The Air District took bold action to protect workers and communities with a new pledge to both cap refinery pollution and work to reduce it by 20 percent over the next few years. This is a significant win for the Bay Area, which is facing an influx of dirtier crude oil and fossil fuel related projects, and moves us much closer to achieving our vision for cleaner and healthier communities.

Oil refinery



Meet NRDC's New President - Rhea Suh

Rhea Suh



Come January, NRDC will be welcoming a [new President, Rhea Suh](#), who recently served as the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget at the U.S Department of the Interior. "It has been an unparalleled privilege to work for the President and Interior Secretaries Ken Salazar and Sally Jewell," said Suh. "Now; I'm honored to [join NRDC](#), our nation's intrepid defender of clean air, safe water, and wild places." As the mother of a young child, [Rhea takes](#) our most daunting challenge -- climate change -- very personally. As she said last week, "I refuse to leave my daughter a world beyond fixing -- and I know it's not too late."

Frances Beinecke offered high praise for her successor, "Rhea Suh is a ferocious fighter for the environment, with an extraordinary track record that spans teaching in the New York City public schools, working in the U.S. Senate, spearheading the creation of the Great Bear Rainforest and managing President Obama's Department of Interior -- with its \$12 billion budget and 70,000 employees who staff our nation's parks, wildlife refuges and other treasured public lands. Through it all, Rhea has shown the kind of leadership, vision and tenacity that makes change happen."

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With Election Day just around the corner (please remember to vote next week), California is ready to take a big step with the launch of the first carbon auction as part of our landmark program to combat climate change. Last month, by [signing a pair of bills](#) that set up a process for investing new auction revenues, Governor Brown continued his support for tackling climate change with solutions that are good for the environment and good for the economy. Unfortunately, he turned his back on building more sustainable cities and affordable transit, but promised to do better next year. We'll hold him to his promise because not only are our cities where most Californians live, but they hold so much potential for real emission reductions. We're already seeing major progress at the regional level, as chronicled in a [new report](#) NRDC released with Move LA, [A Bold Plan for Sustainable California Communities](#).

October marks the 40th anniversary of the [Clean Water Act](#), one of the nation's bedrock environmental laws. Clean water is vital for our health, communities, environment and economy. Rivers may not be catching on fire these days and we've made a lot of [progress](#) in reducing pollution, but we [continue our quest](#) for clean water for all.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

2012 California Legislation Roundup

Even though the 2012 legislative session produced major bills to reform public employee pensions and the workers' compensation system, there was much less progress on public health and the environment. Factors including ongoing state budget problems and pending ballot initiatives, unprecedented lobbying dollars spent by industry groups and new legislative districts made it exceptionally difficult to advance new environmental protections. But [there were some modest gains this session](#), as well as strong efforts to continue implementation of California's landmark [climate law](#). We commend the legislature for [passing two important bills](#): the first, AB 1532, to

Legislation Roundup



establish a public planning process for the allocation of revenues from implementation of the state's Global Warming Solutions Act, and the second, SB 535, to direct a percentage of those revenues to the most disadvantaged communities in California. Funds can be used to upgrade polluting equipment, develop renewable energy, improve transit systems, and promote water and energy efficiency.

Planning in Action — Sustainable Transportation Makes an Impact

Invest in Transit



Together with the local group "Move LA", NRDC released a report in September titled [A Bold Plan for Sustainable California Communities: A Report on the Implementation of Senate Bill 375](#). The city's mission is to build a broad constituency that will advocate for a robust public transportation system in Los Angeles County neighborhoods near stations where people of all ages and incomes can live, work and thrive. Approved in 2008, [SB 375](#) adopts a [sustainable communities strategy](#) as part of a regional transportation plan, resulting in less dangerous carbon pollution from vehicles. Today, the law is being implemented in three major regions, with plans for the San Francisco Bay Area soon to follow. *A Bold Plan for Sustainable California Communities* includes a number of policy recommendations to help ensure the effective implementation of [new suitable community strategies going forward](#), as well as analysis that enacting SB 375 into law is an achievement in creating communities that meet both our economic and environmental challenges in California.

New Guidelines for Artificial Reefing Achieved

Last January NRDC and the Orange County Coastkeeper notified the Maritime Administration (MARAD) of [our intention to oppose](#) a proposal to sink the U.S.S. Kawishiwi, a de-commissioned Navy refueling vessel, in biologically diverse and marine mammal-rich coastal waters off Dana Point for ship disposal and creation of an artificial reef. The Kawishiwi is known to contain polychlorinated biphenyls (also known as PCBs)—heavy metals, oil and fuel residues, and other toxic chemicals that could contaminate the marine environment in the region's sensitive coastal ecosystem and threaten a range of wildlife species and their habitat. Last month we learned that MARAD has now: 1) specifically excluded the Kawishiwi from reefing consideration and committed the ship to disposal through dismantling and recycling; and 2) proposed a modification of its artificial reefing policy to categorically exclude all vessels built prior to 1985 because of the greater likelihood that they will contain PCBs. This is an important win for southern California's coastal waters and, more broadly, a major step forward in artificial reefing policy.

Artificial Reefing



Food Supply Solutions — Spreading the Seeds

Since 2009, Dana Gunders has lead NRDC's work on reducing food waste and agricultural greenhouse gas accounting. A project scientist in our food and agriculture program, Dana serves as the lead coordinator in the Stewardship Index for Specialty Crops; as an advocate she is helping to ensure that safeguards are in place throughout food systems and supply chains. Recently [Dana's work](#) has [sparked](#) international [dialogue](#) with the release of [Wasted: How America Is Losing Up to 40 Percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to](#)

Dana Gunders



[Landfill](#)—an NRDC report that measures the scale of wasted food, wasted energy and water associated with it.

Prior to joining NRDC, Dana worked as the supply chain manager at Fair Trade USA, as a mediator for natural resource policy forums and as a consultant for the avocado and wine industries. She holds a B.S. and an M.S. in earth systems from Stanford University.

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October 2013 was the month the [United States federal government](#) endured a self-imposed shutdown, closing national parks, barring the door to children at [Headstart](#), and furloughing 800,000 workers like those at the [EPA](#) working to combat climate change and protect our air and water. As the largest state in the nation, we especially felt the impacts here in California. The shutdown of Yosemite and Pt. Reyes National Parks alone resulted in economic losses estimated at [\\$8.5 million](#) to our communities. Environmental and [health impacts](#) were also of [major concern](#) for the state. In fact, a major salmonella [outbreak](#) was traced to tainted chicken from three California packing plants during the shutdown. [NRDC conducted polls](#) in key House districts around the country and we found that Americans everywhere want our government to remain up and running, and not to let a disruptive minority play [games with our well-being](#).

