



League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville

Spring 2019 Environmental Concerns Speaker Series

Celebrating 40 Years of Education & Action in Natural Resources & Environmental Concerns

Monday, February 11, 2019, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

24th United Nations Convention on Climate Change from Katowice, Poland, December, 2018

When the United States walked away from the Paris agreement on climate change in 2017, it left China as the most significant player in the debate. The Paris agreement is an accord signed in 2015 within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that sets out a series of goals to address global greenhouse gas emissions mitigation and finance, starting 2020.



Tom Athanasiou, co-founder of Eco Equity, will give us his first-hand account of the recent climate summit. A climate-equity specialist long active in climate negotiations, Tom is a former programmer who worked decades at Sun Microsystems. As a writer, he is the author of *Divided Planet: The Ecology of Rich and Poor*, and the co-author of *Dead Heat: Global Justice and Global Warming* and *Greenhouse Development Rights: The Right to Development in a Climate Constrained World*.



Kathy Dervin, Co Chair 350.org Bay Area Legislative Committee will let us know what we can do in California.

Claire Greensfelder will moderate. She is a lifelong environmental, peace, and safe energy activist, educator, political campaigner, and journalist.



Monday, March 11, 2019, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Exploring Trends at the Intersection of Climate Change and Economic Justice

Climate change and income inequality are the biggest challenges of our time. Betony Jones talk will focus on the intersection of these two challenges, highlighting the imperative of addressing them together. Drawing from her research on the economic impacts of climate change policy and her lens into the politics of climate change work, she will highlight promising new opportunities like a Green New Deal and Just Transition. She will focus on current and emerging trends and key principles to find alignment between climate, labor, and equity advocates.



Betony Jones works at the nexus of climate change and economic justice. She started her career in the White House translating climate change science for the country's most senior policy makers under President Clinton. Through that political lens, she saw the complex economy-wide nature of climate change as both the biggest obstacle to effective policy-making but also the greatest opportunity to build broad-based political support. For the past 19 years, Betony's career has focused on identifying job and equity impacts and economic development potential of climate action. Her ability to connect big picture ideas with pragmatic implementation strategies has been put to use designing and launching innovative energy efficiency programs; strategy consulting with philanthropic foundations, local and state governments, energy utilities, and labor unions; and conducting ground-breaking research to support California's ambitious climate policies. Before starting Inclusive Economics in 2018, she spent four years as the Associate Director of the Green Economy Program at the UC Berkeley Labor Center. She has a B.S. degree in botany from the University of Michigan and a Masters degree in Social Ecology from the Yale University.

Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Building Decarbonization & Taking Local Climate Action to Scale in 2019

Pierre Delforge, Senior Scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), will discuss local and state policy opportunities to accelerate progress toward a decarbonized world including the California Energy Commission's latest report that puts Building Decarbonization front and center for the first time, representing a bold – and necessary – shift in energy priorities. It could also save Californians hundreds of dollars annually on their utility bills and create 3.3 million local jobs by 2050.



Pierre Delforge, Senior Scientist for Building Decarbonization, Climate and Clean Energy Program, joined NRDC in 2010 after a 20-year career in the technology industry. At NRDC, he works on policies to accelerate the clean energy transition in buildings, with a focus on decarbonizing space heating, water heating, and plug-in equipment. Previously, Delforge was lead energy and climate strategist for HP's sustainability group. He holds degrees in engineering and computer science from Ecole Centrale de Paris and Cambridge University. He lives in San Francisco.

BLOG: [HTTPS://WWW.NRDC.ORG/EXPERTS/PIERRE-DELFORGE](https://www.nrdc.org/experts/pierre-delforge)

Monday, May 13, 2019, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Environmental Justice & Climate Impacts of Trucking & Ports:
History, Recent Progress and Future Solutions**



David Wooley is Visiting Professor at the UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy and Executive Director of the Goldman Center for Environmental Public Policy. He serves as a consultant to the Energy Foundation on policy issues regarding global warming impacts from the gas fuel cycle. He has over 30 years' experience with electric power and gas utility regulation, climate policy and Clean Air Act implementation. David is also Of Counsel at the Oakland firm of Keyes & Fox LLP, a law practice focused on distributed energy resources. Previously, David served as an Assistant Attorney General in NY, taught energy and environmental law at Pace University Law School and was a founder of and Executive Director of the Pace Energy Project. Later he directed the American Wind Energy Association's Northeast Policy Project, served as Counsel to the Clean Air Task Force and as Vice President for Domestic Policy Initiatives at the Energy Foundation in San Francisco. David is co-author of West Group's *Clean Air Act Handbook* (2018).

MEETING PLACE: Belmont Village, 1100 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 7:30-9 p.m.

FREE parking garage available, simply tell the front desk you are there for the LWV meeting. Everyone is welcome. Bring friends. Come early for tea and cookies. Let us know if you need a ride.

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