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Informational Hearing: “Annual Update on Statewide Trends of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and an Overview of the 2022 Scoping Plan”

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 1:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 437

PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES

Liane M. Randolph, Chair, California Air Resources Board

Liane Randolph has been appointed Chair of the California Air Resources Board. Randolph has been a Commissioner at the California Public Utilities Commission since 2015. She was Deputy Secretary and General Counsel at the California Natural Resources Agency from 2011 to 2014 and an Attorney at Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman from 2007 to 2011. She served as Chair of the California Fair Political Practices Commission from 2003 to 2007, where she also served as a Staff Attorney from 1996 to 1997. Randolph served as San Leandro City Attorney and was a Principal at Meyers Nave from 2000 to 2003, where she was an Associate from 1997 to 2000. She was an Attorney at Remcho, Johansen and Purcell from 1994 to 1996 and an Associate at Manatt, Phelps and Phillips from 1993 to 1994. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

Ross Brown, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst’s Office

Ross Brown is a Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst with the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO), the nonpartisan fiscal and policy advisors to the Legislature. Ross currently works on issues related to energy, climate change, air pollution, and recycling for the office. He has authored various reports assessing California’s climate mitigation strategies, including reports focused on cap-and-trade, transportation sector policies, and electricity sector policies. He also leads the office’s analysis of revenues and expenditures from the state’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). Ross earned his BA in Economics and Environmental Studies from UC Santa Barbara in 2005 and a PhD in Natural Resource Science and Management, with a minor in Applied Economics, from the University of Minnesota in 2010.

Daniel Cullenward, Ph.D, Policy Director, Carbon Plan

Dr. Danny Cullenward is a climate economist and lawyer working on the design and implementation of scientifically grounded climate policy. He is the Policy Director at CarbonPlan, a nonprofit climate research organization; the Vice Chair of the Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee; and a Research Fellow with American University's Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy. He holds a JD and PhD from Stanford University.

Meredith Fowlie, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley

Dr. Meredith Fowlie holds the Class of 1935 Endowed Chair in Energy at UC Berkeley. She is an Associate Professor in the Agriculture and Resource Economics department, faculty director at the Energy Institute at Haas, an affiliated faculty of the Energy and Resources Group, and Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research in the Energy and Environmental Economics group. Dr. Fowlie holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in Agricultural and Resource Economics. Before joining the faculty at UC Berkeley, she was an Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Fowlie has worked extensively on the economics of energy markets and the environment. Her research investigates real-world applications of market-based environmental regulations, the economics of air pollution, and the demand-side of energy markets, renewable energy economics, and energy access in emerging economies.

She currently serves as a Governor-appointed member of California's Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the Economic Advisory Council for Environmental Defense Fund, the advisory council to the Brookings Institution Center on Regulation and Markets, a Scientific Committee Member for the Chaire Economie du Climat, and the steering committee of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Environmental and Energy Economics Program. Dr. Fowlie's research has been funded in recent years by the Sloan Foundation, the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, the University of California, the US EPA, and the UK Energy and Economic Growth Programme.

Paulina Torres Staff Attorney, The Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment.

Paulina Torres is an environmental justice attorney with the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment. She provides legal and technical support to community groups throughout the Southern San Joaquin Valley on various local and statewide campaigns, with a focus on pesticides and oil & gas. Paulina is a member of the AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and the AB 617 Community Steering Committee in Arvin/Lamont.

Andrew Meredith, NorCal Regional Director, California State Building & Construction Trades Council.

Andrew Meredith is the Northern California Regional Director of the State Building & Construction Trades Council of California (SBCTC). The SBCTC is an umbrella organization for 180 local trade Unions that represents over 450,000 skilled construction workers, including more than 70,000 registered apprentices.

Prior to this role, Meredith was the President of the Northeastern California Building & Construction Trades Council and the Assistant Business Manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 340. In these roles, he negotiated agreements and organized bargaining units in some of California's most rural communities, providing pathways to the Middle Class for countless workers. During his time representing workers in California's far northern counties, trade unions saw dramatic increases in membership and political influence.

Meredith is an electrician by trade and a proud graduate of a Joint Labor Management apprenticeship program. He is also a decorated combat veteran, serving with the California Army National Guard as a UH-60 Blackhawk Crew Chief/Door-Gunner in Iraq in 2005. Upon returning home from Iraq, he was elected to the Galt City Council, serving from 2006 until 2010. In 2008, he served as the youngest Mayor in Galt's history. Meredith resides with his wife and children in Tehama County, California.

Lance Hastings, President/ CEO, California Manufacturers Technology Association.

Lance Hastings currently serves as President and CEO of the California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA), having assumed the role in November 2018. In that capacity, he leads a prominent business-oriented trade association with a legacy of success and engagement.

Prior to joining CMTA, he served as Vice President of National Affairs for MillerCoors. During his 15 years with the brewing industry, Hastings served in state, regional, national and international capacities. His international experience was as Head of Regulatory and Tax Affairs for SABMiller located in London, England from 2012-2015. Before his extensive career as a manufacturing executive, Hastings was the Vice President of Government Relations at the California Grocers Association and Senior Director for State Affairs at the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

Hastings also served as legislative staff in the California State Legislature for almost a decade, concluding as a Chief Consultant in 1997.

Lance is a graduate of California State University at Sacramento with a BA in Economics and Minor in Government.

Catherine Reheis-Boyd, President, Western States Petroleum Association

Catherine Reheis-Boyd has served as the President of the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) since January 1, 2010. She oversees the trade organization's operations and advocacy in five Western states – California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon. Over her 31-year career at WSPA, Ms. Reheis-Boyd has held a variety of leadership roles, including a 2003 appointment as Chief of Staff and subsequent promotions to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Prior to joining WSPA, Ms. Reheis-Boyd was with Getty Oil and Texaco working on environmental compliance at the Kern River Field in Bakersfield, California. She currently manages a broad range of Association activities, including legislative and regulatory issues associated with transportation fuels policy, air and water quality, climate change, renewable fuels and alternative energy issues, crude oil and natural gas production and many other issues in WSPA's five states, and beyond those borders into Canada and abroad.

In 2016, Ms. Reheis-Boyd was named Distinguished Woman and Petroleum Advocate of the Year by the California Latino Leadership Institute.

Ms. Reheis-Boyd received her Bachelors of Science degree in Natural Resource Management from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and pursued postgraduate studies in environmental engineering at the University of Southern California.

Katelyn Roedner Sutter, Senior Manager, U.S. Climate, Environmental Defense Fund.

Katelyn Roedner Sutter leads Environmental Defense Fund's climate work in California, as well as regulatory and legislative initiatives on climate across the Western United States.

Katelyn's focus is on advancing policies that establish and implement long-term greenhouse gas emission reductions and improve local air quality. Katelyn also contributes to EDF's work on international carbon markets. Prior to joining EDF, Katelyn worked in the San Joaquin Valley with environmental justice and faith communities on local climate, air quality, and land use issues.