On a more personal note, beloved NRDC Trustee [Joy Covey](#) tragically lost her life in a bicycle accident on a California road on September 19th. We are all shocked and saddened by this immeasurable loss to the NRDC family. Read more about Joy and the environmental legacy she left behind below.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
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Meat + Drugs = Superbugs: Antibiotics Given to Healthy Livestock Threaten Human Health

Today, 80 percent of all the antibiotics sold in the United States are given to farm animals -- not humans. This [widespread abuse](#) of antibiotics on cows, chickens, and pigs that aren't even sick has created a breeding ground for "[superbugs](#)" -- dangerous, nasty germs that can't be knocked out with the usual medicines. Scientists, health experts, and regulators are increasingly sounding the alarm over [rising rates](#) of antibiotic resistance. The CDC's "Antibiotic Resistance Threats" report published last month warns of "potentially [catastrophic consequences](#)" if resistance is not slowed and

[superbugs](#)

estimates that at least 23,000 Americans die each year from drug-resistant infections. [Join](#) our list of activists, advocates and influencers as we continue to grow and raise our voices on Capitol Hill, on the farm, in schools, in stadiums, in the media and in your local supermarket.

California District Court Rules for Whales

whales



A federal court for the Northern District of California [ruled last month](#) that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) violated the Endangered Species Act by not using the best available science when it approved the Navy's training plan off the coast of the Pacific Northwest. [The court found](#) that NMFS underestimated the amount of harm that the Navy's activities would cause to marine mammals and other sea life in the boundaries of the training range. The court's opinion is a significant victory against NMFS, which, in this and other contexts, has sought to limit its review of agency actions to isolated permitting events as opposed to the entire agency action.

The IPCC Says the Time for Climate Action Is Now

[Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change researchers](#) are more certain than ever before that humans are causing climate change and that some of its most dangerous impacts are accelerating faster than expected. In fact, in a stunning recent declaration, [The Los Angeles Times](#) ran a piece stating it will no longer publish letters to the editor making the claim that there's no sign humans have caused climate change. Americans are already experiencing the effects of climate change and carbon pollution through an increase of extreme weather events. Power plants account for the largest source of these emissions in the U.S. -- 40 percent -- yet plant owners are free to pump as much carbon as they want into the atmosphere. [Thankfully, the Obama Administration proposed](#) the first-ever carbon limits for new power plants, and is preparing similar limits for existing power plants. This approach can cut fleet-wide carbon pollution 26 percent by 2020 and save people money on their monthly electricity bills. It could also create a net increase of 210,000 jobs in 2020. That's a great investment for today and tomorrow. Click [here](#) to view a detailed infographic from our friends at Climate Nexus.

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In Memoriam of NRDC's beloved Trustee, Joy Covey

Last month, beloved NRDC Trustee [Joy Covey](#) tragically lost her life in a bicycle collision in San Mateo County -- a devastating loss to NRDC, ocean and wildlife lovers everywhere. [As Board Treasurer for 13 years](#), Joy kept careful and strategic watch over our organization and worked tirelessly to ensure that we were financially strong to

Joy Covey



carry out our mission. She was deeply committed to our cause and to us. She was passionate about the oceans and all wild places, was an intrepid traveler, and a true adventurer.

Joy embodied the values and spirit that drive our work and will continue to inspire us to reach ever greater heights. Joy was a committed environmentalist, an impressive business woman and, most important of all, a dedicated loving mother. She leaves behind a legacy to be admired. Our love and deepest sympathies go out to her son and everyone who knew, loved and respected her, as we did.

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Winning with 67 percent of the vote in almost 80 percent of California counties, [the victory of Prop 1](#) is a welcome reminder of the breadth of Californians' support for sound environmental [policy](#) here in the Golden State. Thanks to the efforts of a broad bipartisan coalition, Governor [Brown's leadership](#), activists like you, and NRDC's Action Fund for a terrific team effort. Beyond California, in Congress, the [new leadership has already laid out an aggressive anti-environment agenda](#), at odds with public opinion. You can be sure that NRDC will be working to protect bedrock environmental and public health protections, but don't expect it to be easy.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Lawsuit Launched to Protect Endangered Pinto Abalone

This month NRDC and the Center for Biological Diversity [announced](#) intent to sue the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Services for delaying Endangered Species Act protection for the pinto abalone, following a petition to list the pinto abalone as "[endangered](#)" in June 2013. Close monitoring of the population has shown [the species](#) has declined by 80-99 percent along the Pacific coast due to ocean acidification, ocean warming and other climate change impacts, as well as overharvesting, illegal poaching and other harms. After a year of [inaction](#) by the agency, NRDC is taking the [necessary steps](#) to protect this member of one of the west coast's iconic animal families, and recover pinto abalone populations inhabiting coastal waters from Baja California to Alaska.

abalone



NRDC Makes a Splash at SXSWeco 2014

SXSWeco is a three-day event in Austin, Texas, focused on bringing together media, industry, government, and nonprofit change-makers to address the most critical challenges facing our planet and society. NRDC led [four panel discussions](#) at this year's conference, and

SXSWeco



hosted a sustainable water systems discussion at the taproom of one of our "[Brewers for Clean Water](#)" campaign partners, Hops & Grain. NRDC also [led the conversation](#) at the tech-forward conference on social media, with five of the top 10 tweets, and two of the top six videos. But the absolute highlight for all was a cameo appearance at Joel Reynolds' "Deafening Oceans" panel from keynote speaker and

oceanic champion, "her deepness," Sylvia Earle.

Report Maps California Communities Most Vulnerable Due To Oil & Gas Activity

NRDC's public health team here in California just released [Drilling in California: Who's at Risk?](#), a [report](#) about the local health impacts of fracking for oil and gas. This timely report analyzes state environmental health data to identify the people who are already -- or will likely be -- [most impacted](#) by drilling, if the oil and gas industry succeeds in expanding fracking and other controversial extraction techniques around the state.

