Water for Life: Towards an Equitable and Sustainable Water Future for California

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2014 ENVIRONMENTAL SYMPOSIUM & AWARDS LUNCHEON

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For nearly 50 years, the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) along with its sister organization, the PCL Foundation, have been at the forefront of crafting some of California’s most important environmental protections. As a result of PCL’s work, California has been a leader in passing cutting edge environmental laws and policies from the California Environmental Quality Act to the California Coastal Act, and we have helped provide hundreds of millions of dollars for environmental stewardship through bond initiatives we have championed. Our goal is simple: improve the environment and quality of life for all Californians.
This year's event, entitled Water for Life and focusing exclusively on California water policy, comes on the heels of Governor Brown’s declaration of a drought emergency for the state. As California struggles with its lowest rainfall totals in the past 153 years, we have to decide if our response to this crisis will represent a business-as-usual approach that focuses on ‘pump and dump’ water policies; focus on short-term actions that will get us through our current emergency without the long-term reforms that are needed; or instead represent fundamental changes to California’s water policies that will ensure a sustainable and equitable water portfolio for the state for generations to come.

With 2014 shaping up as the ‘year of water’ in California, as the Legislature, Administration and state agencies struggle with drought response, the 2014 water bond, Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and other major water policy initiatives, this year’s event could not be more critical. With many of the top thinkers, doers and decision-makers on water policy joining us, we look forward to exploring:

- What does truly sustainable and equitable water planning look like for California?
- What barriers exist that hinder our ability to achieve these goals, and what changes are needed to overcome these barriers?
- How does California’s historic drought impact our ability to fundamentally change water planning in the state?
- How we can mobilize around a shared vision for California’s water future?

We are thrilled that so many legislators and legislative staff, agency officials, environmental and community activists, business and labor leaders, academics, and other leading experts have come together to explore the answers to these critical issues facing California’s future.

This Symposium is designed to inspire and enhance your understanding of the critical issues surrounding California water policy; equally importantly, it is intended to be a solutions-oriented dialogue that will help further our goals of promoting a diversified water portfolio using the 4R (reduce, reuse, recycle, restore) approach.

The Planning and Conservation League and PCL Foundation have long been leaders on California water policy, and we look forward to continuing to play a central role in developing a visionary agenda around water, building diverse coalitions and mobilizing the public to support this new paradigm, and continuing to advocate for the adoption and implementation of sustainable and equitable water policies.

We thank you for joining us at this year’s Symposium to help us kick off this important year of water, and look forward to working with you to ensure that the critical policy recommendations that come out of this event come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Bruce Reznik
Executive Director
8:15 – 9:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast  (King Hall Foyer)

9:00 – 9:05  Welcoming Remarks  (Rooms 1001, 1002)

9:05 – 10:15  A New Vision for Water  (Rooms 1001, 1002)
- Bruce Reznik, Planning and Conservation League  (Moderator)
- Peter Gleick, Pacific Institute
- Jacob Katz, CalTrout
- Tim Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies

10:15 – 11:30  What to Expect This Legislative Session: The Water Bond and Beyond  (Rooms 1001, 1002)
- Randele “Randy” Kanouse, PCL Board  (Moderator)
- Senator Lois Wolk
- Assembly Member Anthony Rendon
- Dave Metz, Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Awards Luncheon  (UC Davis Conference Center)
- Assembly Members Mark Stone & Toni Atkins  (presented by Meg Caldwell)
- California American Water Co.  (presented by Gabriela Alberola)
- Former Assemblyman and Trustee Mike Eng  (presented by Susana De Anda)

A clip from “Thirsty for Justice: the struggle for the human right to water” will be previewed during lunch

1:15 – 2:30  Breakout Session One  (Concurrent Breakouts)

Water, CEQA and the Public Trust Doctrine: Empty Promises, or Enforceable?  (Room 2304)
- Tony Rossmann, Rossmann and Moore  (Moderator)
- Alene Taber, Jackson, DeMarco, Tidus, & Pecknnaugh
- Roger Moore, Outside Counsel, Butte County
- Roderick Walston, Best, Best & Krieger

Protecting our Coast: What’s Next  (Room 1301)
- Assembly Member Mark Stone  (Moderator)
- Leila Monroe, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Meg Caldwell, Stanford Law School
- Marce Gutierrez, Azul Project

Water for All: Exploring the Past, Present & Future for Human Right to Water Efforts  (Room 2302)
- Former Assemblyman and Trustee Mike Eng  (Moderator)
- Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center
- Tam Doduc, State Water Resources Control Board
- Colin Bailey, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

How to…Fund Water Campaigns  (Room 1303)
- Terry Watt, PCL Board  (Moderator)
- Lester Snow, California Water Foundation
- Tim Little, Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment
2:30 – 2:45  
**Break**

2:45 – 4:00  
**Breakout Session Two**  (Concurrent Breakouts)

**Making Smart Use of Stormwater to Help Solve California’s Water Problems**  (Room 2302)
- Dennis O’Connor, California State Senate  *(Moderator)*
- Esther Feldman, Community Conservation Solutions
- Alf Brandt, California State Assembly
- Jonathan Bishop, State Water Resources Control Board

**Better Water Pricing for Better Water Policy**  (Room 1303)
- Dr. Juliet Christian-Smith, Union of Concerned Scientists  *(Moderator)*
- Diana Brooks, Department of Water Resources
- Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Council for Justice & Accountability
- Kaitlin Toyama, Community Water Center

**Do Water and Energy Mix?**  (Room 1301)
- Debbie Davis, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research  *(Moderator)*
- Bob Wilkinson, UC Santa Barbara (Bren School)
- Deborah Sivas, Stanford Law School
- Daniel Kim, Westlands Solar Park

**Dams: Take ‘em Down or Build ‘em Up?**  (Room 2304)
- Abigail Okrent, PCL  *(Moderator)*
- Robert MacLean, California American Water
- Craig Tucker, Karuk Tribe
- Fran Garland, Contra Costa Water District

4:00 – 4:15 **Break**

4:15 – 5:30 **Plenary Session – What’s Next for the Delta**  (Rooms 1001, 1002)
- Martha Davis, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  *(Moderator)*
- Paul Helliker, Department of Water Resources
- Jonas Minton, Planning and Conservation League
- Doug Obegi, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli

5:30 – 6:30 **Wine and Cheese Reception**

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KEYNOTES

A New Vision for Water
9:05 – 10:15 a.m., Room 1001, 1002

With California facing perhaps the most dire drought in its history, join some of the state’s leading thinkers to explore whether we can turn crisis into opportunity to fundamentally change the way water is managed in California.

