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KIM BAILEY has over 20 years of experience in public parks and recreation programming, planning, and management. She has held leadership roles in both government and the nonprofit sector, and is known for her ability to identify strategic alliances, develop community partnerships, raise funds, and drive innovation. Her public parks and recreation work began with the nationally renowned Chicago Park District followed by her role as the Manager of Denver Parks and Recreation. Kim transitioned to the nonprofit sector when she joined the leadership team of Outward Bound Inc., where she was responsible for supporting and growing program delivery sites (Centers) in urban communities across the country. Currently, Kim is the Executive Director for the Foundation for Youth Investment, an organization committed to connecting youth with nature. Based in Oakland, CA, the Foundation has granted over \$11.5 million in funding connecting 250,000 youth to meaningful experiences in the outdoors. Kim can be reached at kbailey@fyifoundation.org.

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BRYAN CASH has served for over 10 years as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Bonds and Grants at the Natural Resources Agency. He

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GORDON CLARK serves as the Director of Program Development at Peninsula Open Space Trust. He joined POST in 2007 as a conservation project manager for POST's land department, where he worked on acquisitions. In 2010 he began splitting his time between POST's major gifts team and the land department. Prior to joining POST, he worked for land trusts in Maine and Alaska. He holds a master's degree in environmental management from Yale University and a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and history from Bowdoin College. He currently serves as a docent for California State Parks and Recreation's San Mateo Sector. Gordon may be reached at gclark@openspacetrust.org.

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AUDREY COOPER is the editor-in-chief of the San Francisco Chronicle, the first woman to fill the role in the company's 150-year history. At 37, she is also the youngest woman ever named as the top editor of a major U.S newspaper company. Under her leadership The Chronicle has emerged as one of the country's most innovative newspaper-based media outlets. In 2014 she started an in-house incubator project to transform the newsroom into a digitally focused operation that has successfully forged new storytelling techniques. She has also prioritized investigative journalism. Her newsroom exposed the numerous safety failures that lead to the 2011 San Bruno gas explosion and probed the mismanaged reconstruction of the Bay Bridge. The Chronicle also has been a rare critical voice in exploring the benefits and costs of the region's most recent tech boom. In 2013, Editor & Publisher magazine named Audrey one of the world's "Top 10 Women to Watch." Audrey can be reached at ACooper@sfrchronicle.com.

JEFF DARLINGTON is the Placer Land Trust Executive Director. He runs the organization and manages the land protection efforts. Hired in May 2002, Jeff Darlington is the first Executive Director of Placer Land Trust and has dramatically increased the pace of land conservation for Placer Land Trust, an accredited land trust which has protected 7,766 acres of land in Placer County. Jeff grew up in Auburn and is the 4th generation of his family to reside in Placer County. He is a Past President of the Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council. In 2014, Placer Land Trust participated in the first Big Day of Giving for nonprofits in the Sacramento region. Jeff can be reached at Jeff@placerlandtrust.org.

JESSICA DAUGHTERTY Is the Assistant Director of Placer Land Trust. She is responsible for the oversight of finances, staff and programs, implementing policy, strategic planning, completing complex land transactions, and creating innovative and strategic partnerships. Jessica has a B.A. in Geography with an emphasis in Natural Resource Management from Humboldt State University. Jessica currently serves as a member of the Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) Biological Working Group

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ARTHUR DAWSON is a consultant at Baseline Consulting provides historical research for resource managers and landowners, including property histories, risk assessments, historical hydrology, landscape-scale trends and trajectories, historical vegetation, and GIS mapping. H is a certified Historical Consultant in the State of California. Arthur can be reached at baseline@vom.com.

SENATOR KEVIN de LEÓN is the first Latino elected President pro Tempore in more than 130 years, Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) truly embodies the California Dream. Born to the very humblest of beginnings and confronted with a multitude of obstacles, Kevin emerged to become a civil rights organizer, and an accomplished state lawmaker. His mother, Carmen, a housekeeper and a caregiver for the elderly, taught him both the nobility of a hard day's work and our shared obligation to build a brighter future for the next generation. After years as an educator teaching U.S. citizenship courses, Kevin became a community organizer helping plan the largest civil rights march in California history against Proposition 187. Now, on the 20th anniversary of Proposition 187's passage, his Senate Bill 396 erases this unconstitutional stain from California law. Following years as an advocate for teachers and public schools with the National Education Association and California Teachers Association, Kevin de León ran for a seat in the California state legislature and won.