Among the main findings was the fact that 5.4 million Californians [live](#) within one mile of an oil or gas well -- 1.8 million of whom are [already living](#) in some of the state's most [polluted communities](#) where more than 90 percent are people of color.

fracking



NRDC Scientist Takes Out the Toxics

Veena Singla



Staff scientist Veena Singla arrived at NRDC's San Francisco office in January motivated by a concern for the impact chemicals can have on the global environment. After graduating from both UC Berkeley and Stanford, Veena worked with the Green Science Policy Institute, communicating relevant research on industry chemical use. Since arriving at NRDC, Veena has worked on myriad health issues, including the health program's [recent victory](#) when Governor Brown signed the first-in-the-nation law mandating the disclosure of flame retardant chemicals in furniture labels beginning in January 2015 -- a bill [co-sponsored by NRDC](#) earlier this year. With the hope that

[California's label law](#) will have a similar impact on the market Veena has said, "I think that more transparency in the marketplace is good for consumers and good for [business](#) -- now that the information will be available, consumers can make informed choices and businesses can respond to market signals and consumer demand."

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It's been a busy time for climate protection in California and across the country. [NRDC staff joined](#) packed houses at the [Environmental Protection Agency's listening tour](#) stops in Washington, [DC](#), [Chicago](#), New York and San Francisco advocating for strong rules for existing power plants. In San Francisco, we were joined by local elected officials and a "[stroller brigade](#)" of parents and toddlers chanting for climate protections. Also this month, [Governor Jerry Brown joined](#) the governors of Oregon and Washington, along with the premier of British Columbia to work together to combat climate change, including putting a price on carbon and supporting President Obama's climate plan.

In [major news](#) for us here at NRDC, Frances Beinecke announced she will retire from her post as our president at the [end of 2014](#). She's only the second president we've had in our 43 year history. But knowing Frances, we are not surprised to hear her underscore that she will continue the fight.

"For four decades, Frances has combined powerful advocacy with a vision and passion that has advanced our efforts to build a cleaner, safer and more sustainable world," said Daniel R. Tishman, chairman of the NRDC Board of Trustees. *"In the coming months, we will conduct a rigorous search for the person who best embodies these values, is committed to these goals and has the talent to lead this organization into the future."*

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Wildfires Travel the Distance: Communities Not Up in Smoke Feel Health Impacts

A decade after one of the worst wildfires in [California](#) history, firefighters are bracing for yet another year of potential devastation to our soil, water, economy and health. In an [NRDC report](#) released this month titled "[Where There's Fire There's Smoke: Wildfire Smoke](#)

["Affects Communities Distant from Deadly Flames"](#), studies show that wildfires will get worse with climate change, not only endangering those near the blazes, but also threatening the health of millions of Americans from wildfire smoke that can drift [hundreds of miles](#). [California's CAL FIRE](#) program is creating hazard assessment and adaptation strategies to prepare for growing wildfire threats associated with climate change, a must if we are to protect our communities from impacts of extreme weather -- such as wildfires -- as well as the associated health risks.



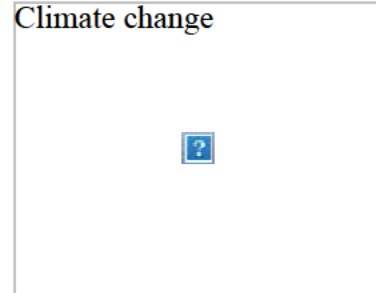
Yellowstone to Find Peace and Quiet



The National Park Service has [announced](#) its final regulation governing snowmobile and snow coach use in Yellowstone National Park. This announcement is a significant victory for NRDC after 16 years of lawsuits and advocacy. The new rule will significantly reduce air and noise pollution, providing Yellowstone with a cleaner and quieter winter season. Under the [new rule](#), more visitors will be able to explore the park on snowmobiles, but now the manufacturers and operators will be required to significantly cut noise and carbon monoxide emissions by the 2015-2016 winter seasons.

President Orders Agencies to Anticipate and Develop Climate Change Adaptation Strategies

Marking the one-year anniversary of [Superstorm Sandy](#), President Obama [issued an executive order](#) to help states and communities improve resilience against storms, droughts and other extreme weather events -- and that furthermore, federal agencies should focus on anticipating these disruptions and taking actions to minimize their harmful effects. Climate change conditions -- rising sea levels, longer, hotter summers and new rainfall patterns -- continue to be seriously [disruptive](#) to the economy, the nation's infrastructure and to public welfare. The president's [climate order](#) could not have come at [a better time for America](#).



NRDC Attorney Gets Back to Her Farming Roots



For NRDC attorney Claire O'Connor, who specializes in agricultural water policy, healthy soil means life. [Soil resources](#) all over the world have become degraded as a result of climate change and drought conditions. For a Nebraska native with fond memories of growing up on her family farm (*Claire is pictured above with her sister and grandfather*), this is a devastating fact. Claire's recent NRDC report, "[Soil Matters](#)," which calls for the Federal Crop Insurance Program to launch a pilot program reducing premium rates for farmers who apply low-risk/high-reward farming methods to reduce the risk of crop loss, has made crop coverage the hot topic in the food and farming communities alike. Thanks to Claire's efforts, farmers are finally getting the sustainable support they deserve.

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With 12.5 million Californians going to the polls on Election Day, voters demonstrated once again that the [Golden State supports clean energy](#), a healthy environment and quality education. Propositions 30 and 39 are big wins that move our state forward with clean energy and a reasonable revenue plan. [NRDC prevailed on three out of the four propositions for which we took positions](#) in the election (read more about election outcomes [here](#)). And while Prop 37—which would have required labeling of genetically modified food—did not pass, it succeeded in putting the important issue of consumer-right-to-know on the table. Speaking of food, it is [time to nominate](#) your favorite good-food hero, sustainable farmer, food justice organizer or business leader. NRDC's fifth annual [Growing Green Awards](#) will recognize extraordinary efforts to innovate where it pertains to food. Anyone can apply to win [here](#).

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

San Joaquin River Restoration Green-Lighted

NRDC's stick-to-it-iveness paid off in October. The [San Joaquin River Restoration Program](#) achieved a critical milestone when the U.S. Department of Interior signed the ["Record of Decision"](#) formally approving environmental permits and selecting preferred alternatives for restoring California's second largest river. This "Record of Decision" enables the program to move forward to the next phase of reintroducing salmon and constructing habitat restoration, water supply and flood management projects. These projects will provide many benefits to the communities of the San Joaquin Valley, including more than 11,000 new jobs and improved flood protection, while [restoring a living river](#) for Californians and future generations to enjoy.