- Bruce Reznik (moderator), Planning & Conservation League
- Peter Gleick, Pacific Institute
- Jacob Katz, CalTrout
- Tim Quinn, Assoc. of CA Water Agencies

OPENING PLENARY

What to Expect This Legislative Session: The Water Bond and Beyond
10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Room 1001, 1002

As California water levels continue to shrink, the debate on water policy in the Legislature is heating up. What will happen with the existing $11.14B bond on the 2014 ballot? Will a new bond take its place, and what are its prospects for success? And what other water legislation is on the horizon? Join this discussion to hear the latest from the Capitol.

- Randele “Randy” Kanouse (moderator), PCL Board of Directors
- Senator Lois Wolk
- Assembly Member Anthony Rendon
- Dave Metz, Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates

AWARDS LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., UC Davis Conference Center

- Assembly Members Mark Stone & Toni Atkins (presented by Meg Caldwell, Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law & Policy Program, Stanford Law School)
- California American Water Co. (presented by Gabriela Alberola, Biogeochemical and Agricultural Research Coordinator, California State University, Monterey Bay)
- Former Assemblyman and Trustee Mike Eng (presented by Susana De Anda, Co-Executive Director and Co-Founder, Community Water Center)

A clip from “Thirsty for Justice: the struggle for the human right to water” will be previewed during lunch. Produced by the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California in association with the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.
BREAKOUT SESSION ONE (CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS)
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

**Water, CEQA and the Public Trust Doctrine: Empty Promises, or Enforceable? (Room 2304)**

Two of the most vibrant legal measures that have shaped our state and its water policies are the public trust doctrine and the California Environmental Quality Act. But as we fully enter the 21st century, both doctrines seem to be weakening through judicial and legislative action (and inaction). Have the public trust doctrine and CEQA lost their efficacy? Is reform needed, and what should it look like? The state’s most experienced (and sometimes opposing) legal advocates will explore these issues among themselves and with conference attendees.

- **Tony Rossmann** (moderator), Rossmann & Moore
- **Alene Taber**, Jackson, DeMarco, Tidus, & Peckenpaugh
- **Roger Moore**, Outside Counsel, Butte County
- **Roderick Walston**, Best, Best & Krieger

**Protecting our Coast: What’s Next (Room 1301)**

Coastal protection remains incredibly popular among Californians, but can be controversial among those who want to see our coastline developed. Hear about the latest efforts to ensure public access to the coast, address plastics pollution, strengthen Coastal Act protections, and implement Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

- **Assembly Member Mark Stone** (moderator)
- **Leila Monroe**, Natural Resources Defense Council
- **Meg Caldwell**, Stanford Law School
- **Marce Gutierrez**, Azul Project

**Water for All: Exploring the past, present & future for Human Right to Water efforts (Room 2302)**

One of the most significant environmental justice accomplishments of the last decade was the five-bill Human Right to Water package signed into law in 2011 and 2012. Hear how these laws are being implemented and learn about new efforts aimed at ensuring that every Californian has access to safe, clean and affordable water.

- **Former Assemblyman Mike Eng** (moderator)
- **Laurel Firestone**, Community Water Center
- **Tam Doduc**, State Water Resources Control Board
- **Colin Bailey**, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

**How to… Fund Water Campaigns (Room 1303)**

Non-profit groups rely on foundation funding to help us fulfill our mission; yet there is never enough funding to go around, particularly in the water arena. Hear from two of the top water funders in the state about the current trends in water grant-making, and learn how you can best position yourself to get a piece of the pie.

- **Terry Watt** (moderator), PCL Board of Directors
- **Lester Snow**, California Water Foundation
- **Tim Little**, Rose Foundation
Panel Abstracts

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO (CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS)
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Making Smart Use of Stormwater to Help Solve California’s Water Problems (Room 2302)
Stormwater capture and reuse is a cost-effective and environmentally-friendly way to enhance local water supplies while reducing runoff pollution. Yet, California lags behind much of the world in widespread adoption of this time-tested approach to ensure regional water self-sufficiency. Join this panel to learn about what is being done currently to harvest stormwater, what barriers prevent greater use of these technologies, and what steps are being taken to make stormwater reuse a much greater reality in the state.

- Dennis O’Connor (moderator), California State Senate
- Esther Feldman, Community Conservation Solutions
- Alf Brandt, California State Assembly
- Jonathan Bishop, State Water Resources Control Board

Better Water Pricing for Better Water Policy (Room 1303)
Water conservation and efficiency remain the most environmentally- and economically-sound methods to enhance California’s water supplies. But current water pricing often incentivizes waste over thrift and leaves many communities with little access to affordable water. Learn what is being done, and what needs to be done, to reverse this dynamic and provide economic incentives for sustainable and equitable water supplies.

- Dr. Juliet Christian-Smith (moderator), Union of Concerned Scientists
- Diana Brooks, Department of Water Resources
- Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Council for Justice & Accountability
- Kaitlin Toyama, Community Water Center

Do Water and Energy Mix? (Room 1301)
The water sector is the largest user of energy in the state, consuming 19% of CA’s electricity, over 30% of its natural gas, and 88 billion gallons of diesel fuel each year. At the same time, the energy sector – whether we’re talking traditional power plants or fracking - has tremendous impacts on the health of our waters. Join this panel to learn about innovative approaches that can simultaneously promote a cleaner energy and water future for California.

