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PRESS RELEASE

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**The Climate Registry Welcomes Top North American Climate Leaders to its New
Council of Jurisdictions and Board of Directors**

LOS ANGELES, September 14, 2021 — The Climate Registry (TCR) is pleased to announce it has introduced an innovative governance structure that will enable the organization to drive more climate ambition and action in North America. The majority of previous Board members, consisting of representatives from diverse U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories, will now serve on TCR's Council of Jurisdictions. This new advisory body will ensure TCR continues to provide a powerful bipartisan platform for showcasing and supporting sub-national climate leadership. The new, smaller Board of Directors is comprised of some of the top thought leaders on climate from a range of sectors. They will provide strategic oversight and help TCR make consistent progress toward its mission of empowering our generation to reduce its carbon footprint.

TCR's Council of Jurisdictions

The Council of Jurisdictions includes over 20 U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories: British Columbia, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawai'i, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Nevada, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Québec, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Yukon.

TCR's Board of Directors

Diane Wittenberg, *Chair*

Ms. Wittenberg was the founding president of the California Climate Action Registry and the first Executive Director of its successor organization, The Climate Registry. Ms. Wittenberg also launched the California PEV Collaborative (now VELOZ) and co-authored "California Goes Green, A Roadmap to Climate Leadership." Previously, she served as vice president of Southern California Edison and Edison International. Ms. Wittenberg is also a member of the California State Park Commission.



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Edan Dionne

Ms. Dionne is Vice President, Environmental, Energy and Chemical Management Programs with IBM's Corporate Environmental Affairs staff. She leads a team that is responsible for defining IBM's strategy in these areas, establishing and maintaining IBM's global environmental management system, and setting internal requirements and goals. Ms. Dionne has over 35 years of experience as an environmental professional with deep knowledge across environmental, energy and chemical management topics. She also serves on the board of the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Laurie Fitzmaurice

Ms. Fitzmaurice is Executive Director at the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). She has nearly 30 years of experience in business development, specializing in energy infrastructure development around the world. Prior to her current role, Ms. Fitzmaurice was Vice President of Business Development at EDF Renewables México, based in México City, where she was responsible for the management of the business development department, focused on the origination and development of new wind and solar energy projects.

Mary D. Nichols

Ms. Nichols is widely recognized for a career as one of the world's most important environmental regulators, serving as Chair of the California Air and Resources Board from 1975-1982 and then from 2007-2020. Ms. Nichols is currently a professor at UCLA Law School and holds visiting appointments in the Columbia Global Energy Program and the Cornell Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future. She also serves as the Vice-Chair of the China-California Climate Center and Co-Chair of the Commission on the Future of Mobility.

Janet Peace

As Chief of Advisory Services at Bluesource, Ms. Peace is responsible for leading outreach, guidance, and engagement on key climate issues. Prior to her current role, she was on the executive management team at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change and helped launch its successor, the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES). Ms. Peace is an advisor to the World Bank's High-Level Commission on Carbon Pricing Competitiveness and American University's Center for Environmental Policy.

Richard Saines

Mr. Saines is a Partner at Pollination, a specialist climate change advisory and investment firm, and is globally recognized as a leading climate change lawyer. For two decades he has advised governments, multinational companies, financial institutions, funds and project sponsors on the economic transition to a low-carbon economy. Rick is a former Partner and head of Baker McKenzie's North American Climate Change Practice, and the former Chair of the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA). He serves on the Governing Council of IETA and the Board of Advisors to the USC Schwarzenegger Institute.

Cathy S. Woollums

Ms. Woollums is the Senior Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer for Berkshire Hathaway. She is responsible for developing, leading and integrating the sustainability strategy throughout the company.



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Ms. Woollums has served on the Iowa State Bar Association’s Environmental and Natural Resources Section Council and the Iowa Climate Change Advisory Council and acts as chair of the Berkshire Hathaway Sustainability Leadership Council. Prior to joining Berkshire Hathaway Energy, she was a litigation attorney in private practice and served as a judicial clerk for the Seventh Judicial District of Iowa.

“Our Board and Council of Jurisdictions are composed of trailblazers from a range of sectors who represent the members and communities we serve. As long-time partners of TCR and with decades of experience and expertise, they are perfectly positioned to help us advance climate ambition and action on the road to net zero.”

- Amy Holm, Executive Director, The Climate Registry

“The Climate Registry is an established expert on measuring climate footprints and guiding organizations from all sectors in their zero-carbon goals. With this new governance structure, we retain the strength of our state and provincial support, while adding traditional non-profit board governance. The world needs more climate ambition than ever before. I am very pleased to lead the board and help guide that effort.”

- Diane Wittenberg, Chair, TCR Board of Directors

“We are honored to be part of TCR’s Council of Jurisdictions. Through the Council, we are able to collaborate with our bipartisan peers throughout North America and develop solutions that will help Maryland meet its ambitious climate mitigation and resiliency goals.”

- Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Department of the Environment, Maryland

“Wisconsin is committed to achieving the carbon reduction goals of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and transitioning to carbon-free electricity by 2050. Through the Council of Jurisdictions, we are able to share our work and learn best practices from other states and provinces that are equally committed to carbon reduction.”

- Maria Redmond, Director, Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy, Wisconsin

For more information on TCR’s Board of Directors and Council of Jurisdictions, visit TCR’s website:
<https://www.theclimateregistry.org/who-we-are-board-of-directors-jurisdictions/>

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About TCR

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization that empowers North American [organizations](#) to act on climate change by providing services and tools that help them reduce their emissions. TCR also drives climate action and ambition on the road to net zero by recognizing and showcasing sub-national leadership, and building strategic partnerships with and between [national and international entities](#). Learn more: www.theclimateregistry.org