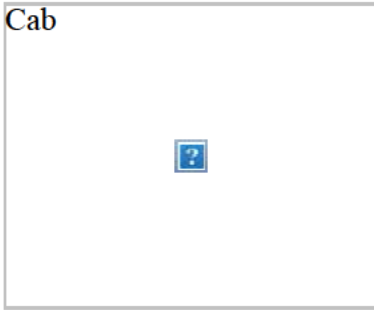
San Joaquin



Super Storm: This is What Global Warming Looks Like

While we enjoyed unseasonably warm October weather here in

Cab



California, NRDC's New York and Washington D.C. offices were [severely impacted by the wrath of Hurricane Sandy](#). We anxiously watched our extended family and colleagues [suffer](#) through days without power, access to public transportation and many other basic necessities. One takeaway is the link that most experts, including some former naysayers, are making between increasingly big storms and [climate change](#). These super-storms, along with this summer's mega-droughts, are evidence of a frightening "new normal." California is a leader in the fight against climate change, but with the [election](#) behind us, [we must now press forward](#) to address the problem at its root. We must extend incentives for wind energy, spur investment in clean energy research and promote energy efficiency by passing legislation that enjoys broad bipartisan support.

NRDC Challenges Navy's Plan Use Dangerous Sonar

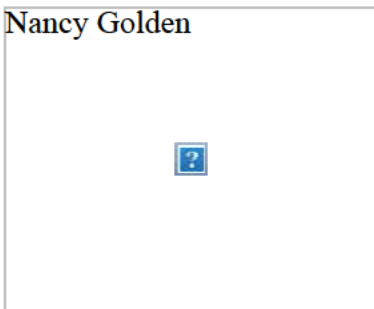
Last month, [NRDC sued](#) the Navy and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)—the government agency responsible for protecting marine mammals—for [failing to meet their obligation](#) to protect whales and other marine life from the harmful impacts of low-frequency active sonar (LFA). The Navy and NMFS authorized the deployment of LFA in 70 to 75 percent of the world's oceans without instituting adequate protective measures. High-intensity sounds such as LFA [can kill, injure and disturb marine mammals](#), and have definitively caused or been associated with multiple mass stranding events of whales and other marine mammals around the world. Our lawsuit, which we are bringing with other concerned organizations, asks the court to [send the Navy](#) and NMFS back to the drawing board, with instructions to get it right: do your duty under the law and do more to protect the ocean's majestic creatures.

Sonar



A "LEEDer" in Southern California

Nancy Golden



Since 1999, Nancy Golden has served NRDC as our development director in southern California. Upon her arrival, [Nancy led](#) the capital campaign for the first LEED (certification standard for measuring building sustainability) Platinum office in the world—otherwise known as the [NRDC Robert Redford building](#) in Santa Monica. An avid scuba diver, Nancy has logged an astounding 2000+ dives exploring the underwater world. Her deep appreciation for the interconnectedness we all share with one another and our planet is what inspires Nancy as she manages the LA Leadership Council and works to raise money for NRDC's programs. Nancy's oversight of fundraising efforts in Los Angeles during NRDC's [Partnership for the Earth](#) campaign was critical to its success. Combined with her four years of service at American Oceans Campaigns (now *Oceana*), Nancy's focus on relationship building has helped raise more than \$250 million in critical support for protecting and restoring wildlife and wild places. An alumna of Sweet Briar College, Nancy also holds a Masters in Public Administration from George Mason University, which she acquired while working full-time as a diplomatic historian at the U.S. Department of State.

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Our couches in California just got safer with the recent announcement by Governor Jerry Brown of [new flammability standards](#) for upholstered furniture -- the culmination of [years of efforts by NRDC](#) and our partners to reduce exposure to toxic flame retardant chemicals. Couches hit the big screen in two 2013 video and film productions by NRDC and our partners -- [My Toxic Couch](#) and [HBO's new film Toxic Hot Seat](#), by Kirby Walker and Jaime Redford, which tells the story of how chemical companies that produce [flame retardants](#) spend millions of dollars on lobbyists, publicists and influencers, and how Big Tobacco had a hand in convincing fire-safety officials to back a standard that, in effect, required all furniture to be filled with toxic flame retardants.

Stay safe, sit with care, and we wish everyone the happiest and healthiest of [holidays](#) and look forward to a vibrant 2014.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

San Francisco Celebrates Innovation

Last month one of the most important leaders in China's growing environmental movement, Ma Jun, led a [conversation](#) with a panel of NRDC and other public sectors experts to discuss our work in China to clean up pollution and manufacturing [supply chains](#). Held at the Asia Society in San Francisco, "China's Environmental Future: An Expert Dialogue with Ma Jun" symposium included a mix of Asia Society members, Goldman Prize affiliates, NRDC members and the general public. Named one of *TIME Magazine's* 100 most influential people in [2006](#), and winner of the [Goldman Environmental Prize in 2012](#), Ma described his groundbreaking efforts to drive improvement; click [here](#) to view the entire program, as well as the Q&A panel.

Table



Pacific Ocean Marine Mammal Protections: Court Sets Deadline for Northwest Training Range Plan

Whales



A judge [recently ruled](#) that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has eight months to issue a new plan to protect thousands of whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals, and sea lions from U.S. Navy warfare training exercises in the Pacific Northwest. The decision stems from a September 2013 court ruling in favor of NRDC and a coalition of tribal and environmental groups, which found NMFS at fault for green lighting Navy training based on incomplete and outdated science. NMFS must [now](#) use the best available science to ensure the Navy is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act by August 1, 2014.

NRDC and Partners Charge Ahead with Electric Vehicle Campaign

California once again is pioneering the way for our public health, economy and environment. Last month, [NRDC joined](#) a diverse coalition with plans to bring [1 million electric vehicles to California](#) in the next 10 years. The Greenlining Institute, Coalition for a Better Environment, Environment California Research & Policy Center, and others are working with us to identify funding for existing programs to increase access to zero-emission transportation in disadvantaged communities. This shift will keep more transportation dollars in-state, boost the economy and create new jobs, according to our [analysis](#). Click [here](#) to join the Charge Ahead campaign, calculate your own impact, and learn how electric vehicles can make a difference in your community.

