



Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment  
Rising Environmental Leaders Program  
Sacramento Boot Camp – Agenda  
May 4-5, 2023  
*Subnational Climate & Environmental Policy Making –  
Implementation in Action*

**DAY 1:**

1:00-2:00p **Overview of State Climate Policy Initiatives – Priorities & Equitable Participation**  
*Jenn Phillips*, Assistant Secretary for Climate Change, CNRA  
*Geneva Thompson*, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, CNRA  
*Neil Matouka*, ICARP 5<sup>th</sup> Climate Change Assessment Program Manager, OPR

2:30-3:30p **Local Climate Adaptation Strategy – Creating Community Resilience + Equity**  
*Saharnaz Mirzazad*, Chief Deputy Director: Policy and Planning, OPR  
*Coral Abbott*, Program Manager, Community Resilience Centers, SGC  
*Elizabeth Scheehle*, Chief, Research Division, CARB  
*Phoebe Seaton*, Co-Executive Director, Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability

4:00-4:55p **Water: Safe, Equitable & Affordable**  
*Anecita Agustinez*, Tribal Policy Advisor, DWR  
Chad Fischer, SAFER Drinking Water Unit Manager, SWRCB  
*Alesandra Nájera*, Program Officer, Water Foundation

CCST Alumni Happy Hour

**Making the Transition from Academia to Policymaking**  
RELPA alums Terra Weeks/Sandra Nakagawa/Paul Furumo/Dirk Spencer

**DAY 2:**

9:00-10:00a **Overview of State Legislature – How To Pass A Climate Bill**  
*Alf Brandt*, Special Advisor, Asm. Speaker Rendon (moderator)  
*Keith Cialino*, Principal Consultant, Assembly Water Parks & Wildlife  
*Genevieve Wong*, Principal Consultant, Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee  
**Leg Staffers:**  
*Michele Canales*, Sr. Policy Analyst, Sen. Caballero  
*Jim Metropulos*, Legislative Director, Asm. Friedman

10:30-11:30a **Energy & Climate – Equity in Access & Quality**

*Susan Wilhelm*, Technical Lead for Energy-Related Environmental Research, CEC

*Bernadette Austin*, CEO, CivicWell

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12:00-1:30p **30x30: Biodiversity + Natural & Working Lands & Coastal Waters**

*Madeline Drake*, Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat, CNRA

*Matt Armsby*, VP and General Counsel, Resources Legacy Fund (RLF)

*Lindsay Bonito*, MPA Program Manager & Tribal Liaison, OPC

*Virginia Jameson*, Deputy Secretary, Climate & Working Lands, CDFA

After 1:30p DEPART SAC