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Letter from the Executive Director, Are we seeing a climate change "thaw"?

It might seem ironic to be talking about a thaw right now given that spring snow storms are pummeling the northeast. However, there are many signs that show North America is emerging from the climate silence that took hold following the economy's dip into recession and the politicization of the issue in US Congress. These promising signs include:

- US President Obama dedicating a significant portion of his most recent State of the Union speech to climate change, emphasizing, "If Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will."
- A number of states and provinces continuing to move forward with carbon pricing mechanisms, including the northeast states involved in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), California, Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta.
- Hundreds of Registry members continuing to measure, report and reduce their GHG emissions using our program, demonstrating their commitment to leading sustainably.
- A large majority of Americans (88%) saying the US should make an effort to reduce global warming, even if it has economic costs.
- Nearly a quarter also saying that, in the past 12 months, they have punished companies for opposing steps to reduce global warming by not purchasing their products (Yale Project on Climate Change Communication).

We don't have to look very far for the reasons for the thaw. 2012 was the hottest year on record in the US. We saw extreme weather-related losses of \$160 billion globally, \$110 billion of which was in the US alone (Munich Re). A drought across much of the US caused nearly \$20 billion in crop damage and made the Mississippi nearly impassable. Fires raged across Colorado and other western states and Superstorm Sandy

devastated communities and families.

And in March, the United Nations released a report that reminds us that climate change has the potential to disrupt human development progress. It warns that the number of people in extreme poverty could increase by up to three billion by 2050 unless environmental disasters are averted by coordinated global action.

It's getting harder and harder for even the toughest climate change skeptics to deny what is clearly happening outside our front doors. Especially when it is increasingly clear that the price of doing nothing is going to be far steeper than taking action now.

The good news is that sub-national governments and businesses of all sizes are taking meaningful climate action. We applaud the policymakers, thought leaders, and corporations--many of whom are part of The Registry's community--for stepping up and tackling this issue head on. This is no time for silence.

My very best,



David Rosenheim
Executive Director



Upcoming Events

San Francisco Members Meeting. April 16, 9:00am-4:30pm PST. Email [Laura Zahn](#), Manager of Member Services, if you would like to attend.

Navigating the American Carbon World in San Francisco, CA. April 16-18. [Email us](#) for the registration discount code for Registry members. Learn more [here](#).

Energy Efficiency, Water & Carbon Management Workshop co-sponsored by SCE at the Energy Education Center in Irwindale, CA. April 17, 8:00am-12:00pm PST. Email [Amy Holm](#), Director of Energy Efficiency Programs, if you would like to attend.

Energy Efficiency, Water & Carbon Management Workshop co-sponsored by SCE at the Energy Education Center in San Diego, CA. May 2, 8:30am-12:00pm PST. Email [Amy Holm](#), Director of Energy Efficiency Programs, if you would like to attend.

San Diego Members Meeting. May 2, 12:00pm-2:00pm PST. Email [Laura Zahn](#), Manager of Member Services, if you would like to attend.

Webinar: RECs & offset and how to account for them in The Registry's program. May 8, 10:00am-11:00am PST. Register [here](#).

Webinar: Using your CRIS report. July (date TBD).



Save the Date: SoCal & NorCal Annual Member Meetings

The Climate Registry will host two members meetings in California in 2013. We hope you will join us for an opportunity to share best practices and network with Registry members and staff.

April 16, 9:00am-4:30pm in San Francisco, CA at [Navigating the American Carbon World](#)

- GHG Reduction Goal Setting Workshop, co-hosted with US EPA
- Networking luncheon
- Site visit to Recology, Inc.

May 2, 12:00pm-2:00pm in San Diego, CA at Energy Efficiency, Water & Carbon Management Workshop

- Networking luncheon

Members meetings are open to members of The Climate Registry. There will be a small fee to cover costs. Email [Laura Zahn](mailto:Laura.Zahn), Manager of Member Services, if you would like to attend.



The Climate Registry Releases GRP 2.0

The Climate Registry has updated its [General Reporting Protocol](#), which is the guidance its members use to voluntarily measure and report their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in a consistent, comparable, credible way.

GRP 2.0 is designed to reflect the evolution of GHG reporting best practices since the last version was published in 2008. The changes provide greater value and flexibility to our Members while maintaining the integrity of The Registry's highly-regarded reporting program.

Questions on how GRP 2.0 will affect reporting your organization's carbon footprint? Contact member services at help@theclimateregistry.org.



Announcing the 2013 Cool Planet Awards

Southern California Edison (SCE) and The Climate Registry are recognizing SCE business customers for their environmental leadership in energy and carbon management.

Award recipients receive a plaque made from recycled glass and a media relations campaign to highlight their leadership. Awards are determined from point-based criteria, pertaining to energy and carbon management initiatives and achievements between January 1, 2010 and July 31, 2013.

