



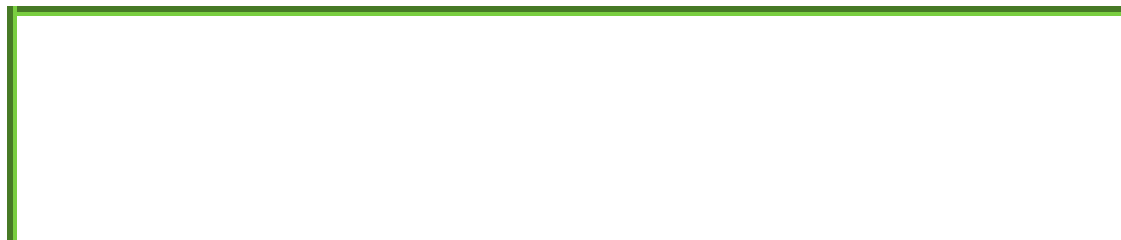
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Get a glimpse into what CPC membership is like by attending a meeting. There is no commitment, just show up and listen in!

**Next Calaveras Planning Coalition Meeting
July 5, 2021 3 P.M. - 5 P.M.**

New Members Welcome at CPC Meetings

Organizations, groups, and individuals (known as associate members) may join the Calaveras Planning Coalition (CPC). Prospective members may attend two consecutive meetings before making a final decision on membership in the Coalition. The membership form is a pledge to support and advocate for the Coalition's eleven Land Use and Development Principles, which you will find on our website:

www.calaverascap.com.

There is no membership fee. However, members are encouraged to donate to the Community Action Project/Calaveras Planning Coalition. Visitors and prospective members will, by necessity, be excluded from attorney/client privileged discussions.

If you are interested in membership, please email CPC Facilitator Tom Infusino, tomi@volcano.net, to receive a membership form, agenda, and the Zoom meeting connection.

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our county, all CAP and CPC meetings will be held online via Zoom until restrictions are lifted by the Public Health Department.

BOS Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Redistricting Presentation @ 10 AM

[Agenda](#)

Planning Commission Meeting June 24, 2021

[Agenda Upcoming](#)

Local News

New water meters in the works for CCWD

customers

By Jan Hovey / The Valley Springs News / June 4, 2021

Approximately 13,200 new water meters will be installed by the Calaveras County Water District within a year.

These advanced meters will improve CCWD's meter reading system, as well as send usage data to CCWD through a wireless network, known as Advanced Metering Infrastructure. Meters will be installed in groups by service area and strategically planned around the seasons.

Currently the district utilizes dated manual-read meters. Staff reads the meters every two months. The new system will be able to send data in real time, as needed (usually once per day.) A new software system will keep track of usage and averages for each customer. All data is collected securely and does not contain a customer's personal information.

"At this time only 12 meters have been installed which are part of our pilot project," said Jessica Self, CCWD external affairs manager. "The pilot project is allowing us to conduct preliminary quality control prior to full project implementation."

When will these meters be installed?

"We are working closely with Mueller Systems on a project schedule," added Self. "We are anticipating the project will be completed by Spring 2022. We plan to begin installing meters in July 2021 and will start with the Ebbetts Pass Service Area."

Customers will be notified seven to 10 days before and immediately after the meter is installed via a door tag. There is no need to sign up to receive the meter.

"Customers should expect their water to be shut off for approximately 20 to 30 minutes during meter installation," Self said. "On the day of installation, a field technician will knock on customers' doors to inform them of the installation and the temporary interruption of water. After the installation is complete, we recommend that customers briefly run water throughout their household to flush air out of the line."

CCWD is working on radio and telemetry installation now through September.

"Sites have been identified and the work will begin in July," Self said. "CCWD is working with Calaveras County to place all antennae and data collectors within County Rights of Way and Public Utility Easements."

"We are looking forward to providing an enhanced customer experience once our digital meters are installed," she added. "Specifically, customers will be able to access their water usage data in real time by logging in to their own water usage portal. Customers can set up leak and usage alerts. If our meters record continuous water flow, customers and district staff will receive an alert. This can save money and prevent property damage that often results when leaks run undetected."

The district was formed in 1946 under the laws of the state as a county water district for the purpose of providing water and sewer service to the residents of the Calaveras County. The district is also engaged in

the development of hydroelectric power for financial support and development of water supplies. CCWD has operated continuously since 1947.

The district is a political subdivision of the state of California and is not part of , or under the control of, Calaveras County. The district includes all of Calaveras County in the Central Sierra Nevada foothills in the northeastern portion of the state. CCWD boundaries encompass approximately 1,037 square miles of land ranging from the San Joaquin Valley at its western edge to the Sierra Nevada mountains in the east.