In the Legislature, Kevin is known nationally for trailblazing legislation such as authoring the "Yes Means Yes" bill to protect college students against violence and sexual abuse. His efforts to provide retirement security to the millions of low-income workers has been called "a model for addressing a national problem" by The New York Times. He authored the first legislation in the nation to prevent the unnecessary separation of families — protecting against parental rights from being terminated because of immigration status. He also fought to ensure revenue from California's landmark law to reduce greenhouse gas emissions be directed towards air, water and other environmental quality projects in low-income neighborhoods. Not one to shy away from controversial or complex issues, he co-chaired Proposition 39 — the California Clean Energy Jobs Act — helping to create more than 40,000 California jobs, and generate billions of dollars to modernize California schools. He reformed Workers' Compensation lowering insurance costs for businesses, protecting workers while increasing their benefits. Kevin secured a win-win for the environment and for California workers, by negotiating a compromise on the single-use plastic bag ban which is a model for balancing jobs and the health of the planet. This year he also negotiated an expanded Film and Television Tax Credit to keep the cameras rolling in California, retaining and creating good jobs. In 2013, he brokered a compromise with Governor Jerry Brown for the passage of Assembly Bill 60, to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain licenses to drive to work, pick up their kids from school and be productive members of our society. Kevin was the first in his family to graduate from high school. He graduated from Pitzer College at the Claremont Colleges with Honors. He is a Rodel Fellow at the Aspen Institute and a Guest Lecturer at the University of Southern California.

SHELTON DOUTHIT has over 20 years in the conservation field working with the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, land trusts, plus numerous county and regional parks and open space organizations. Shelton has performed over 1,000 fee-title and conservation easement inspections and is a committee member of the California Council of Land Trusts. Shelton can be reached at shelton@sheltondouthit.com.

GENE DUVERNOY has led Forterra to national prominence with its development of bold, innovative and successful conservation strategies. Duvernoy has been instrumental in the conservation and stewardship of tens of thousands of acres of critical resource lands and landscapes throughout Washington State. In 2004 the Municipal League of King County recognized his work with its Jim Ellis Regional Leader Award. Duvernoy has shown that conservation can and should go hand and hand with a strong economy. He has shown a knack for intelligent partnerships with business, government and others that get things done for both business and the environment. Gene can be reached at gduvernoy@forterra.org.

JACK EASTON is Stewardship Director for Riverside Land Conservancy. He has 30 years of professional experience with conservation planning, biological resources, land use, and related issues in the inland southern California region. He has been Stewardship Director of Riverside Land Conservancy since 2008 and is responsible for the planning and implementation of monitoring, management, maintenance, and reporting activities on the 2,500 acres held by RLC throughout southern California. Prior to joining the staff, he served on the RLC Board of Directors for 10 years. He is speaking about demolition as part of the Building Blocks for Best Outcomes portion of the Stewardship Track. Jack can be reached at Jeaston@riversidelandconservancy.org.

PRISCILLA ENRIQUEZ is the Chief Giving Officer for the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, where she is responsible for grantmaking, community engagement, and program initiatives. With over 20 years of experience in grantmaking and philanthropy, she has made community investments in human services, the arts, consumer protection, digital divide, health care, and youth. Prior to the Foundation, Priscilla has served in leadership positions with ZeroDivide, a foundation addressing digital divide issues across the state, the California Telehealth and Telemedicine Center, creating greater access to health care in underserved communities through technology, Omni Healthcare (a Sutter Health HMO) in its rollout of Geographic Managed Care for the Medi-Cal and medically underserved populations, and at the March of Dimes making grants in maternal and child health for a 12-county region. Priscilla can be reached at Priscilla@sacregcf.org.

BARRY EPSTEIN is a partner at Allen Matkins in the San Francisco office and will be speaking about "Groundwater Regulation under the new legislation (AB 1739)" and providing litigation updates at the Conservation Law Forum. Barry can be reached at bepstein@allenmatkins.com.