Car



NRDC Communications -- a Fresh Perspective

Lisa Benenson



We are very pleased to [announce](#) that Lisa Benenson -- former U.S. Fund for UNICEF Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications -- now serves as NRDC's **Chief Communications Officer**, providing essential leadership to the whole organization.

A graduate of the University of Colorado, Lisa had her early career start in journalism, having worked for Newsday, The Denver Post and Sunday Editor. Prior to her arrival at UNICEF, Lisa was a consulting editor at *Newsweek* and *The Daily Beast*; founding editor of *Hallmark Magazine*; and also headed *Working Woman* and *Working Mother* -- where she created the "Take Your Kids to Vote" campaign, a joint initiative with the Council for Excellence in Government. Lisa has contributed to and appeared on the Today Show, NBC Nightly News, CBS Evening News, Oprah, Good Morning America and the Fox Report. "It's an honor to serve an organization whose mission is so critical," Lisa said about joining NRDC. We heartily welcome her to the NRDC family.

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Californians took a stand in November, electing champions of clean air and clean energy despite a national paid blitz of more than [\\$270 million on ads](#) from the oil, coal and gas industry to promote their dirty agenda. When it comes to the "fiscal cliff," NRDC supports a solution that includes increasing revenue. If [Congress fails](#) to reach agreement, automatic, across-the-board spending cuts would kick in, [making it much harder](#) for the federal government to deliver the health and [environmental protections](#) that people rely on. Instead of allowing subsidies to dirty energy, Congress should extend the very successful production tax credit for wind energy, which will help spur a new clean energy economy and increase good-paying jobs across the country, including here at home in California.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

Safeguards Win: Seismic Proposal Denied

The California Coastal Commission voted unanimously in November to reject PG&E's proposal to deploy seismic blasts off the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant. [NRDC challenged](#) the utility's seismic proposal, contending the proposed seismic survey is [unnecessary](#) for the [safety of the power plant](#), and less harmful alternatives to studying the seismic faults are available. Based on best available science, we know seismic testing would have caused extensive harm to marine life in protected areas along California's central coast. Proponents of the proposal did not make the case that the seismic survey is needed.

Whales



California Puts a Price on Carbon Pollution

In November, California launched the nation's [largest carbon market](#), putting in place one of the key pieces in the State's plan to achieve the goals of California's landmark clean energy law, [AB 32](#). More than five years in the making, California's cap-and-trade program will for the first time hold the state's largest emitters accountable for their

Emmissions

carbon pollution, leveling the playing field to encourage the development and deployment of clean energy alternatives. The program kicked off with an auction of pollution permits, known as allowances. Under the rules of the program, large emitters—such as oil refineries and power plants—must acquire and turn in sufficient allowances to account for their carbon pollution. As the cap declines, so too does the number of allowances, ensuring California keeps pace with AB 32's mandate to cut carbon pollution back to 1990 levels by 2020.

The [initial auction](#) sold out all of the allowances available for use in 2013 and a smaller portion of the "advance allowances" companies can hold in reserve until 2015. More than 70 participants placed bids in the auction, which cleared at a price of just over \$10, providing an early indication that carbon pollution reductions can be achieved at a low cost. Auction proceeds will be returned directly to [households and small businesses](#) and invested in renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions across the state. In short? A big step forward on California's path to clean energy.

Clean Ships for Clean Air Defended

Last month, a six-year battle ended when a federal district court agreed to dismiss the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association's legal attack against California's requirement that large ocean-going vessels use cleaner fuel when doing business at California's ports. The association's attack challenged regulations requiring thousands of vessels that transport TVs, tennis shoes and cars over the Pacific and to our ports to use cleaner fuel starting 24 nautical miles from California's shore. [NRDC jumped in](#) to help California defend the regulations expected to prevent more than 3,500 premature deaths by dramatically reducing air pollution from shipping operations.

Ship



New Head of NRDC's Water Program has Roots in California

Steve Fleischli



As the new director of the water program at NRDC, Steve Fleischli brings 15 years of professional expertise, as well as love of water and dedication to [protecting one of California's most essential resources](#): clean water. Before joining NRDC in 2010, Steve was the president of Waterkeeper Alliance, an international environmental organization founded by Bobby Kennedy, Jr. to support local watershed programs (such as Riverkeepers, Baykeepers and Soundkeepers) in nearly 200 communities across six continents. Steve graduated from UCLA School of Law and spent four years as the Santa Monica Baykeeper in Los Angeles. He and his wife currently live in Washington, D.C., but we hope to see him return to California in his new role. In his spare time, he enjoys writing, running and traveling anywhere near the water.

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Just in time for the holidays California welcomed rain and snow this month, bringing some much needed relief to our thirsty state. We still have a long way to go to restore our water profile after the worst drought in [1,200 years](#). Staying ahead of the game, Los Angeles [Mayor Eric Garcetti](#) recently issued an [executive directive](#) to reduce dramatically the use of fresh water and the need to purchase costly imported water in the city. The mayor's comprehensive approach addresses supply, use and recycling -- an approach we know other cities can adopt to help make the Golden State's water go further going forward.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and [justice to all](#) as so eloquently put by NRDC's incoming president Rhea Suh in this December [blog](#).

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
Joel Reynolds, Western Director

NRDC and Partners Sue Mendocino County for Illegal Contract with Wildlife Services

We [have sued Mendocino County](#) for renewing its predator management contract with [Wildlife Services](#) which is the federal agency responsible for killing four million animals last year in the name of "predator control." Wildlife Services is the subject of NRDC's film expose [Wild Things](#). This latest legal action challenges the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for failing to review the environmental impact of its contract with Wildlife Services, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

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Proven Pathways to Clean Up Pollution at China's Ports

For 12 years, NRDC has been working with the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to clean up the pollution that comes from the ships, trucks and trains that serve those ports. As a result, diesel particulate pollution in the ports' neighborhoods has dropped nearly 80 percent. Now, NRDC is taking these lessons learned and applying them to

ship

[ports in China](#) such as Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guangzhou. Seven of the 10 busiest ports in the world are in China, and yet [air quality at the Chinese ports](#) is largely unregulated, resulting in dangerous levels of pollution. One container ship can emit as much pollution as 500,000 trucks in a single day.