- Debbie Davis (moderator), Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
- Bob Wilkinson, UC Santa Barbara (Bren School)
- Deborah Sivas, Stanford Law School
- Daniel Kim, Westlands Solar Park
Dams: Take ‘em Down or Build ‘em Up? (Room 2304)

Most environmentalists take for granted the tremendous damage that California’s 1,400+ dams have on our rivers and streams. But are there times when developing more local storage actually makes environmental sense? Learn from our experts about efforts to take down some of the state’s most impactful dams, and explore where we may want to get behind dam expansion.

- Abigail Okrent (moderator), Planning & Conservation League
- Robert MacLean, California American Water
- Craig Tucker, Karuk Tribe
- Fran Garland, Contra Costa Water District

CLOSING PLENARY

What’s Next for the Delta
4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Room 1001, 1002

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta, the West Coast’s largest estuary and a leading source of drinking water for much of California, is in critical condition. Yet, there remains a lack of consensus on what to do to protect and restore the Delta, while also safeguarding California’s water supplies. Hear different approaches on what should be done for the Delta in what is sure to be a lively final panel discussion!

- Martha Davis (moderator), Inland Empire Utilities Agency
- Paul Helliker, Department of Water Resources
- Jonas Minton, Planning & Conservation League
- Doug Obegi, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli
Business of the Year Award – California American Water

California American Water is being recognized with PCL's Business of the Year award for their leadership and dedication that has made the San Clemente Dam Removal & Carmel River Reroute Project a reality. Since its construction in 1921, the 106-foot-high San Clemente dam has filled in with sediment to limit its storage capacity, has been identified as seismically unsound, and has been a major hindrance to steelhead migration. After nearly a decade of planning, the San Clemente Dam removal broke ground this summer. The $83 million project – the tallest dam ever to be taken down in the state – has won praise from community members and environmentalists alike. The project, which also includes the rerouting of the Carmel River into San Clemente Creek, will remove barriers to upstream spawning areas for the threatened south central population of steelhead trout, protect wildlife habitat that supports hundreds of species like the threatened California red-legged frog, and will restore ecological continuity to the area.

While the project represents an innovative public-private partnership between dozens of agency, community, environmental, business and elected partners, leading this historic effort was California American Water, which owns and operates the dam. This project is a great example of widespread collaboration leading to watershed solutions that work for everyone involved, and will hopefully serve as a model for future efforts to restore California's waterways to health. PCL is proud to have been part of this effort for nearly a decade, and prouder still to present California American Water with our ‘Business of the Year’ award.

Helen Reynolds Award – Former Assemblyman and Trustee Mike Eng

PCL is thrilled to present former Assemblyman and current Trustee Mike Eng with our Helen Reynolds award for his landmark Human Right to Water bill, AB 685. The award, named for a co-founder and long-time supporter of the Planning and Conservation League, is given on rare occasions for outstanding achievement in a single piece of legislation. Nothing fits this description better than AB 685, the flagship bill in a package of Human Right to Water legislation that was signed into law by Governor Brown in 2011 and 2012. AB 685 established a state policy that every Californian has a fundamental right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water that is adequate for basic human needs, and required that state agencies consider this policy when creating regulations. It was due to the persistence of Mr. Eng and his ability to bring a diverse coalition tougher that AB 685, and the entire Human Right to Water package – was able to pass through the legislature and be signed into law. This historic legislation – backed by a broad coalition of environmental health and justice groups – will help provide safe, clean drinking water for millions of Californians who do not currently have such access. Presently a Trustee of the largest community college district in the U.S., Mr. Eng previously served as Mayor of Monterey Park before being elected to 3 terms as an Assembly Member for the 49th District. For a complete biography of Mr. Eng, see page 16.
Legislators of the Year Award – Assembly Majority Leader Toni Atkins and Assembly Member Mark Stone

Assembly Majority Leader Toni Atkins and Assembly Member Mark Stone are the co-recipients of PCL’s Legislator of the Year award for their legislative efforts to protect California’s 1,100 miles of coastline. Both Ms. Atkins and Mr. Stone have a long and distinguished record protecting California’s environment. Assembly Member Stone, who represents California’s 29th Assembly District along the central coast, led the effort to ban plastic bags and create a Commission on the Environment during his tenure as a Santa Cruz County Supervisor, and was a principled leader who protected the cherished California coastline during his three years serving on the California Coastal Commission. For a complete biography of Mr. Stone, see page 30. Majority Leader Atkins, who was first elected to the California State Assembly in 2010 to represent the 76th Assembly District that encompasses coastal San Diego communities from Imperial Beach to Solana Beach, has been an outspoken advocate for affordable housing, redevelopment, historic preservation and coastal protection during her tenure as an Assembly Member and her eight years as a San Diego City Council member.

In 2013, Majority Leader Atkins authored AB 976, which would give the Coastal Commission the much-needed ability to impose administrative penalties on individuals found to be in violation of the Coastal Act, after a public hearing before the Commission. Meanwhile, Assembly Member Stone’s AB 203 would give the Coastal Commission the authority to require that existing, verified Coastal Act violations must be resolved prior to or as a condition of new development on the same property. Together, these bills would provide critical protections to ensure public access to our coastline, protect our threatened wetlands and coastal ecosystems, and safeguard our beaches and bays. While both bills stalled under intense industry pressure in 2013, they have helped transform the debate around coastal protection in the Legislature, and both authors are continuing to advocate for these and other coastal protection measures in the 2014 session. PCL appreciates their incredible tenacity in pushing difficult measures to safeguard our coast, and are proud to recognize them as co-Legislators of the Year.
COLIN BAILEY

Colin Bailey is the Executive Director of the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW). An accomplished social justice attorney, Colin leads and supports EJCW’s statewide policy agenda, local and regional programs, outreach and education activities, and grassroots member organizations. Building upon California’s historic adoption of the Human Right to Water policy, EJCW now supports the grassroots effort to flesh out, implement, and enforce this mandate statewide. In addition, Colin serves on several nonprofit boards, the Sierra Club’s legal committee for the Mother Lode region, and the advisory committee for a national human rights advocacy program. He is the former chair of the Sacramento-based Coalition on Regional Equity (CORE) and co-founded the Capital Region Organizing Project (CROP) to build community-based power to advance equity and justice throughout the Capital region.