GAVIN FEIGER is the Director of the Sierra Nevada Alliance. He provides campaign support to Sierra conservation groups to implement strong policy at the local, regional, and state levels. Gavin was previously a Senior Associate in the Alliance's Regional Climate Change Program conducting policy analysis, outreach, education, and community organizing in order to advocate for smart policies that protect Sierra lands, water, wildlife and rural communities. Before joining the Alliance, he worked on energy and conservation policy and advocacy in Washington D.C., Arkansas, and Santa Barbara. Originally from Montana, Gavin has a Master of Environmental Science and Management from the Bren School at UC, Santa Barbara, and his BS in Geology from the University of Washington. Gavin can be reached at gavin@sierranevadaalliance.org.

JARED FLICKER has led California Strategies' extensive environmental and energy practice since joining the firm in 2003. His strategies and client services led to Capitol Weekly identifying him as "one to watch" in public affairs, citing his work in developing the firm's renewable energy portfolio. His expertise is deep, with a focus on issues affecting land use, environmental policy, renewable energy, climate change, alternative fuels, development, mitigation, water supply, water quality, and local, state and

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ANDY FISHER is the Parks Planner with the Placer County Department of Facility Services, Parks and Grounds Division. He will be speaking on trail building at the "Land Stewardship Projects: Building Block for Best Outcomes". Andy can be reached at AFisher@placer.ca.gov.

DONNA FLETCHER founded Mission Driven in 1991 to provide fundraising and consulting services to environmental, conservation, and human services organizations. She has helped to raise more than \$500,000,000 for annual, membership and capital campaigns in her career, which included directing the national Sierra Club's membership and annual giving program. She believes in the power of civic engagement to transform individuals and communities and feels that fundraising allows people to realize their personal goals for making this world a better place. Donna can be reached at donnaletcher@missiondriven.com.

ELLEN A. FRED, ESQ., specializes in land conservation law and her practice includes various areas of real estate and tax law, focusing primarily on land conservation transactions and nonprofit tax issues. She will be leading the group discussion of hypothetical examples relating to easement amendment at the Conservation Law Forum. Ellen can be reached at efred@landconservationlaw.com.

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OMAR GALLARDO joined LandPaths in 2012 to direct LandPaths continuing efforts to expand the diversity and relevance of its programs. He grew up in Northern Sonoma County and received B.A. in History from Sonoma State University. While in college and upon graduation, he worked with migrant children in various schools in Sonoma County and during the summers as an outdoor educator and camp principal assistant with the California Mini-Corps Program at SSU. He has also worked as a Mental Health Client Specialist with youth and most recently, he was the Site Coordinator/ Lead Organizer for the Graton Day Labor Center. Omar is a local Aztec Dancer and teacher for Danza Azteca Xantotl in Santa Rosa. Omar can be reached at omar@landpaths.org.

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CARRIE GOTCH When Carrie is not hitting the trail or behind a camera, she's online mobilizing park and nature advocates nationwide as the Senior Digital Marketing Manager for The Trust for Public Land. Her specialty is creating and implementing social media strategies with a focus on digital storytelling to advocate for the conservation of land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places. She comes from a background in film, psychology, and cause-based marketing, and is passionate about creating healthy and livable communities for generations to come. Carrie can be reached at Carrie.Gotch@tpl.org.

SOLANGE GOULD brings over 19 years of public health experience to her current work advocating for strategies that improve health, equity, climate change, and community participation in decision-making. She currently works for the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. She has worked for the Public Health Institute's Center for Climate Change and Health, the City of Berkeley, Contra Costa County, and Alameda County Public Health Departments, as a consultant to the California Department of Public Health, and in numerous community health centers in Oakland and Northern California. Solange is a doctoral candidate at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. Her dissertation examines the impact of health and equity stakeholder participation in the regional planning efforts resultant from climate change law SB 375 in the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California. She received her MPH in Maternal and Child Health from UC Berkeley, and her BA in Geography and Women's Studies from Vassar College. Solange can be reached at solange.g@icloud.com.

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DAVE KOEHLER is celebrating 25 years leading the River Parkway Trust. He has completed 18 land transactions conserving 2,800 acres on the urban edge of Fresno and assisted the San Joaquin River Conservancy with protecting 2,000 more. He has led the Trust's efforts to implement the Lewis S. Eaton Trail system; to establish a regional river education program; to restore an 1890 ranch to the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies; and, to form the 15-member San Joaquin River Partnership. In 2012, he received the Partner in Conservation Award from Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar for his work on the San Joaquin River as a National Waterway. Dave can be reached at dkoehler@riverparkway.org.

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