



## League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS SPEAKER SERIES

MEETING PLACE: Belmont Village, 1100 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 7:30-9 p.m.  
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#### Monday, September 12, 2016: Nathan Hale Sargent: The Next Century for National Parks

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Public Affairs specialist Nathan Hale Sargent discussed the centennial of the National Park Service as it looks forward to the next 100 years. Sargent joined GGNRA this past summer after serving four years as interpretive specialist for the [Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail](#), where he developed community partnerships across Arizona, California, and Sonora, Mexico. Prior to joining the National Park Service in 2012, he served as public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps regional recruitment office for Northern California, Hawaii, and Nevada. Sargent has a master's degree in communications from Marquette University and a bachelor's degree in Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs from Miami University. He lives in Oakland.

#### Monday, October 10, 2016: Dr. Anna Cederstav: Earth Justice in Latin America

This meeting was cancelled due to the simultaneous meeting of the 230 member Berkeley Community Choir meeting at Northbrae Community Church as a consequence of the recent fire at the Congregational Church. Dr. Cederstav has agreed to be our speaker on Monday, December 12, when we will hold our annual pot luck.

#### Monday, November 14, 2016: Heather Buckley: From Asbestos in Ahmedabad to Parabens in Palmolive: Green Chemistry as a Path to Safer, Healthier Communities

Dr. Heather Buckley addressed green chemistry as a design and policy approach to safer products and communities, focusing on case studies from her work on roofing in India and antimicrobials in personal care. She has worked in fuel cell catalyst development and drinking water remediation, as well as in the development of safer building materials for low income communities and alternative preservatives for home and personal care products. She is active in the Berkeley community as a coach of Berkeley High Coup (mixed) and California Roll (girls) Ultimate teams. Born and raised in Canada, she holds degrees from the University of British Columbia and a PhD in Green and Inorganic Chemistry from the University of California Berkeley.

#### Monday, December 12, 2016: Dr. Anna Cederstav: Earth Justice in Latin America

##### Annual Holiday Potluck

Dr. Anna Cederstav spoke of her work with the Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA). Founded in 1998, AIDA uses the law to protect the environment and communities suffering from environmental harm throughout Latin America. The 35 countries of our hemisphere are united under a common environmental flag. Cederstav has a broad background in organic and environmental chemistry, environmental engineering, and environmental policy. She joined Earthjustice's International program <http://earthjustice.org/about/offices/international> as Staff Scientist in 1998 and is Executive Director of AIDA <<http://www.aida-americas.org/>> hemispheric environmental law group of which Earthjustice is a founding participating organization. In 2001, Anna served on the global assurance committee for the Mining, Minerals, and Sustainable Development project, and she is currently on the Board of the Center for Science in Public Participation. Born and raised in Sweden, Cederstav's family moved to Connecticut in 1980 where she attended Greenwich High School and Yale University. She holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the UC Berkeley.

#### Monday, January 9, 2017: First Hand Report from Standing Rock

by filmmaker Christopher "Toby" McLeod, Project Director of Earth Island Institute's Sacred Land Film Project since 1984, who addressed his recent journey to Standing Rock, North Dakota and the Dakota pipeline. In 2013, he completed the four-part series **Standing on Sacred Ground**, which premiered April 2015 on public television. Covering eight indigenous communities, the series exposes threats to native peoples' health, livelihood and cultural survival. In the U.S. and around the world, indigenous people defend human rights and restore the environment in their sacred places, the original protected areas. In a growing worldwide movement, their resistance provides the path to our common future, he said.



#### Monday, February 13, 2017: Mary Ellen Hannibal "Citizen Scientists: Needed Now More than Ever"

Science Writer and Author presents her latest book **Citizen Scientist: Searching for Heroes and Hope in the Age of Extinction**



Digging deeply, Mary Ellen Hannibal traces today's tech-enabled citizen science movement to its roots: the centuries-long tradition of amateur observation by writers and naturalists. Combining original reporting, meticulous research, and memoir in impassioned prose, *Citizen Scientist* is a literary event, a blueprint for action, and the story of how one woman rescued herself from an odyssey of loss—with a new kind of science. Mary Ellen Hannibal is an emerging voice in environmentalism and a sought-after speaker connecting the scientific community to the public. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Esquire* and *Elle*, among many others. She is an Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellow, a Stanford Media Fellow, and a recipient of the National Society of Science Writers' Science and Society Award.

#### Monday, March 13, 2017: Jodie Van Horn, Sierra Club: Ready for 100% Renewable Energy Cities

Jodie Van Horn, Sierra Club national office on Oakland, addressed local, national and international efforts to persuade cities to commit to 100% renewable energy. From coast to coast, the shift to 100 percent clean energy has never been dependent upon federal action, she said. It's happening because communities have banded together to demand choices and solutions that reflect local values. Community-by-community, city-by-city, state-by-state continues to usher in clean energy while working with neighbors, partners and allies for justice. Van Horn said now is the moment for mayors and local leaders everywhere to go "all in" on an equitable clean energy transition that protects the diversity, dignity, and humanity of our country.

#### Monday, April 17, 2017: Kathy Dervin of 350 Bay Area

Kathy Dervin of 350 Bay Area discussed what the state of California is doing legislatively to adjust their climate policy in this very anxious age of national cuts to EPA budgets and policies changes at the Federal level. She also addressed grass roots organizing among Bay Area issues.

#### Monday, May 8, 2017: Hannah Bourne, The Marine Biology Carbon Pump

PhD student at UC Berkeley in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Hannah Bourne addressed the importance of the Marine Biology Carbon Pump by which carbon is moved from the atmosphere and surface ocean to the deep sea.

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