New Report Reveals Big Oil's Smoke and Mirrors Tactics

A new NRDC report, [Unmasked: The Oil Industry's Campaign to Undermine California's Clean Energy Future](#), reveals how oil companies are propping up at least eight front groups in a misleading "astroturf" effort to subvert California's landmark climate law, AB 32. The oil industry is [trying to avoid](#) doing its part to cut carbon pollution and spending record-setting sums to influence lawmakers in Sacramento. Instead of investing in cleaner sources of energy, more efficient production and refining processes, and less polluting products, these corporate polluters are relentlessly lobbying to delay and dismantle California's climate program, which is already helping to break California's dependence on dirty fossil fuels. By 2030, [AB 32's clean energy policies](#) will save California households an average of more than \$2,000 annually due to cars that go farther on a gallon, greater fuel competition, cheaper fuel options like clean electricity, and better access to public transit.

oil front groups



NRDC Scientist Fights to Protect California Communities

Merrian



This summer senior scientist Merrian Borgeson arrived at NRDC's San Francisco office already deeply committed to the creation of sustainable, thriving communities. A member of NRDC's Energy & Transportation Program, Merrian focuses on just that -- [transforming](#) the energy sector to accelerate the transition to a clean, energy efficient and renewable energy future, and influencing policy makers. A principal co-author of the new report *Unmasked* (see above article), [Merrian works](#) to reduce pollution to achieve California's climate goals and air quality standards. She has recently uncovered several of California's transportation fuel providers' [attempts to roll back](#)

California's clean energy and climate law AB32, designed to hold oil companies (and the state's other major polluters) accountable for their carbon emissions. A new mom and lifelong Oakland resident, Merrian remains dedicated to finding solutions to benefit disadvantaged communities and those most affected by carbon pollution.

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While we here in California had an unseasonably warm holiday season closing out 2013 as the driest year on record, the subzero temperatures of a polar vortex descended on much of the rest of the country. With record cold temperatures, many homeowners have been hit with higher heating bills as they pay the price of the energy used to [keep their families safe and warm](#). Roughly forty percent of the energy used on-site in our homes goes to keeping them warm, which is why the U.S. Department of Energy *should* update energy-saving standards for furnaces. By burning less energy we can save everyone money *and* the environment.

Good news -- Rio Tinto, the London-based global mining company, [announced](#) that it is considering "divestment" from the massive, [ill-conceived Pebble Mine project](#), a controversial proposal to mine gold and copper at the headwaters of the pristine Bristol Bay wild salmon fishery. By explicitly citing its currently producing and developing copper assets, Rio appears to be recognizing the unique [environmental risks](#) to the Bristol Bay wild salmon fishery. Rio Tinto's statement follows a [joint letter](#) urging divestment sent by California State Controller John Chiang and others to the company's CEO.

Annie Notthoff, California Advocacy Director
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FDA Releases Weak Antibiotics Guidelines

On December 11, the Food and Drug Administration released its long awaited policy that lays out a [voluntary approach](#) to reducing the use of antibiotics in animals that are not sick. These guidelines will do [very little](#) to reduce the amount of antibiotics in animal feed. Eighty percent of antibiotics used in the United States are given to animals, which significantly contributes to the development of [antibiotic-resistant superbugs](#). Last summer, a resistant strain of salmonella broke out from a Foster Farms chicken processing plant in California. [NRDC has a case against the FDA](#) in federal appeals

chicken

court that may finally result in the FDA taking [effective action](#). NRDC is also working with California lawmakers on legislation to better control the use of antibiotics in livestock.

Soap Suds Safety: FDA Antibacterial Rule Proposed

soap



The diligent outreach efforts of the NRDC health team paid off last month when the FDA [committed to taking final action](#) on the chemical triclosan -- a suspected endocrine disruptor that has been linked to reproductive and developmental harm -- used in consumer hand soaps. Under a court agreement prompted by a 2010 [NRDC lawsuit](#), the FDA proposed rule would require manufacturers to prove that their antibacterial soaps and body washes are safe and more effective than plain soap and water. While this [marks great progress](#) on the regulation of antibacterial soaps, the most important deadline is September 2016 -- when the FDA must finalize its report and the rule actually takes effect.

New Year, Increased Action: NRDC Looks Ahead to Achieving Climate & Energy Goals

2013 was [a year of progress for climate protection here in California](#) and beyond. California instituted a [cap](#) on carbon emitted by large polluters generating over half a billion for clean energy investments; the solar industry had its [second biggest quarter](#) on record, and President Obama presented his Climate Action Plan directing the Environmental Protection Agency to complete new pollution standards for power plants, and said he would not greenlight a [Keystone XL](#) tar sands pipeline that would only lead to more climate chaos. These are encouraging signs, but there's much to be done. Dirty energy industries are already trying to block carbon standards outright and roll back renewable energy standards at the state level. One way to [fight](#) back is to [demand more clean power](#).

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Stop Superbugs Success: A Campaign Manager's Good Food Fight

[Emily Martin's](#) role as Campaign Manager has been essential to NRDC throughout the last six months -- providing public engagement expertise, as well as a rapid response campaign strategy for [antibiotic stewardship](#) in the livestock industry. Emily helped to orchestrate NRDC's immediate [response](#) to the [FDA's](#) long-awaited, voluntary antibiotics reduction policy. Then leveraging the [news cycle](#) of the recent [Foster Farms closure and salmonella outbreak](#), Emily and the team signaled the start of a consumer-facing campaign, organizing a [sign-on letter](#) making national [headlines](#). Before joining the NRDC family Emily worked in advertising, marketing and branding for a humanitarian aid organization. Outside of the office Emily can be found exploring her home habitat of Brooklyn and cooking with her

emily rex fish



husband and their two-year-old son Rex.

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Re: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."
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Brooks!

The work you did at CA/CP was "right on" and made a mark. Enough for a decent legacy already!

Do keep in touch -- would love to know "what's next" for you and AMEN to Vonnegut and the philosophy re: dancing.

Happy holidays and a GREAT New Year to you and your family!

Anne Polansky
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On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 11:04 AM, Brooks Yeager <byeager@cleanair-coolplanet.org> wrote:

“.. won’t be back for many a day,

My heart is down,

My head is turning around,

I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

Brooks

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Subject: Re: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."
Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 9:14:54 AM

Brilliant, Dave. The Brooksozoic! Most positive frame I've heard yet for the Anthropocene.