JONATHAN BISHOP

Jonathan Bishop is the Chief Deputy Director of the State Water Resources Control Board.

He received a B.S. degree in Environmental Engineering with an emphasis in water quality from Humboldt State University, and worked for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for 23 years. Some of the highlights of Jon’s tenure with the Los Angeles Regional Board include the development of a new program to investigate the sources of groundwater contamination impacting drinking water wells, the development of a comprehensive water quality data management system for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

From late in 1998 to mid 2004 Jon lead the effort to develop TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region, including the adoption of the first urban trash TMDL in the nation. In September 2004 Jon was named Executive Officer for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.
ALF W. BRANDT

Alf W. Brandt serves the California State Assembly as an expert on water resource law and policy, as well as Executive Director of the National Judicial College’s Dividing the Waters Program. He now serves Assembly Member Anthony Rendon, chair of the Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee. Drawing on his extensive experience in California water policy, Brandt has developed and analyzed California water legislation, including playing critical roles in the development of the 2009 Delta/Water Legislation and the 2007 flood protection package. He also leads a program to train judges on water law.

Brandt previously served as a water lawyer for the Department of the Interior, Federal Agency Coordinator at the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, and as the leader of the City of Los Angeles delegation to the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

He earned his J.D. from University of California, Berkeley, and his B.A. magna cum laude from UCLA.

DIANA BROOKS

Diana Brooks serves as the Chief of the Water Use and Efficiency Branch in the Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) where she heads up urban and agricultural water use efficiency, recycled water and desalination efforts. Diana came to DWR last October from the Office of Ratepayer Advocates at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) where she was actively involved in water policy and regulation pertaining to investor-owned water utilities. At the CPUC, she oversaw the review of water utility costs, infrastructure needs, revenue requirements, water conservation programs, rate design, revenue decoupling mechanisms, and long term alternative water supply options such as desalination and recycling. She also took a lead role in the development of low income rate assistance programs to keep water affordable.
MEG CALDWELL

Meg Caldwell is the executive director at the Center for Ocean Solutions. She also directs the Environmental and Natural Resources Law & Policy Program at Stanford Law School. Meg is an honorary professor in the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland and a Monterey Bay Aquarium Trustee.

Meg twice served on the California Coastal Commission, including two years as chair. Caldwell also served on the board of the California Coastal Conservancy. She has testified in Congress regarding the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster. She was a senior consultant to the National Commissions on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. From 2004 to 2011, she served on the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force, where she helped California establish the nation’s largest network of marine protected areas.

Meg earned her B.S. in business administration from UC Berkeley and her J.D. from Stanford.

DR. JULIET CHRISTIAN-SMITH

Dr. Juliet Christian-Smith is a climate scientist with the Climate and Energy Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). Dr. Christian-Smith is the lead author of the book A Twenty-First Century U.S. Water Policy (Oxford Press 2012) and an editor of the journal Sustainability Science. The focus of her work is providing California and U.S. policymakers and the public with robust, timely, accessible, and policy-relevant information on climate science and climate impacts.

Prior to joining UCS, Dr. Christian-Smith worked as a senior researcher for the Pacific Institute, performing policy-focused research on sustainable water management, primarily in the Western U.S. Dr. Christian-Smith and two colleagues received the Environmental Protection Agency’s Award for Outstanding Achievement for their work on agricultural water management. Previously, as a graduate student, she received a Fulbright Fellowship to study the implementation of the European Union’s innovative Water Framework Directive.

Dr. Christian-Smith holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management from the University of California, Berkeley and a B.A. in Biology from Smith College.
DEBBIE DAVIS
Debbie Davis is the Community and Rural Affairs Advisor in the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research. Debbie works on a range of issues including environmental justice, water, water and energy, and rural community issues. Prior to joining OPR, Debbie served as the Policy Director at the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water. Debbie has a Bachelor’s Degree from UC Davis and a Master’s Degree in Social Ecology from UC Irvine.

MARTHA DAVIS
Ms. Martha Davis is Executive Manager for Policy Development at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), a municipal water district serving 830,000 people in west San Bernardino County. IEUA provides regional sewage treatment services, distributes imported water and recycled water supplies, and provides other utility services for the Chino Basin. Since 2000, Ms. Davis has led many of the Agency’s award-winning conservation, planning and green programs including initiatives promoting water efficiency, renewable energy, stormwater capture, and recycled water. In addition, she is serving as a consultant to the Delta Stewardship Council on the development and implementation of the Delta Plan.
TAM DODUC

Tam Doduc serves as the State Water Resources Control Board’s civil engineer. Ms. Doduc most recently directed the California Environmental Protection Agency’s environmental justice and external scientific peer review activities as Deputy Secretary of Cal/EPA. She also coordinated environmental quality initiatives and provided oversight of children’s environmental health programs.

Ms. Doduc began her career in 1989 as an environmental consultant. She then joined the State Water Resources Control Board and, later, the California Air Resources Board. From 1998 to 2002, Ms. Doduc provided technical and business assistance to environmental technology developers and manufacturers, serving in the Office of Environmental Technology and, later, as Cal/EPA’s Assistant Secretary for Technology Certification. From 2002 to 2004, Ms. Doduc served as Cal/EPA’s Assistant Secretary for Agriculture, Air and Chemical Programs.

A licensed civil engineer, Ms. Doduc earned a B.S. in Bioengineering as well as an MBA from UC Berkeley, and an MS in Civil Engineering from CSU Sacramento.

FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE ENG

Former Assemblyman Mike Eng is trustee of the largest community college district in the U.S. He previously served as Mayor of Monterey Park before being elected to 3 terms as an Assemblyman for the 49th District.

He chaired Assembly committees on Transportation, Banking, and Business & Consumer Protection. He authored California’s Homeowner Bill of Rights to help thousands save their homes from foreclosure. His legislation appropriated $100 million for groundwater cleanup, $120 million for a new bus station, new buses and express lanes. His bill made California the first state to declare water as a Human Right. His bill overhauled California’s smog check laws to remove 70 tons of pollutants from our air daily.
ESTHER FELDMAN

Esther Feldman has pioneered innovative environmental initiatives for over 25 years, earning a reputation for her visionary and pragmatic approach to solving environmental problems. As President of non-profit organization, Community Conservation Solutions (CCS), Esther is leading a team of experts to solve persistent and approaching water quality and supply problems while creating permanent public benefits through the development of CCS’ Green Solution metrics-driven tool.

By integrating a broad range of technical, financial, community and policy expertise, Esther has established more than $3 billion in new public funding to achieve community and conservation goals. Ms. Feldman has a B.S. in Soil and Water Science from UC Davis.

LAUREL FIRESTONE

Laurel Firestone co-founded and co-directs the Community Water Center, an environmental justice non-profit based in California’s Central Valley. The CWC helps disadvantaged communities gain access to clean and affordable water. She previously served as the Director of the Rural Poverty Water Project at the Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment in Delano, as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. Laurel received the Gary Bellow Public Service Award from Harvard Law School in 2013, and in 2010 she and her Co-Executive Director, Susana De Anda, were co-awarded the Carla Bard Advocacy Award from the Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform, awarded to one advocate in California each year. In 2009 she authored the comprehensive Guide to Community Drinking Water Advocacy. She served on the Tulare County Water Commission from 2007-2012, and currently Co-Chairs the Governor’s Drinking Water Stakeholder Group. Laurel graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and holds a B.A. magna cum laude in Environmental Studies from Brown University.
FRAN GARLAND

Fran Garland is a Principal Planner for Contra Costa Water District where she focuses on environmental compliance, water supply and facility planning, and regional planning. She recently led CEQA/NEPA compliance and permitting for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project and is now finalizing implementation of the mitigation program. In addition to managing numerous environmental permitting processes, during Ms. Garland’s 23 year tenure with CCWD she has prepared long-range water supply plans, facility master plans and capital improvement plans, negotiated and implemented agreements with local agencies for water supply and service, and worked collaboratively on regional plans including the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan, as well as the East County and Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plans. Ms. Garland also served on the Public Advisory Committee for the State Water Plan—Update 2005. Ms. Garland received a BA from Stanford University in Human Biology and completed two years of graduate study in Environmental Planning at UC Berkeley.

DR. PETER GLEICK

Dr. Peter Gleick is a leading scientist, innovator, and communicator on global water and climate issues. Gleick received the prestigious MacArthur “genius” Fellowship in 2003 and has been named “a visionary on the environment” by the BBC. He was elected in 2006 to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. He co-founded and leads the Pacific Institute in Oakland, one of the most innovative, independent non-governmental organizations addressing the connections between the environment and global sustainability. He is the author of many scientific papers and ten books, including the influential series The World’s Water and Bottled and Sold: The Story Behind Our Obsession with Bottled Water from Island Press, as well as the A Twenty-First Century U.S. Water Policy, released in 2012. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University of California, Berkeley, where he received an MS and a PhD.
MARCE GUTIÉRREZ

Marce Gutiérrez has worked on marine issues for a decade. Early in her career, she worked as an operations manager in the aquaculture sector. Then she joined WILDCOAST to help protect some of the most biologically significant coastal areas in Latin America and the United States, and served on the Stakeholder Group of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative that helped to design southern California’s marine protected areas and served on the California Sustainable Seafood Advisory Panel, tasked with creating a sustainability program for California fisheries. Her experience in the conservation community inspired her to found Azul in 2012 to empower Latino ocean conservation leadership. Marce is a graduate of the HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality) Leadership Institute class of 2013.

PAUL HELLIKER

Paul Helliker was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in October, 2012 to the position of Deputy Director, Delta and Statewide Water Management. In that role, Paul oversees DWR’s environmental compliance and management divisions. Paul has worked in environmental and resource management programs for 26 years, with experience at the federal, state and local levels. Prior to joining DWR, Paul served for eight years as the General Manager of the Marin Municipal Water District, where he also chaired the San Francisco Bay Area regional coalitions of water supply agencies and the broader coalition of water resource management agencies. Paul also served as the Director of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation from 1999-2004, and in other executive and management positions prior to 1999 at CALSTART, the California Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Paul holds bachelor’s degrees in Philosophy and in Civil Engineering and a master’s degree in Environmental Engineering, all from Stanford University.
RANDELE “RANDY” KANOUSE

Randele “Randy” Kanouse served as Special Assistant for the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Randy managed EBMUD’s federal congressional and state legislative liaison programs, as well as EBMUD’s Bay-Delta Program, working with the Executive Branches of the state and federal governments on Bay-Delta issues.

Randy represented EBMUD in enacting two landmark statutes in 2001, linking local land use decisions to the availability of an adequate water supply. Randy also worked to secure enactment of state legislation in 2006 – and federal legislation in 2010 - to phase out the use of lead in plumbing. This legislation established the toughest standard for drinking water plumbing in the world.

Randy previously served as Chief of the Legislative and Public Affairs Office for the State Water Resources Control Board and as staff counsel at the California Energy Commission. An Oakland native, Randy holds a BA in political science, an MA in public policy, and a JD, all from UC Berkeley.

