

*The Nature of Our future
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Happy Holidays!

The PCL Board and Staff hope that you are safe and healthy this holiday season. During this long pandemic, it is important to prioritize our health and well-being above everything else.

This year has been another hectic year for the environment. PCL continues to be a watchdog at the State Capitol, working on promoting or opposing important bills pertaining to land use, transportation, habitat conservation, and CEQA (for more information, visit pcl.org/watchlist). Additionally, we have worked on some important initiatives this year, such as ensuring that **biodiversity and habitat conservation is prioritized** in the goal to protect 30% of California by 2030. As always, our successes this year would not be possible without your help, and **we greatly appreciate your support**.

As you will see in the attached newsletter, PCL is organizing a couple of bold policy endeavors for the coming year. We strongly believe that the best time to act on climate change was yesterday, and the next best time to act is now. Our projects will address the climate crisis by tackling two historically antiquated systems — planning and water laws. These laws were developed many years ago without the threats of climate change or the added challenges of untethered growth and inequities. Now is our chance to modernize these systems to ensure that California's laws are protective of our environment and all our communities.

We ask for your support as we work to implement these visions for the future of California. The work that we do is challenging and difficult, but your donations inspire us to continue to push forward no matter the obstacles ahead. **We are out of time, and big, bold solutions are our only way forward.**

We need your support more than ever, and the work ahead of us is more critical than it has ever been before. The PCL staff and board are eternally grateful for your support, and we hope to continue to have your assistance as we tackle the difficult but timely priorities ahead of us.

I wish you and your family peace and joy during this coming holiday season, and may 2022 bring all of us a much-needed break from the challenges of this pandemic.

Stay healthy and safe!

Howard Penn
Executive Director

P.S. We also welcome any feedback you may have. Please email us at pclmail@pcl.org or use our contact form at pcl.org/contact.

Please join us at our upcoming hybrid symposium

2022 California Environmental Assembly
The Climate Crisis is Here Now
February 2022

This year's Assembly will be held in-person and online and will feature panels focusing on ways we can inspire timely action by our government on issues that matter. Audience participation will be encouraged.

For more information, please visit our website at PCL.org/assembly. Thank you.



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