Knowing and admiring Brooks for as long as I have, I'm confident the Brooksozoic has a much more to give. No iridium yet on his landscape.

Best
Pete

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On Dec 18, 2012, at 12:59 PM, "Hawkins, Dave" <dhawkins@nrdc.org> wrote:

Brooks,
If the environmental movement employed a geologic timescale to mark our evolution, your tenure would be known as the Brooksozoic Era. I won't permit myself to say we will miss you because I think we will all be looking for opportunities to keep you on the field.
Best
David

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Subject: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."

Importance: High

“.. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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Subject: Re: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."
Date: Thursday, December 20, 2012 7:44:36 PM
Importance: High

Dear Brooks,

I can't sing the chorus, but I can at least join the chorus of celebrating your accomplishments at Clean Air-Cool Planet, and wishing you all the best in whatever comes next for you. I look forward to the day when we can work together again - that's not "if", it's "when". I'm counting on it, as I am sure everyone else on this list is, too.

Best always,

Tony

On Dec 18, 2012, at 11:04 AM, Brooks Yeager wrote:

“.. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut

in the classicCat's Cradle: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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Brooks,

As another song says, you can check out, but you can never leave. Keep at it.

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“.. won’t be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It’s been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we’ve done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world’s leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I’m a disciple of the Bokononist Principle

enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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Dear, dear Brooks –

Your footprint is all over these amazing accomplishments (in a very good way). Thank you for your brilliant work, your dedication and passion, your music, and good cheer –

Hope you have a FANTASTICALLY productive and healthy new year.

So long, not goodbye.

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Subject: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."

Importance: High

".. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town."

"Jamaica Farewell," Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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Wow. End of an era – beginning of a new epoch. But this will free up your time to make even more serious industrial strength trouble for the bad guys – which, of course, is exactly what you are best at. 'Cept for making music. Piles of cheap thrills await. Cheers, fondly, Lucky

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Subject: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."

Importance: High

“.. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,

I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: “Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God.” Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new

arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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“.. won’t be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It’s been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP’s policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group’s future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we’ve done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP’s modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world’s leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

Brooks

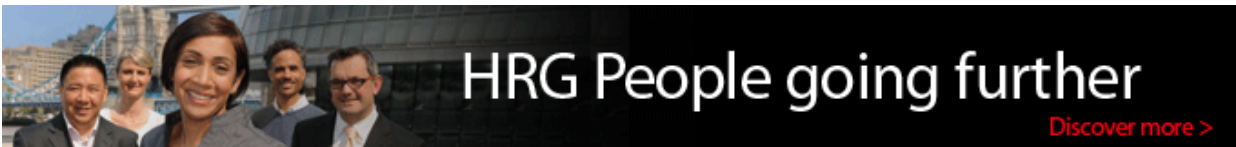
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Brooks,

If I truly thought that you were going to disappear I'd be as worried as your travel agent, but I'm pretty confident that's not going to happen. Take advantage of a breather and enjoy the holidays and we'll take up the unfinished business in January.

Buck

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Subject: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."

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".. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town."

"Jamaica Farewell," Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to

reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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Subject: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."

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".. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town."

"Jamaica Farewell," Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool

Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

Brooks

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Subject: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."

Importance: High

".. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town."

"Jamaica Farewell," Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool

Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: "Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God." Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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“.. won't be back for many a day,
My heart is down,
My head is turning around,

I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP's policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group's future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we've done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP's modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world's leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I'm a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat's Cradle*: “Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God.” Accordingly, I'm looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new

arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

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RE: "Sad to say, I'm on my way..."

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It was a great ride and we (you) did some great things. Just be sure to land in a place where we can continue to work together. We would be lost without you.

Happy Happy

Daryl

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Importance: High

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My heart is down,
My head is turning around,
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.”

“Jamaica Farewell,” Harry Belafonte, Carnegie Hall, 1958.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to several of you already, Friday will be my last day with Clean Air-Cool Planet. It’s been a real pleasure working with all of you.

I believe, given the overall fundraising environment and the challenge that CA-CP has faced in raising unrestricted revenue, that the decision of the Board and the Executive Director to wind down CA-CP’s policy effort and to close our Washington office and to focus the group’s future work on our national campus emissions reduction and the Northeast regional adaptation effort makes a good deal of sense.

I am proud of the policy work we’ve done together over the last five years. Given CA-CP’s modest size and even more modest resources, I think I can say that we consistently punched above our weight.

We helped create one of the world’s leading-edge energy research efforts – ARPA-E.

We pioneered and developed an effective regional approach to climate change adaptation, and have helped key communities, such as Portland and Bridgeport, to tackle their climate vulnerabilities.

With the 2009 Hipboot Tour, we helped put sea-level rise on the national agenda.

We developed and advocated economically-efficient approaches to reduce CO2 emissions nationally.

We convinced the international policy community of the threat of black carbon and short-lived climate forcers, and helped launch the first intergovernmental effort to reduce SLCF emissions, working through the Arctic Council. With valuable partners such as Pacific Environment, we made black carbon and agricultural fire a top-priority for Russian conservationists. Working with Clean Air-Task Force here at home, we revived the effort to reduce black carbon from our diesel fleets through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

And last but not least, working with our partners at WWF and NRDC, we initiated an international dialogue on the governance and management of the Arctic Ocean, which is being transformed by the twin forces of climate change and globalization.

Those of you who know me well know that I’m a disciple of the Bokononist Principle enunciated by Kurt Vonnegut in the classic *Cat’s Cradle*: “Unexpected travel instructions are like dancing lessons from God.” Accordingly, I’m looking forward to a very nice Christmas and New Years, mostly in Chincoteague, and then seeing what January brings.

I am committed to continuing my Arctic work, probably as a consultant. I'll probably be contacting quite a few of you individually to discuss potential projects. Once I have new arrangements in place, I'll let you know the details.

In the meantime, you can reach me at the home address below.