JACOB KATZ

Jacob Katz was born with gills. Fascinated with what happened below the water line he grew up chasing fish in every creek, puddle, river and pond he could find. Eventually Jacob was hooked by school and is currently finishing a PhD in ecology at the UCD Center for Watershed Sciences. He is also director of Salmon and Steelhead Initiatives at the conservation non-profit California Trout, where his work focuses integrating natural history into the management and operation of California’s aging water infrastructure and developing ways to get greater wildlife benefit out of working agrarian landscapes.
DANIEL KIM

Daniel Kim is a principal in the Westlands Solar Park, the largest renewable energy public-private partnership in the United States, converting up to 24,000 acres of drainage impaired farmland in the Westlands Water District into large-scale solar generation. Westlands Solar Park has been lauded as a “role model renewable project” due to broad support within the environmental and agricultural community for being properly sited and addressing water and energy issues through land retirement and conversion to solar energy. Daniel Kim has also served as a legislative advisor and policy consultant to members and committees in the California State Assembly and State Senate and as a lobbyist for Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E). In the legislature Mr. Kim served as a policy advisor to legislators throughout the state on a range of issues.

TIM LITTLE

Tim Little is the chief executive and principal grants officer of the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, a grantmaking public charity that emphasizes building grassroots civic engagement capacity, and supporting community-based social, environmental and consumer activism. Before co-founding the Rose Foundation 21 years ago, he held leadership positions with the Coalition for Clean Air, Heal the Bay, and Communities for a Better Environment. Other past affiliations include serving on the boards of Earthshare, Sierra Nevada Alliance, and Confluence Philanthropy.
ROBERT MACLEAN

Robert MacLean has served as President of California American Water since April of 2009.

California American Water is a CPUC-regulated water and wastewater utility which provides high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to more than 600,000 people in multiple locations throughout California.

In March 2013, Mr. MacLean was elected to the California Chamber of Commerce board of directors. In July 2012, he was elected to the board of directors of the National Utilities Diversity Council (NUDC), a national non-profit organization focusing on the growth of diversity in the utilities industry. He also serves on the board of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC).

DAVE METZ

FM3 partner Dave Metz has provided opinion research and strategic guidance to hundreds of non-profit organizations, government agencies, businesses, labor unions, and political campaigns in over 40 states since joining the firm in 1998. He has provided research to help pass the largest land and water conservation ballot measures in national history, including Props 12 and 13 (2000), Props 40 and 50 (2002), and Prop 84 (2006) in California, as well as major statewide conservation finance measures in Oregon, Nevada, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island – and measures upcoming this November in Florida and North Dakota.
**JONAS MINTON**

Jonas Minton is serving as a Water Policy Advisor to the Planning and Conservation League and was hired in March 2004. He is working on issues surrounding water use and water policy issues.

Jonas Minton is the former Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources. As Deputy Director of DWR, he was responsible for overseeing the Divisions of Planning, Local Assistance, Flood Management, Dam Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Transfers. Mr. Minton managed the update to the State Water Plan, the Floodplain Management Task Force, the Recycled Water Task Force, and the Desalination Task Force.

He previously has served as Executive Director of the Sacramento Water Forum and General Manager of the El Dorado County Water Agency. In the 1980’s, Jonas served on the team that secured Federal Wild and Scenic River protection for more than 1,200 miles of California rivers.

**LEILA MONROE**

Leila Monroe is a senior attorney in the Oceans Program at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). Ms. Monroe works at the state, national and international levels on a range of issues including: ocean governance, ecosystem-based management of new industrial uses of the ocean, marine protected areas, shark conservation and marine plastic pollution. She has worked for numerous federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private social enterprises. She received a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center with a focus on international and environmental law and a Bachelor’s of Science in Foreign Service with a focus on International Politics and Security Studies from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.
ROGER B. MOORE

Roger B. Moore is a partner at Rossmann and Moore, LLP in Berkeley, where he has practiced environmental law for two decades. His projects often seek to ensure public accountability and informed decision-making, on subjects ranging from licensing of Oroville Dam and the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository to the resolution of major water disputes. Mr. Moore, who graduated from Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School, serves on the Executive Committee of the California State Bar's Environmental Law Section, where he co-chairs the section’s education programs. He recently co-authored an article on water management and climate change.

SUPERVISOR DON NOTTOLI

First elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 1994, Don Nottoli represents the diverse Fifth District, which encompasses over 650 square miles and includes the cities of Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton and Rancho Cordova as well as rural farming areas and the River Delta communities. The Fifth District currently has a population of more than 300,000. Don serves the people of Sacramento County on several boards and commissions, a few are the Delta Protection Commission, Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento Transportation Authority, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Sacramento Regional Transit District Board, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Board and Sacramento Public Library Authority. He is a lifelong resident of Sacramento County and previously served for more than 17 years as an elected member of the Galt High School Board of Trustees.
DOUG OBEGI

Doug Obegi is a Staff Attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, where he has worked since 2009. He has represented NRDC in federal court litigation over protections for endangered species in the Bay-Delta estuary, as well as working on implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, the update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, and regulatory and planning processes regarding improvements in urban and agricultural water efficiency. Mr. Obegi is a member of the Bar of the State of California and is admitted to practice in United States district court for the Eastern District of California. In 2006, Mr. Obegi graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

DENNIS O’CONNOR

Dennis O’Connor is a Principal Consultant to the California Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water. In that role, he analyzes all proposed water and Delta related legislation, organizes oversight and information hearings, prepares briefing papers on issues relating to water and Delta issues, and advises members of the Senate on water policy. He has played a significant role in a number of legislative efforts, including the 2007 package of flood legislation and the 2009 water package. He has been with the Senate since January 2003.

Before coming to the Committee, Mr. O’Connor spent 10 years at the California Research Bureau (CRB), a non-partisan policy research branch of the California State Library, serving for six of those years as the Assistant Director for the Environment and Natural Resources. Mr. O’Connor did his undergraduate and masters studies in economics at CSU Sacramento.
ABIGAIL OKRENT

Abigail Okrent is the Planning and Conservation League’s Legislative Director. She leads PCL’s efforts to protect California’s environment and people through legislation and regulation. Her work focuses on the California Environmental Quality Act through legislation, public education, and outreach. Abigail is a licensed attorney in California, Arizona, and the Navajo Nation, and previously practiced as a legal aid lawyer. She has worked as a community organizer and researcher in a variety of social justice issues ranging from affordable housing to environmental war crimes.

