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Dear Friends:

We wish all of you a very happy holiday season. If you get a chance watch these interviews especially the one between [Thomas Friedman and Governor Jerry Brown](#) and [Paul Hawken](#). We also salute today's IJ Marin Voice "[Make solar great again: say no to foreign tariffs](#)."

Belle and the Climate Team

[Links to Climate Articles](#)

[E.P.A. Officials, Disheartened by Agency's Direction, Are Leaving in Droves](#)

WASHINGTON — More than 700 people have left the Environmental Protection Agency since President Trump took office, a wave of departures that puts the administration nearly a quarter of the way toward its goal of shrinking the agency to levels last seen during the Reagan administration.

[How Global Warming Fueled Five Extreme Weather Events](#)

[As Oceans Rise, When's the Last Time I'll Go Home for Christmas?](#) By [Victoria Borneman](#)

By my count, I get 13 more holidays before the sea threatens to swallow my family's home.

[New York governor, World Bank bring holiday cheer to fossil fuel divestment activists](#)

Andrew Cuomo pushes New York pension fund to divest from fossil fuel investments.

[What Happened \(and Didn't\) at the Bonn Climate Talks](#)

After wrangling through the night, the 23rd conference of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change wrapped up early Saturday with modest ...

[Trump's disregard for climate rules drives states to act.](#)

Leaders strive to form policies that reduce carbon emissions. San Francisco Chronicle Late Edition - 2017-12-17 - WORLD & NATION - By Michael Casey Michael Casey is an Associated Press writer. HAMPTON, N.H. — Since President Trump pledged last summer to ...

[Jakarta Is Sinking So Fast, It Could End Up Underwater](#) By [Michael Kimmelman](#)

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Dear readers,

There may be [no megacity on the planet facing a more dire scenario than Jakarta](#), the sprawling, smog-infested capital of Indonesia. When historic floods overran much of the city in 2007, some climate experts linked the events to global warming. Temperatures and the Java Sea are both rising, quickly.

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But this vast coastal city is sinking faster than any other big city on Earth, so fast that rivers can flow upstream and buildings are being swallowed up. That's because Jakartans are draining the aquifers on which the city rests. The city's water supply hasn't kept up with its explosive growth. The litany of human-made problems starts with runaway development, a near-total lack of planning, few sewers, polluted rivers and canals, a long history of government corruption, conflicts between Islamic extremists and secular Indonesians, Muslims and ethnic Chinese. Climate change multiplies them all.

Hydrologists now say the city has only a decade to heal its self-inflicted wounds and halt the sinking. If it can't, much of Jakarta and its millions of residents will end up underwater.

Today we published [the fifth installment](#) in my series "Changing Climate, Changing Cities." It explores this booming Indonesian megalopolis, a lynchpin in the global supply chain, where the clock is ticking. I invite you to read and share the article along with others in the series from [Mexico City](#), [Guangzhou](#), [Rotterdam](#) and [Houston](#).

Please let me know what you think.

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Intel makes case for the Paris Agreement

Climate Change Could Trigger More Volcanic Eruptions, Study Finds

Expect to see "a lot more volcanic activity in areas of the world where glaciers and volcanoes interact," the lead author says.

Events

The **CPUC** is scheduled to vote on a flawed draft resolution threatening the fate of emerging Community Choice agencies on **Thursday, January 11**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting. [Read More For details on responding >>](#)

News Conference/Rally in response to CPUC draft resolution 4907, a threat to Community Choice Energy

CPUC Headquarters, [505 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco](#)

When: 8:30 am, Thursday, January 11, 2018

On December 8, 2017, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) published a draft resolution that oversteps CPUC authority and if adopted will impose substantial new burdens on emerging Community Choice Agencies (CCAs). The Resolution is capricious and there was no

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forewarning to the affected stakeholders that this Resolution was in the works. The Resolution effectively places a one to two year freeze on any CCAs in the process of forming that have not submitted an Implementation Plan by the end of December 2017.

Green Chautauqua

Speaker Series: Responding to Climate Change

This series of lectures focuses on what many believe to be the crisis of our time: climate change. Our goal is to partner with leading experts and the local community to address ways that we can respond with hope.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 14, 2018

11:30 am -12:30 pm

“Climate Heroes on Trial: The Valve Turners”

with Michael Foster and Emily Johnston

Hear the courageous stories of two of the five Valve Turners who shut off the valves on 5 pipelines delivering dirty crude from Canadian tar sands to refineries in the US. Learn why they acted out of necessity to raise our awareness and protect the planet while there is still time. Support the group’s upcoming legal fight and ground-breaking Climate Necessity Defense. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by First Presbyterian San Anselmo, 350 Marin and the Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter.

The event is free. Donations will be collected to support the group’s legal defense fund.

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