All the best for the Holiday Season,

Brooks

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From: [Marcus, Felicia](#)
To: Shirley_Lewis@ios.doi.gov; Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov
Subject: RE: Dinner with Rhea Suh on September 9
Date: Monday, September 07, 2009 1:37:27 PM

Hi--just a heads up that I have been called into water wars in Sacto for end of session. There is a possibility that I won't get to DC at all. Will let you know as I know.
Eek,
Felicia

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-----Original Message-----

From: Shirley_Lewis@ios.doi.gov [mailto:Shirley_Lewis@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 10:24 AM
To: Marcus, Felicia
Subject: Dinner with Rhea Suh on September 9

Hi Felicia,

You are confirmed to meet with Rhea on September 9th for dinner. We are located at 1849 C Street, NW, room 5113. Once you enter the building, you would need to get a visitor's pass from the security guard (you would need a form of ID) and then they will call to confirm you to enter into the building. I will be gone by that time, however, Rhea or her Senior Advisor will be able to answer the call once you arrive. Is there a location for dinner? Also, if I can have a contact number for you just in case something comes up.

Thanks.

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From: [Hal Candee](#)
To: Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov; Letty_belin@ios.doi.gov
Cc: dobegi@nrdc.org; mschmitt@nrdc.org
Subject: RE: Heads up: Patterson Fish Screen (confidential)
Date: Monday, July 13, 2009 1:48:40 PM

Update:

Apparently this idea has only been talked about by my Rep Cardoza and his folks, not necessarily to the point of offering a proposal. However, if this does proceed, the idea would be to waive any cost-sharing requirements, which I would urge you to oppose. First, Patterson previously consented to cost sharing when it took on the fish screening project. Second, Interior and NRDC fought hard in the San Joaquin settlement to preserve cost-sharing of fish screens. Third, if Cardoza waives cost sharing for one of his districts along the SJ River, he'll likely try to do so for all the rest.

Thanks,
Hal

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From: Hal Candee
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 10:30 AM
To: 'Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov'; 'Letty_belin@ios.doi.gov'
Cc: 'dobegi@nrdc.org'; 'mschmitt@nrdc.org'
Subject: Heads up: Patterson Fish Screen (confidential)

Have you heard of a new amendment on this CVP fish screen? We just heard it may come up. Here are my initial caveats.

Thanks.
Hal

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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From: Hal Candee
Sent: Mon Jul 13 10:24:33 2009
Subject: Patterson Fish Screen

In general we agree that fish screens are benign, and especially good on SJR now that more salmon will be there. But just be aware of some background issues:

State law requires cost sharing on DFG fish screens and that has been a topic in past with Patterson (isn't the screen mostly done?). The SJR settlement bill expressly preserved state cost sharing requirements.

Patterson is a DMC contractor and a prime target for recirculating our SJR restoration flows before they reach the Delta. The degree of recirc is still being debated. Wdnt want any language that seems to alter that debate.

How much are they requesting and from which pot of money?

Thanks.

Hal

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

From: [Marcus, Felicia](#)
To: Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: In DC--hope to see you next week
Date: Monday, February 08, 2010 1:04:10 PM

Yes. Breakfast would be fine. I have a 9:30 call I should be on but I can do it from anywhere.. I'm flexible, so let me know what works if something works tonight too (e.g., if someone is going your way after they go to dinner too). I have tons of work to do so no worries. I had to walk to Carol's house yesterday and ended up sleeping over because no one was walking that far!.

From: Suh, Rhea
To: Marcus, Felicia
Sent: Mon Feb 08 09:02:34 2010
Subject: RE: In DC--hope to see you next week

Today is a nightmare. I am downtown at work but got a ride from a neighbor and have to figure out how to get back home in the snow (I live in the Palisades). Any chance you can do a breakfast on Tues instead? I'm just trying to figure out how to make my day work.

From: Marcus, Felicia [<mailto:fmarcus@nrdc.org>]
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2010 10:22 AM
To: Suh, Rhea
Subject: Re: In DC--hope to see you next week

Hi. On the plane. Shld be avail by email or cell all trow. Looking forward to seeing you!
Felicia

From: Marcus, Felicia
To: Suh, Rhea
Sent: Fri Feb 05 09:52:21 2010
Subject: RE: In DC--hope to see you next week
Fabulous!!!

Yes, Wed I have to be with the E2 group as part of my shepherding duties. Late is fine. My cell is the same (b) (6) and I'll have my blackberry. I can meet you anywhere that is convenient.

Dinner is ideal so we have time to talk. I'm gonna try to check in with David and Letty during the day at some point for more worklike discussions. Have you had the chance yet to spend much time with Sutley or Boots?

Also, I am overdue to give Danielle some post-Hewlett advice, so any advice you have is appreciated since you know her better. I am happy to help.

Felicia

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From: Suh, Rhea [mailto:Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2010 8:02 AM
To: Marcus, Felicia
Subject: RE: In DC--hope to see you next week

Dear! Great to hear from you. I would love to see you. Monday can work but it is just going to be a brutal back to back day. Usually when that happens (which unfortunately is often), I tend to be in the office til late. Wed may be much better but not sure if that is too risky since you may be busy. So let's do Mon? 7 pm?

Can't wait to catch up!
Rhea

From: Marcus, Felicia [mailto:fmarcus@nrdc.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 2:03 PM
To: Suh, Rhea
Subject: In DC--hope to see you next week

Hi Rhea—I'm actually coming into DC next week and am just getting a moment to figure out my social schedule. Is it possible to see you Monday night for dinner? I can also see you any time during the day Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday night the E2 delegation arrives and I'll be with them through Wed night. If that changes, I might be free Wed night. Want to see what you can do before I make any other plans!!!

Felicia

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From: [Rhea Suh](#)
To: [Wald, Johanna](#)
Subject: RE: you
Date: Thursday, November 07, 2013 9:08:34 AM

Thanks dear! I'd love nothing else than to be able to connect with you again. Hope you and Michael are well!
Rhea

From: Wald, Johanna [mailto:jwald@nrdc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Rhea Suh (Rhea_Suh@ios.doi.gov)
Subject: you

Hi there –

Just back from 3 amazing weeks in China to find out about your nomination to a new job. Congratulations!! Hope it means we will actually get to work together.

Also hope you are all well and thriving in DC.

Sincerely, Johanna

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From: [Notthoff, Ann](#)
To: rhea_suh@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Welcome
Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 11:11:28 AM

Rhea,

It's been a while since we worked together, but I remember well Michael Fischer's pleasure in bringing you on to the Hewlett team. It's been great to see all the wonderful things you've been doing since then and I can't wait to work with you here at NRDC, whether it's helping navigate the CA offices, getting to know (or get reacquainted with) our great western staff or anything else, I'm so looking forward to working together. All best and welcome, Annie

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