Abigail received her law degree from American University’s Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C., where she was awarded a full scholarship in the Public Interest/Public Service program. While in law school, Abigail was an editor on the Sustainable Development Law and Policy Brief, writing articles that focused on environmental justice.

TIMOTHY QUINN

Timothy Quinn is executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), a statewide association whose 450 local public water agency members are responsible for about 90% of the water delivered in California. Quinn became executive director in July 2007 and has more than 25 years of experience in California water issues. Prior to joining ACWA, he served as deputy general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.
ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANTHONY RENDON

Dr. Anthony Rendon was elected in November 2012 to represent California’s 63rd Assembly District. Assembly Member Rendon chairs the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife and is a member of the Utilities and Commerce Committee, Local Government Committee, Public Employee Retirement and Social Security Committee, and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

Rendon brings exceptional experience as an educator, children’s non-profit executive director, and environmental leader who has helped pass some of the most important laws protecting our water and air quality.

A resident of Lakewood, Rendon served as the Executive Director of Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services. “Plaza” provides comprehensive child development and social and medical services to over 2,100 children and families throughout Los Angeles County.

Rendon attended Cerritos Community College before earning his Bachelors and Masters of Arts Degrees from California State University, Fullerton. A past recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, he earned his PhD from the UC Riverside and completed his post-doctoral work at Boston University.

BRUCE REZNIK

Bruce Reznik, a California licensed attorney specializing in environmental law and policy development, joined the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) and PCL Foundation in May 2011 as Executive Director. From August 1999 through November 2010, he served as Executive Director of San Diego Coastkeeper. Under his direction, the organization grew into the region’s largest clean water advocacy organization and played a key role in strengthening water quality regulations. Reznik has also worked to promote alternative fuels and clean air projects at a Los Angeles based consulting firm. Reznik currently sits as an Alternate on the California Coastal Commission, and has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the United Way of San Diego, League of Conservation Voters San Diego, Vote the Coast, and the international Waterkeeper Alliance. He holds an undergraduate degree from the UC Berkeley, a law degree from the University of San Diego, and completed environmental law coursework at George Washington University.
ANTONIO ROSSMANN
Antonio Rossmann has served in the past 40 years as counsel in some of California’s and the West’s leading water and land-use proceedings. In 2010 the Los Angeles Daily Journal named Mr. Rossmann as one of the Top 100 California Attorneys.

An honors graduate of Harvard College (1963) and Harvard Law School (1971) and former editor of the Harvard Law Review, Mr. Rossmann has taught water resources, land use, and constitutional law for 30 years, since 1991 at the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall, and previously at Stanford, Hastings, UCLA, and as Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Tokyo. In 2012-2013 Mr. Rossmann served as a consultant on water resources law to the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome.

PHOEBE SEATON
Phoebe Seaton is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. Prior to launching Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Phoebe directed the Community Equity Initiative (CEI) at California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. and was the Policy Coordinator for issues related to water and land use at California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation. Phoebe initiated the CEI to address critical infrastructure and service deficits in low-income, unincorporated communities in California. At CRLA, Seaton also directed the organization’s Delano office and engaged in legal advocacy on Housing and Employment claims. She received her JD from UCLA and her BA in History from UC Berkeley. Prior to and during law school, Phoebe worked in Guatemala, addressing human rights violations.
DEBORAH SIVAS

Deborah Sivas is the Luke W. Cole Professor of Environmental Law and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic at Stanford Law School. She teaches environmental courses and supervises law and interdisciplinary graduate students doing work on a broad array of environmental issues, including coastal resource protection, endangered species and wildlife conservation, public lands and habitat preservation, water quality and quantity concerns, and the intersection of energy, air quality, and climate policy, among others. Professor Sivas has litigated hundreds of cases at all levels of state and federal court and, along with her students, regularly participates in administrative agency processes and other policy arenas. Currently, her student and post-doc teams are working on several critical aspects of AB 32 implementation, on complex legal and technical questions around reduction of agricultural water pollution, and on the unique legal issues raised by efforts to regulate fracking in California.

LESTER SNOW

Lester Snow is Executive Director of the California Water Foundation, an initiative of the Resources Legacy Fund. Most recently, he served as California Secretary for Natural Resources, where he oversaw 25 departments, commissions, boards, and conservancies, and served as chief advisor on issues related to the state's natural, historic, and cultural resources. He also served as chairman of the California Ocean Protection Council and on the Delta Conservancy, Delta Protection Commission, and the Strategic Growth Council. Previously, Mr. Snow was Director of the California Department of Water Resources, where he headed a Department that protects, conserves, and manages California's water supply. Mr. Snow has also served as Executive Director of CALFED, regional director for the Bureau of Reclamation, General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, and spent six years with the Arizona Department of Water Resources, including four years as Tucson area director. Mr. Snow holds a Master's degree in Water Resources Administration from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor's degree in Earth Sciences from Pennsylvania State University.
ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARK STONE

Mark Stone represents California’s 29th Assembly District. Previously, Stone served the people of the Central Coast as Board President of the Scotts Valley Unified School District and as a Santa Cruz County Supervisor. As an environmental champion at the local level he led the effort banning plastic bags and creating a Commission on the Environment, and such, has helped Santa Cruz County earn its reputation as an environmentally conscious county. From 2009 to 2012, Stone served on the California Coastal Commission, where he earned the reputation as a principled leader who protects the cherished California coastline for generations to come. Stone lives in Scotts Valley with his wife Kathy and their two children, Melissa and Byron. Stone is an avid open water swimmer.

