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AMANDA MONACO, LEADERSHIP COUNSEL FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Amanda works as a Policy Advocate and helps rural communities in Fresno County organize and fight for their rights to equitable development. She is from Gainesville, Florida, and attended the University of Florida, where she got her B.A. in Political Science and also studied Latin American Studies, Sustainability Studies and Anthropology. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., where she studied human rights, environmental, corporate and trade law. Before working with Leadership Counsel, she was an ally for communities fighting environmental injustices in Latin America with several nonprofits based in D.C. and Mexico City.

ELIZABETH RHOADES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Elizabeth Rhoades, Ph.D., is the Director of the Climate Change and Sustainability Program at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, where she works to bring a public health voice to decision-making related to climate change. She works across sectors to provide subject matter expertise on the health impacts of climate change, promote policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide guidance on climate preparedness to local government and community partners, and build workforce capacity to address climate change. She founded and leads the interdepartmental County Climate Committee, which brings together Los Angeles County departments to implement the County's Community Climate Action Plan. She has authored two climate change reports released by the Department of Public Health, entitled *Your Health and Climate Change*, and *Framework for Addressing Climate Change*. Elizabeth received her doctorate in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

LAWRENCE GOLDZBAND, SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Larry Goldzband joined BCDC as Executive Director in August 2012. Prior his appointment, Larry worked for members of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, was Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary for former Governor Pete Wilson, and was Director of the California Department of Conservation. In the private sector, he managed Pacific Gas and Electric Company's charitable contributions program for over ten years and was Executive Director of the PG&E Corporation Foundation until July 2010. In the nonprofit sector, Larry was Policy Director for Efficiency First California prior to starting at BCDC. In addition, Larry twice served as a BCDC Commissioner for a total of almost ten years. Larry received his undergraduate degree from Pomona College and his MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

KEALI'I BRIGHT, CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

Keali'i Bright is the Deputy Secretary for Climate and Energy at the California Natural Resources Agency where he is responsible for agency related climate adaptation, natural and working land carbon management, energy and oil production and Salton Sea programs. Keali'i brings to this position over a decade of experience

in state natural resources and environmental policy development. Prior to this appointment, he served the Brown Administration as the Deputy Secretary for Legislative affairs at the Natural Resources Agency which was preceded by his work for the Legislature as the principle consultant on natural resources, environmental protection, energy, transportation and other issues for the Assembly Budget Committee.

LOUISE BEDSWORTH, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Louise Bedsworth is the Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). At OPR, Louise advises on climate science and research, and is leading efforts on incorporating climate impacts into State planning and investment. Prior to joining OPR in 2011, she was a Research Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California where she focused on climate action at the local level, adaptation to climate change, and transportation and air quality. Louise has also held positions at the Union of Concerned Scientists, Redefining Progress, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences from MIT, a Masters of Science in Environmental Engineering, and a PhD in Energy and Resources from UC Berkeley.

KAREN SMITH, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

On March 23, 2015, Karen Smith, MD, MPH, was sworn in as director of the California Department of Public Health and state public health officer. Dr. Smith is a physician specializing in infectious disease and public health. Prior to her appointment, Smith served as public health officer and deputy director at the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency beginning in 2004. Dr. Smith completed her medical training and infectious diseases fellowship at Stanford University after having obtained a Master of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public health. She served as clinical faculty at the Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center Division of Infectious Diseases from 1997 to 2004 and was a faculty consultant for the Francis J. Curry International Tuberculosis Center at the University of California, San Francisco from 1997. Smith also served as TB Controller and Deputy Health Officer for Santa Clara County from 1997 to 2004.