



Hello Climate Pioneers! We are heading into Fall and there is a lot to look forward to. Scroll down to learn more about several local and regional events and exciting member news!

Upcoming Compact Meeting

Please join us for the next [Monterey Bay Regional Climate Action Compact](#) (Compact) meeting on **Thursday, September 20th @ 2-4pm**.

PLEASE NOTE: The *meeting location is changing from our usual location* and will be held at the [Marina Branch Library](#) located at **190 Seaside Circle in Marina**.

Compact & Citizens' Climate Lobby to Host Global Climate Summit Affiliate Event

On **Tuesday, September 11th**, from **1pm-2:30pm**, the [Compact](#) and [Citizens' Climate Lobby](#) (CCL) Santa Cruz Chapter will host a **free webinar panel** as an official affiliate event of the [Global Climate Action Summit](#).

The webinar ["A Carbon Price is Right : California's Drive to Reduce Carbon](#)



[Emissions](#)" AFFILIATE EVENT will focus on direct carbon pricing as a means to reducing emissions, how carbon pricing impacts local and regional economic development, and what the implications are for low-income households. The panel will share working solutions in California and a snapshot of the challenges, common features, issues, and trends, and putting theory into practice. All are welcome to attend.

Speakers Include:

- Brennen Jensen (Moderator, Co-chair, [Monterey Bay Regional Climate Action Compact](#))
- Katelyn Roedner Sutter, Senior Analyst for Climate Policy, [Environmental Defense Fund](#)
- Dr. Max Henrion, CEO, [Lumina Decision Systems, Inc.](#)
- Dr. Tiffany Wise-West, Climate Action Manager, [City of Santa Cruz](#)

Register [here](#). We hope you can join us!

Monterey Bay Community Power - "Know your Rates 101" Webinar

On **Monday, September 10th**, join the Compact's Intergovernmental Committee for a special webinar presentation in lieu of the Committee's regular



meeting.

Moderated by Committee lead Dr. Tiffany Wise-West, the Compact is teaming up with [Monterey Bay Community](#)

[Power](#) (MBCP) to deliver this informative webinar. MBCP staff will be conducting a "Know your Rates 101" webinar, which will include tips on how to read your bill, interpret your electricity rates, and will act as an introduction to optimizing your municipal electricity accounts. All are welcome to attend.

Date & Time: Monday, September 10th @ 9-10am

Use the following link at the time of the webinar to join in:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/937711477>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (646) 749-3112

Access Code: 937-711-477

We hope you can join!

Global Climate Action Summit

On **September 12th-14th** the [Global Climate Action Summit](#) will bring leaders and people together in San Francisco to celebrate the achievements of states, regions, cities, companies, investors, and citizens with respect to climate action. This event will serve as a launchpad for deeper worldwide commitments and accelerated action from countries that can put the globe on track to prevent dangerous climate change and realize the Paris Agreement. The Global Climate Action Summit is happening midway between Paris 2015 and 2020 to provide confidence to governments to trigger this next level of ambition.

In addition to the Compact and CCL Santa Cruz Chapter affiliate event, there are a great deal more affiliate events listed [here](#) for anyone unable to attend the Summit.

CalCCA Hosts Annual Meeting in Pacific Grove

[Monterey Bay Community Power](#) (MBCP) is co-hosting [CalCCA](#)'s annual meeting at the Asilomar Hotel & Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove on **September 5th-6th**. They invite you to join them for the [2018 Annual meeting](#) where MBCP CEO, Tom Habashi, will be facilitating and moderating two sessions over the course of the meeting. Click [here](#) for the detailed agenda and [here](#) for registration details.

Citizens' Climate Lobby's Monterey Chapter Community Leaders Letter to Congress

The Citizens' Climate Lobby's Monterey Chapter is calling for community leaders to support their [Carbon Fee & Dividend Program](#) by signing the CCL's "[Leaders Letter](#)". A leader may be a person in the education system, a member of clergy (or lay leader) in a religious group, a person active in a community group such as a PTA or an HOA, a community organizer, a supervisor/manager (or owner) of a business, a person in City or County government, a person who makes community presentations or who helps plan community events, etc.

Leaders Letters are collected and delivered by the CCL to Congressmen Jimmy Panetta.

The proposed Carbon Fee & Dividend Program will establish a fee on fossil fuels at the source, starting at \$15/MTCO_{2e} and will increase annually at a rate of \$10/MTCO_{2e}. All net revenues will be returned to U.S. households on a per-capita basis and would be distributed as a monthly dividend. A border adjustment assesses a fee or rebate on goods traded with countries lacking a comparable carbon-pricing model.

Two versions of the letter are available [here](#). Both letters express concern regarding the impact of climate change on the Monterey Bay Area; however, one expresses general concern regarding climate change and the other specifically endorses the CCL's Carbon Fee and Dividend Program.

If you wish to sign a letter, please print/scan the selected version of the letter and send it to Lee Hedgepeth at leehedgepeth@sbcglobal.net

Please feel free to reach out to Lee with any questions regarding the Leaders Letters, CCL, or the Carbon Fee and Dividend Program.

Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) Fee & Letter of Support - Letters Needed Before 9/13

[Monterey Bay Community Power](#) (MBCP) is putting out a call for support amongst all Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Advocates. The Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) is an exit fee charged by investor-owned utilities (IOUs) in California to customers switching to another electricity generation service provider, direct access (DA) or CCA. CalCCA and the IOUs agree that remaining bundled service customers should not be responsible for costs associated with legacy contracts, that the current PCIA methodology is unfair, and that the PCIA is in need of adjustment. CalCCA estimates that the current PCIA methodology results in a cost shift from bundled customers to CCAs and other departing load customers up to \$492M in 2018 by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). The California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) Proposed Decision regarding new formulas for calculating the PCIA adversely effects the CCA model in favor of the IOUs.

MBCP is requesting help to advocate for a better Proposed Decision to resolve the PCIA issue in favor of CA customers, rather than investors and shareholders of the IOUs. Please see the editable letter [here](#).

Please **support the Proposed Decision** as the more reasonable approach; reject the Alternative Proposed Decision.

For anyone wishing to personalize and send this letter, please follow these **actionable steps**:

- Personalize the attached letter by adding the name of your organization (if applicable) where highlighted

- Add your name to bottom of the letter
- Email or mail your letter to the following recipients with the subject heading, “**CPUC Proposed Decision and Alternate Decision on the PCIA**”:
 - Michael Picker, President, MP6@cpuc.ca.gov
 - David Peck, Energy Advisor for President Picker, DBP@cpuc.ca.gov
 - Carla J. Peterman, Commissioner, Carla.Peterman@cpuc.ca.gov
 - John Reynolds, CCA Issues, John.Reynolds@cpuc.ca.gov
 - Ehren Seybert, Renewable Energy Procurement, Ehren.Seybert@cpuc.ca.gov
 - Maria Sotero, Energy Advisor, Maria.Sotero@cpuc.ca.gov
 - Jason Houck, Energy Advisor for Commissioner Randolph, Jason.Houck@cpuc.ca.gov
 - Sean A. Simon, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen, Sean.Simon@cpuc.ca.gov
- For mailed letters, please address to:

California Public Utilities Commission

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, California 94102

American Society of Adaptation Professionals Recognizes Tiffany Wise-West



At the 2018 California Adaptation Forum, Santa Cruz' very own Sustainability & Climate Action Manager, Tiffany Wise-West was identified as one of three honorees to receive the [2018 California Regional Adaptation Leadership Award](#) from the [American Society of Adaptation Professionals](#). Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the central coast Tiffany and congratulations on this honor!

UC Santa Barbara's Central Coast Sustainability Summit

[UC Santa Barbara](#) is hosting its 8th annual Central Coast Sustainability Summit on **Thursday, October 11th**. This summit brings together key players from local institutions and government agencies as well as elected officials, staff, faculty, and other interested parties to inspire and sustain action on regional environmental and economic issues as well as to share best practices, and develop partnerships.

Click [here](#) for conference details and registration information.

CSU Monterey Bay Living Community Challenge - 1st in the World!

[California State University, Monterey Bay](#) (CSUMB) is the first campus in the world to achieve a certified Living Communities Challenge Approved Vision Plan. In February 2017, CSUMB's draft Master Plan was evaluated to determine the feasibility of incorporating either the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) sustainability framework or the Living Community Challenge sustainability framework. Although CSUMB has already included several elements that would have supported either framework certification, the campus opted to commit to the Living Community Challenge, mainly due to its inclusion of equity, beauty, health, and happiness, in addition to its lower cost.

Congratulations to CSUMB on this remarkable step forward! Click [here](#) to learn more about the Living Community Challenge.

California Releases the Fourth Climate Change Assessment

California has released the Fourth Climate Change Assessment. The assessment was unveiled last week at the 3rd California Adaptation Forum hosted by the Local Government Commission among an audience of state and local climate and adaptation professionals. The Climate Change Assessment, a collaboration between the Governor's Office of Planning & Research, California Natural Resources Agency, and the State of California - Energy Commission includes the development of Statewide Reports addressing critical issues for California including: Climate Justice, Tribal and Indigenous communities within California, and California's Ocean and Coast.

The Statewide Summary Report provides overview of the findings and provides context for the full Fourth Assessment. The Assessment provides information on both a statewide and regional level to build resilience to climate impacts such as temperature, wildfire, water, sea level rise, and governance and is intended to directly inform State policies, plans, programs, and guidance. The Assessment is

aimed to promote effective and integrated action to safeguard California from climate change.

Click [here](#) to access the Central Coast Region Report.

Click [here](#) to access the Statewide Summary Report.

We Are Still In Campaign - Please Sign!

By signing the [We Are Still In](#) declaration, signatories demonstrate America's dedication to contributing to, and delivering on the promise of, the Paris Agreement. Since June 2017, over 2800 leaders comprised of cities & counties, states, businesses & investors, colleges & universities, cultural institutions, health care organizations, faith groups, & tribes; representing more than 160 million Americans and \$6.2 trillion of the United States economy, have signed the We Are Still In declaration.

Thank you and congratulations to the Compact members, [CSU Monterey Bay](#) and the [City of Santa Cruz](#), who have signed this declaration!

Click [here](#) to commit to the We Are Still In Campaign.

Interested in Becoming a Compact Member?

For more information on how to become a Compact member or to renew your membership, click [here](#) or contact Kelsey Zito at kelsey@emergingecologies.com

We appreciate your support!

Thank you to our members!



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