

ATTACHMENT 1

BIOGRAPHIES OF COMMUNITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE PANELISTS

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)

Wade Crowfoot was appointed California's Natural Resources Secretary by Governor Gavin Newsom in January 2019. Secretary Crowfoot oversees an agency of 19,000 employees who protect and manage California's natural resources. This includes the State's forests and natural lands, rivers and waterways, coast and ocean, fish and wildlife, and energy development. As a member of the Governor's cabinet, he advises the Governor on natural resources and environmental issues.

Prior to leading the CNRA, Crowfoot served as chief executive officer of the Water Foundation, a nonprofit philanthropy that builds shared water solutions across the American west. Before that Crowfoot served in Governor Jerry Brown's Administration as deputy cabinet secretary and senior advisor to the Governor. He also previously served as west coast regional director for the Environmental Defense Fund and a senior environmental advisor to then-San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Secretary Crowfoot received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996 and earned a master's degree in public policy from the London School of Economics in 2004, graduating with honors.

Louise Bedsworth, Ph.D., Strategic Growth Council

Louise Bedsworth is the Executive Director of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), a state agency that brings together multiple agencies and departments to support sustainable communities emphasizing strong economies, social equity and environmental stewardship. Prior to joining SGC, Bedsworth was the Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) in Governor Jerry Brown's office. At OPR she led work on a number of collaborative research initiatives and climate change adaptation and resilience, including development of the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program and implementation of the State's \$70 million grant awarded under the National Disaster Resilience Competition. Before joining OPR in 2011, Louise was a research fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, where her work focused on climate change adaptation, local government action on climate change, and transportation. She has also held positions at the Union of Concerned Scientists, Redefining Progress, and the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis.

Louise received a bachelor's of science in Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's of science in Environmental Engineering and a doctorate in Energy and Resources, both from the University of California, Berkeley.

Sherry Hazelhurst, USDA Forest Service

Sherry Hazelhurst currently serves the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region as Director of State and Private Forestry. Her team works on “connecting people to conserve forests” in partnership across all lands to sustain and restore healthy, productive and resilient rural and urban forests in California, Hawai‘i and U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands. Significant Regional efforts include developing shared stewardship projects to accelerate forest/economic restoration and recovery, managing forests in the face of climate change, and delivering grants and technical assistance equitably to states, tribes and other organizations. Hazelhurst has worked with various partners domestically and internationally on forest, watershed and ecological restoration for over 28 years. She is a proud graduate of South Tahoe High and Lake Tahoe Community College. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Natural Resource Management from the University of Nevada, Reno and Northern Arizona University, respectively, and a master’s in Business Administration from University of Utah.

Nuin-Tara Key, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research

Nuin-Tara Key is the Deputy Director for Climate Resilience at OPR and Chair of the Technical Advisory Council for the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program. Prior to joining OPR, Nuin-Tara co-founded an international initiative on community-based climate action, and worked in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors on sustainable urban and regional planning and policy, with a focus on social equity and climate change. She has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from Portland State University and a bachelor’s degree from Lewis and Clark College.

Henry Stern, California State Senator, 27th District (invited)

Senator Henry Stern is a sixth-generation Californian and native of the greater Los Angeles area who has represented the nearly one million residents of the 27th Senate District since first being elected in November 2016.

Senator Stern has chaired the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee since 2018, where he has worked tirelessly to bolster the State’s wildfire preparedness, pushed to have the State address the climate change emergency, improved our democracy and fought to help some of California’s most vulnerable members. He was also recently appointed as Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management. In addition, Senator Stern sits on the Senate’s Budget; Environmental Quality; Judiciary; and Energy, Utilities and Communications committees; as well as the Budget Subcommittee on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy.

A former educator and environmental attorney, Senator Stern received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and earned his law degree at University of California, Berkeley. Born in 1982, Senator Stern lives in Los Angeles County with his wife, Alexandra Stern, whom he married in 2019.