

## **JANUARY 9, 2018 - OFA MARIN CLIMATE NEWS AND EVENTS**

Dear Friends:

We start the year with "[It's Not Too Late: A Climate Change New Year's Resolution](#)."

"When it comes to climate, timing is everything," the group, including former UN climate chief Christiana Figueres and Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, head of Germany's Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, wrote. "If we delay, the conditions for human prosperity will be severely curtailed."

So, as 2018 begins, here are some of the goals for 2020 that the optimists presented:

- Boost the world's renewable electricity generation to 30 percent of total supply.
- Begin to retire all remaining coal-fired power plants.
- Expand sales of electric vehicles to 15 percent of new cars.
- Provide \$1 trillion in financing each year—public and private—for climate action.

Many really excellent articles but I single out: "How we know It Was Climate Change", Noah Diffenbaugh and "Getting to 350: What Will It Take to Fix Global Warming", Peter Montague.

And let's support our colleague Peter Joseph:

Vote online for 'Revenue Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend.' MIT Climate CoLab contest proposal developed by Marin group leader Peter Joseph of Citizens Climate Lobby. Read the proposal and [vote here](#)

**(you have till January 15 to respond).**

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### **[Links to climate articles](#)**

#### **[2017 Shatters Records With \\$306 Billion In Damages From Climate-Linked Disasters](#)**

Sixteen \$1 billion-plus weather- and climate-related events killed at least 362 people.

#### **[Corporate Media 'Failed' to Connect 2017's Extreme Weather to Climate Crisis: Study](#)**

"We can't fix the climate crisis if we aren't talking about it. It's critical that the media start reporting on the crisis with the quality and quantity it merits. We're talking about the greatest challenge of our time."

#### **[How We Know It Was Climate Change](#)** By NOAH S. DIFFENBAUGH | December 29, 2017

Scientists increasingly are able to detect global warming's fingerprint on hurricanes, heat waves, flooding, wildfires and other extreme events.

#### **[26 Photos That Show The Natural Disasters Humanity Faced in 2017](#)**

Hurricanes, wildfires and floods wreaked havoc

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### **Southern California's Uncanny, Inevitable Yuletide Fires**

By [Mike Davis](#) | December 11, 2017

### **Is Climate Change Impacting Your Mental Health?**

### **The Flood That Could Change Everything** By Eric Zerkel

California is spending billions to protect the millions at risk of a megaflood, but thanks to climate change, it's too little too late.

### **Tesla's enormous battery in Australia, just weeks old, is already responding to outages in 'record' time**

### **'Bomb cyclone' to blast East Coast before polar vortex uncorks tremendous cold late this week**

### **60 Environmental Rules on the Way Out Under Trump**

By [NADJA POPOVICH](#), [LIVIA ALBECK-RIPKA](#) and KENDRA PIERRE-LOUIS  
UPDATED December 15, 2017

Since taking office in January, President Trump has made eliminating federal regulations [a priority](#). His administration — with help from Republicans in Congress — has often targeted environmental rules it sees as overly burdensome to the fossil fuel industry, including major Obama-era policies aimed at fighting climate change.

To date, the Trump administration has sought to reverse at least 60 environmental rules, according to a New York Times analysis, based on research from Harvard Law School's [Environmental Regulation Rollback Tracker](#), Columbia Law School's [Climate Tracker](#) and other sources.

### **As an EPA intern, I was barred from mentioning climate change**

### **Temperatures In Australia Hit 117 Degrees As Sydney Sees Hottest Day In 78 Years**

The extreme weather melted one area's roads. Elsewhere in the world, record low temperatures were seen.

### **US weather latest: Mount Washington vies for coldest place on Earth as northeast faces deep freeze**

### **'Bomb cyclone' to blast East Coast before polar vortex uncorks tremendous cold late this week**

### **Trump's Offshore Drilling Plan Flouts Law by Ignoring Governors' Wish**

### **Climate Change Has Quadrupled Ocean 'Dead Zones,' Researchers Warn**

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### **Getting to 350: What It Will Take to Fix Global Warming**

Saturday, January 6, 2018, By [Peter Montague](#), Truthout | News Analysis

### **CPUC Deadline - Thursday, January 11, 2018**

#### **Deadline for formal comments to CPUC Resolution E-4907**

**Reply comments due on January 18, 2018. Informal comments may be sent up until about a week before the Feb. 8 CPUC meeting.** The news conference and rally will now be held on the morning of **Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.** For more information, see: <https://cleanpowerexchange.org/resources/regulatory/>. Includes sample letters. See [letter from legislators to CPUC](#) criticizing the Resolution which creates hurdles for Community Choice Agencies (CCA).

### **Events**

#### **Sunday, January 14, 2018, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Climate Heroes on Trial: The Valve Turners

First Presbyterian Church, 72 Kensington Road, San Anselmo

Michael Foster, teacher and tree planter and Emily Johnston, poet and author, are two of the five "Valve Turners" who shut off pipelines delivering dirty crude from Canadian tar sands to the U.S. Hear their courageous stories. Donations support their legal expenses. Green Chautauqua series co-sponsored by 350 and Sierra Club.

#### **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

12:30 p.m., 654 Mission Street, San Francisco

**Higher GHG Targets for Better Cities.** Learn how increasing state standards for greenhouse gas reductions from driving can also lead to better cities. SPUR brown-bag lunch forum. [Full calendar.](#)

#### **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1510 5th Avenue, San Rafael

**'An Inconvenient Sequel.'** If you missed Al Gore's follow-on climate change summer blockbuster, you can see it now for free, courtesy of Marin Interfaith Climate Action.

Followed by information on local climate actions. [Information.](#)

#### **Film Event: "Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution"**

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Novato City Hall, [901 Sherman Avenue, Novato, CA 94945](#)

Please join the City of Novato and community partners Environmental Forum of Marin, Sustainable Novato, and Resilient Neighborhoods for a special screening of *Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution* followed by a Q&A session with filmmaker and director James Redford!