CCWD provides water service to about 13,080 municipal, residential and commercial customers in six service areas throughout the county and sewer service to about 4,848 customers in 12 service areas.

Typically, the district's board meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 1 p.m. and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. The board room is located at district headquarters at 120 Toma Court in San Andreas.

For more information about Calaveras County Water District, visit online at www.ccwd.org or call (209) 754-3543.

Opinion: Congressman wrong when it comes to reparation commission

By Muriel Zeller / as published in the Calaveras Enterprise / June 10, 2021

After reading the guest opinion piece, "Racist left seeks to set Americans against one another," by Congressman Tom McClintock in the May 27 Enterprise, I have to admit I was confused. If I understood McClintock correctly, the left is trying to use racism to divide the country by creating the "The Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act," which would study reparations for the malignant multigenerational damage done by slavery, undoubtedly the cruelest and most abject form of racism.

So studying a way to make amends for the racist institution of slavery is racist and will divide the country along racial lines, because, as McClintock argues, people who never owned slaves shouldn't have to make reparation to people who never were slaves, because reparation will be made to people "based not on anything that they did but solely because of what race they were born." Well, yeah, that is kind of the point, because their ancestors were enslaved "based not on anything that they did but solely because of what race they were born."

McClintock argues that reparation for the enslavement of the ancestors of U. S. citizens by other U. S. citizens is a despicable notion because it will force an examination of our history that could "tear our society apart," which he seems to think is the point. As he wrote, "That is what this movement is all about. It is evil in its effect if not in its intent."

OK, so he's willing to admit that it may not be the intent of a commission on reparation to tear our society

apart, but that will be the ultimate effect. He doesn't have much faith in the American people, the majority of which recognize that slavery remains a problem. According to a 2019 Pew Research Center report, 58% of U.S. adults "say the legacy of slavery continues to have an impact on the position of Black people in American society today." Sounds like a situation worth addressing.

McClintock writes that our founders "reviled" slavery and "placed principles in our founding documents that they were confident would ultimately place that wicked institution upon the course of ultimate extinction ..." Perhaps. Overlooking the fact that many of the founders owned slaves, I guess McClintock is saying slavery was too controversial for them to tackle, but they did us a favor by laying the foundation for the Civil War.

McClintock references Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr. He paraphrases King, writing "the gold standard of racial harmony" is "that we should be judged by the content of our character and not the color of our skin." McClintock seems to forget that both Lincoln and King were assassinated for their progressive views on race. How's that for harmony?

As a 2019 article by Erin Blakemore, "The Thorny History of Reparations in the United States" points out, reparation for past injustices in the U.S. is not a new idea. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 established a land trust for Native Hawaiians. In 1946, Congress created the Indian Claims Commission, a body designed to hear historic grievances and compensate tribes for lost territories. In 1973, The Tuskegee Health Benefit Program was the beginning of an attempt to compensate for the Tuskegee experiments in which 600 Black men were left untreated for syphilis. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 apologized for Japanese-American internment and granted \$20,000 to every survivor.

In Florida, lawmakers passed a bill that paid \$2.1 million in reparations to survivors of the 1923 Rosewood Massacre during which a primarily Black town was destroyed by racist mobs. Chicago created a \$5.5 million reparations fund for survivors of police brutality aimed at Black men during the 1970s and 1980s.

More recently, the Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans was signed into law in September 2020 by California Gov. Gavin Newsom. This past March, Evanston, Ill., became the first city in the U.S. to approve a reparations program for its Black residents who were harmed by racist housing policies adopted by the city in the early 20th century.

Look, McClintock says, slavery is old news. White people shouldn't have to feel guilty because our ancestors owned slaves or supported Jim Crow laws. There's no systemic racism. Let's move on. No, let's own our history, all of it, and then move on.

Earlier this month, it was reported that the appraised value of a Black woman's home in Indianapolis doubled after she had a white friend pose as the owner. According to the U.S. Health and Human Services, African Americans have 2.3 times the infant mortality rate as whites. The news is full of people getting harassed by police for driving-while-Black. According to the Pew Research Center, "The Black imprisonment rate (1,501 per 100,000) at the end of 2018 was nearly twice the rate among Hispanics (797 per 100,000) and more than five times the rate among whites (268 per 100,000)." In what world does Congressman McClintock live?

