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**PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES**



**CHAIR MARY NICHOLS**  
**CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Mary Nichols is the Chair of the California Air Resources Board, where she occupies the attorney seat. She has served on the Board under Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. (1975–82 and 2010–18), Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (2007–2010) and Governor Gavin Newsom (2019—present). She also served as California’s Secretary for Natural Resources (1999–2003), appointed by Gov. Gray Davis. Mary was a senior staff attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council; Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation, in the administration of President William Jefferson Clinton; and headed the Institute of Environment and Sustainability at UCLA. Her career as an environmental lawyer spans over 45 years and she has played a key role in California and the nation’s progress toward healthy air.



**DR. STEPHEN WHEELER**  
**U.C. DAVIS CENTER FOR REGIONAL CHANGE**

Dr. Stephen Wheeler is a Professor in the Landscape Architecture Program of the Department of Human Ecology at U.C. Davis. Professor Wheeler is the author of three books, *Planning for Sustainability: Towards Livable, Equitable, and Ecological Communities* (Routledge; second edition 2013); *Climate Change and Social Ecology: A New Perspective on the Climate Challenge* (Routledge, 2012); and *The Sustainable Urban Development Reader* (co-edited with Tim Beatley) (Routledge; third edition 2014). He most recently co-authored and published “Carbon Footprint Planning: Quantifying Local and State Mitigation Opportunities for 700 California Cities” a systematic review of the literature on strategies to mitigate urban heating for dryland cities.



**MARGARET GORDON**  
**WEST OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS PROJECT**

Ms. Margaret Gordon is the co-founder and co-director of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (EIP), a non-profit that works with neighborhood organizations, physicians, researchers, and public officials to ensure West Oakland residents have a clean environment, safe neighborhoods, and access to economic opportunity. She also serves as Second Vice-President of Board of Commissioners for the Port of Oakland. In 2007, Ms. Gordon became co-Chair of the Port of Oakland & Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Maritime Air Quality Improvement Plan. Ms. Gordon, who herself, suffers from asthma, co-authored the Healthy Home Indoor Air Quality Project that relates to the reduction of diesel exposure and other toxics for residents in West Oakland and was selected to serve on Governor Schwarzenegger's statewide committee on State Goods Movement Action Plan. She has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and inducted into the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame.



**MICHAEL CLAIBORNE**

**LEADERSHIP COUNSEL FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Born in Chico but raised in Boise, Idaho, Mike is a senior attorney based in the Fresno. He attended Boise State University, where he received a B.A. in philosophy. He then attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, where he received a J.D. with great distinction. Before joining the LCJA team, Mike worked at a private law firm in Fresno where he practiced insurance coverage litigation. He works to find solutions to water issues affecting California's most vulnerable communities and works most directly on water reliability and climate adaptation. He also works on a myriad of environmental justice issues plaguing low-income communities of color in California including heat impacts, agricultural emissions, and air quality.