Nominations are open through July 31, 2013. Learn more, and [apply now](#).

For more information about the Cool Planet Project, please visit [The Climate Registry website](#).

The Cool Planet program provides utility business customers with education and technical training to measure and manage their energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. The Cool Planet program is funded by California utility rate payers and administered under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission, through a contract awarded to The Climate Registry. California customers who chose to participate in this program are not obligated to purchase any additional services offered by the contractor. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 1/1/2013-12/31/2014 or until funds are depleted. Terms and conditions apply. The trademarks used herein are the property of their respective owners.



Congratulations, Climate Leadership Award Winners!

Congratulations to the 2013 Climate Leadership Award winners for exemplary leadership in managing your carbon footprint and addressing climate change. It's no surprise that Registry members made up 25% of the award winners. Thank you for your hard work!

Organizational Leadership Award

- City of Austin, Texas
- Port of San Diego
- Sonoma County Water Agency

Supply Chain Leadership Award

- San Diego Gas & Electric

Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Setting Certificate)

- SAIC

We're already looking forward to the 2014 Climate Leadership Awards in San Diego, CA. We hope to see you

there!

The Climate Registry Commuter Protocol

The Climate Registry is launching a protocol designed to help you measure and report the GHG emissions associated with your organization's commuting and business travel. If you are interested in learning more or taking a leadership role in the drafting of this protocol, please email Senior Policy Manager, [Peggy Foran](#).

"Yes, it's true that no single event makes a trend, but the fact is, the 12 hottest years on record have all come in the last 15. Heat waves, droughts, wildfires, and floods--all are now more frequent and intense. We can choose to believe that Superstorm Sandy, and the most severe drought in decades, and the worst wildfires some states have ever seen were all just a freak coincidence. Or we can choose to believe in the overwhelming judgment of science--and act before it's too late."

President Barack Obama, *2013 State of the Union Address*

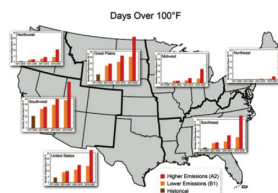
The Climate Change Silence has Thawed

It's been years since we've been able to talk about climate change without eliciting an icy response. Recently, however, the climate change silence has thawed and businesses, governments and the general public are more concerned about global warming than ever before. This is evident in speeches and publications ranging from President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address to the recently released US Climate Assessment Report and the GAO's Climate Risk Report. Learn more for yourself below.



2013 State of the Union

"I urge this Congress to pursue a bipartisan, market-based solution to climate change..., but if Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will. I will direct my cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take, now and in the future,



NCADAC Draft Climate Assessment Report

More than 240 authors have penned the NCADAC Draft Climate Assessment Report, which looks at climate change science and impacts in the US. According to the Assessment's



GAO Recognizes Risk of Climate Change

The GAO added the financial risks of climate change to the "high risk list", noting that climate change poses significant risks to the federal government, which owns extensive

to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change, and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy." -President Barack Obama

[Letter to the American People](#), "Many more impacts of human-caused climate change have now been observed... Americans are noticing changes all around them." Download the report [here](#).

infrastructure, insures property through the National Flood Insurance Program, and provides emergency aid in response to natural disasters. Read the press release [here](#).

Congratulations, Climate Registered Members!

The following are a list of Climate Registered members that have reported and verified their carbon footprint to The Climate Registry's greenhouse gas reporting standards since January 2013. The high-quality, consistent and credible data that members generated enables them to operate more efficiently, sustainably and competitively.

We would like to recognize and congratulate all members that met the December 17 verification deadline. We are in the process of completing our final review and publishing your report to the [public reports page](#). We look forward to recognizing your organization in our next newsletter.

Seven-year Climate Registered Members

Delta Air Lines

Four-year Climate Registered Members

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Colorado Springs Utilities
Con Edison, Inc.
DAK Americas LLC
EcoResources Consultants
ENVIRON Holdings, Inc.
Lemelson Vineyards
Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation
Port of Portland
Stantec
Termoelectrica de Mexicali, S. de R.L. de C.V.
United States Postal Service
Utah Transit Authority
West Basin Municipal Water District
Weston Solutions, Inc.

Three-year Climate Registered Members

City of Hollister
City of San Juan Bautista
Marin Sanitary Services
NV Energy
San Benito County
University of California, Merced
University of California, San Diego

Two-year Climate Registered Members

3Degrees

California State Teachers Retirement System
City of Vernon, CA
Collins Pine Company
Government of Yukon
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Safeway, Inc.
Southern California Gas Company
Stanford University
The City of Woodland, CA
The Port of Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
Waste Connections, Inc.



First-time Climate Registered Members

City of Thousand Oaks, CA
Neenah Paper, Inc.
Prologis



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