ALENE M. TABER

Alene M. Taber is an attorney with JDTP, certified land use planner (AICP), and LEED Green Associate. Ms. Taber assists clients with issues involving air quality, CEQA, NEPA, and water. Prior to joining JDTP, Ms. Taber was a Senior Manager for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) responsible for managing permitting and enforcement, developing rules, and overseeing the CEQA and socioeconomic analysis of SCAQMD rules. Ms. Taber was a contributing author to SCAQMD’s “CEQA Air Quality Handbook” referenced in several court decisions. Ms. Taber was also a city planner with the Southern California Association of Governments and City of Carson.
KAITLIN TOYAMA
Program Associate, Community Water Center

Kaitlin is a Sacramento native and graduated from Occidental College in 2012 with a B.A. in Urban & Environmental Policy. Following graduation she worked as the Pacific Institute’s Diversity in Sustainability Intern conducting research on water affordability, and then joined Community Water Center (CWC) to continue related research on the technical, managerial, and financial capacity of small systems in Tulare County. As CWC’s Program Associate, Kaitlin provides support for the Long-Term Solutions, Interim Solutions, Policy Advocacy, and Operations teams through research, drafting and editing documents, tracking legislation, running the website, and performing various tasks for the Sacramento Office.

CRAIG TUCKER

Craig Tucker is the Klamath Coordinator for the Karuk Tribe. Since 2004 he has worked with a coalition of Tribes, conservation groups, fishing organizations, and irrigation districts to remove the lower four Klamath dams and restore Klamath River fisheries.

His quest to remove Klamath dams has led him to organize events as far away as Scotland and to crash the Woodstock of Capitalism, the Berkshire Hathaway shareholders’ meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

Craig grew up in South Carolina and fell in love with rivers while kayaking the Chattooga. He received his B.S. in biochemistry from Clemson University in 1993 and his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1999. After graduate school Craig gave up laboratory science for a career as an environmental and social justice activist. In 2000 Craig joined Green Corps, the field school for environmental organizing.

When not campaigning to remove dams, Craig goes rafting with his wife and sons.
RODERICK WALSTON

Roderick Walston recently joined Best, Best & Krieger LLP, where he specializes in natural resources law, environmental law, and water law, and in appellate litigation.

Walston has previously served as Deputy Solicitor and Acting Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior, in Washington, D.C.; General Counsel of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, in Los Angeles; Chief Assistant Attorney General of California, heading the Public Rights Division; and Deputy Attorney General of the State of California, in San Francisco.

Walston is in “The Best Lawyers of America” and was named as California’s “Outstanding Public Lawyer of the Year” by the California State Bar (2004). He has served as California’s legal representative to the Western States Water Council, and as chairman of the American Bar Association’s Water Resources Committee.

Walston received his law degree from Stanford University, and his undergraduate degree from Columbia University.

TERRELL WATT

Since 1989, Terrell Watt, AICP, has owned Terrell Watt Planning Consultants. Ms. Watt’s firm specializes in planning and implementation efforts focused on regionally significant projects that promote sustainable development patterns. Prior to forming her own consulting group, she was the staff planning expert with the environmental and land use law firm Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger. She is an expert in general and specific planning, open space and agricultural land conservation and environmental compliance. Her skills also include public outreach, negotiation and facilitation.
**DR. ROBERT C. WILKINSON**

Dr. Robert C. Wilkinson is Adjunct Associate Professor at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, and Lecturer in the Environmental Studies Program, at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Wilkinson's teaching, research, and consulting focus is on water and energy policy, climate change, and environmental policy issues. Dr. Wilkinson is also a Senior Fellow with the Rocky Mountain Institute. He co-chairs the U.S. Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable and serves on a number of advisory boards including the Water and Energy Team for the California Climate Action Team, and the advisory committee for California’s State Water Plan.

**SENATOR LOIS WOLK**

Senator Lois Wolk is a leader in state water policy, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and author of legislation to place a $6.475 billion water bond before voters in November 2014.

During her more than 20 years of public service, Wolk has worked on water policy issues including water management, the crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, flood management, and climate change.

Wolk represents the Third Senate District, which includes four of the five counties in the Delta: Contra Costa, Solano, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties. She also represents Sonoma and Napa Counties.
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- **Helped convene and lead a remarkable consensus-based effort to identify dozens of near-term projects that will help protect and restore the Delta, many of which are already moving forward.** While most efforts surrounding California’s largest source of drinking water have been laden with conflict and gridlock, PCL has helped bring together over 80 stakeholders with diverse perspectives to identify and move forward with over 50 projects to improve the environment in the Delta while safeguarding California’s water supplies.

- **Sponsored the most important coastal protection bill in the past two decades, which came within a few votes of making it to the Governor’s desk (an effort we hope to see come to fruition in 2014).** AB 976 would give the California Coastal Commission the authority it needs to impose fines on those who violate the Coastal Act – an authority enjoyed by virtually every other state agency.

- **Saw ground finally broken on the removal of the San Clemente Dam along the Carmel River, the tallest dam removal in California history.** After more than a decade of helping to envision, build partnerships and advocate for this historic effort, 2013 saw our efforts come to fruition as California American Water Co. was finally able to break ground on removing the San Clemente Dam and restoring the Carmel River back to a healthy, functioning system.
• Played a crucial role in staving off clandestine attacks on the California Public Records Act that almost eviscerated the landmark right-to-know law that has been serving Californians since 1968. With the Governor ready to sign into law a bill to make compliance with California’s most important right-to-know law voluntary, PCL sprang into action and worked with a coalition of good governance advocates to get the legislature and Governor to reverse course.

• Established and led the 200+ member CEQA Works coalition that successfully changed the dialogue around CEQA in the Capitol and fended off efforts to gut California’s most important environmental and community protection law, while also exploring how the law can work better. After years of being on the defensive and seeing CEQA chipped away, PCL led efforts to build a massive coalition, embark on aggressive community mobilization, and successfully advocate not only to protect CEQA, but to explore how to truly improve and strengthen the law. PCL played a vital role in reforms to enhance more infill development, as well as introducing 5 bills to make CEQA even more transparent and accessible and more protective of our most vulnerable and impacted communities.
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