The descendants of Black families killed or forced off their land during the 1921 Tulsa race massacre were denied the ability to build upon the wealth and prosperity of their ancestors. While proclaiming a national day of remembrance last week for the massacre, President Biden said, "The Federal Government must reckon with and acknowledge the role that it has played in stripping wealth and opportunity from Black communities."

The U.S. apologized for slavery and segregation in 2009. The apology quotes President George W. Bush acknowledging that slavery "was ... one of the greatest crimes of history ... The racial bigotry fed by slavery did not end with slavery or with segregation. And many of the issues that still trouble America have roots in the bitter experience of other times. But however long the journey, our destiny is set: liberty and justice for all." Amen.

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17 million salmon will be released into S.F. bay in bid to save species

CBS News / June 9, 2021

For the second straight year, dry conditions are stoking fears of another devastating wildfire season. The lack of rain and snow is also threatening the survival of the salmon.

Captain Sarah Bates has been reeling in salmon off the California coast for nearly a decade. It's something that she looks forward to doing each time she is out on the waters.

"Catching fish never gets old, no matter how many times you've done it. Even when you're catching a hundred fish a day or more, catching the next fish is still fun everytime," Bates said.

Commercial and recreational salmon fishing generates more than \$900 million annually for California. But with much of the state in a punishing drought, the fishing industry is feeling the stress.

"Nobody can survive an entire season that looks the way this one is looking. I mean, we are looking at an over 50% reduction of our traditional commercial fishing season," Bates said.

Because the state experienced one of the driest years on record, waterways that would normally carry young salmon out to sea are now hotbeds of dirt and dust. California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency from a cracked lake bed in April.

Iconic Chinook salmon need cold running water to survive. They hatch in rivers, then migrate to the sea to mature. After a couple of years, they swim back to where life began to reproduce, or spawn. But this year, studies show fish born in the wild will likely die.

"Survival has been shown to be very dependent on temperature as well as flow. And the temperatures that we're seeing now are anticipated to have pretty low survival for fish that are released in the river,"

environmental scientist Jason Julienne told CBS News' Jonathan Vigliotti.

That's why hatcheries are jumping with activity. To save the species, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has launched a massive operation which includes 700,000 juvenile salmon being sucked up by a tube and put into one of seven tankers. The fish are hitching a ride inside 146 trucks, traveling more than 100 miles to the Pacific. In all, more than 17 million salmon will be released into the San Francisco Bay. Nothing about this is natural, but it's their best chance for survival.

John McManus heads up an association of fishermen who advocate for salmon and ecosystem protections. He said the efforts being made to move the salmon bring a glimmer of hope.

"Well, actually, in the short term, this gives us hope. And we're happy that they're moving these fish. But it's also a very sad testament to what's happening with our rivers in the middle of this state," McManus said.

What's happening to California's rivers first became a concern nearly a century ago, when dams were built to distribute water to crops in the Central Valley. Damming is believed to have destroyed as much as 95% of wild salmon habitat. Hatcheries have helped make up for some of the loss, but this year's drought means they now have to make up for all of it. To prevent the tiny fish from becoming a buffet for seabirds, release sites are rotated.

It's estimated about 80% of the young salmon taken for a ride will grow to maturity. Bates said she is appreciative of the work being done to protect the fish and preserve a way of life.

"Every fish feels like a little tiny victory," she said. "In reality, they're just one part of a much larger ecosystem. That ecosystem depends on water flows in the California rivers."

Remembering remarkable activist and friend of the forest, Susan Robinson

Our community and our forests lost longtime activist and Arnold resident Susan Robinson this May.

Susan gave an "articulate voice to the silent trees we cherish," and provided leadership that was the "bedrock" of Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch. She consistently raised her voice in forums that were hostile, in the face of adverse circumstances and

great power, to advocate for the forests. Her passion for protecting forests and watersheds inspired her to teach people of all ages about their importance.

As one of her friend's shared, "She was one of the best friends our forests ever had."

Another shared that Susan was "welcoming to 'newbies' and patient, realizing that people need to be 'brought along' in order to deal with such complicated issues and agencies. One had no choice but to respect and admire such a determined and brilliant woman."

The void left in Susan's absence will not be easy to fill. It will be difficult for anyone to match the passion and dedication with which Susan advocated for our forests.

[You can send your condolences or plant a tree in her honor here.](#)



*Do you live in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Stanislaus or Tuolumne County?
Your water agency wants to hear from you!*

Take the Water Survey Now!

This survey is being conducted by regional water management agencies to support a study of community water and wastewater needs in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties. The information will help these agencies advocate for and seek grant and other funding to meet these community needs.

How many more candles, slippers, potted plants, or power drills do you need?



When your next birthday rolls around, ask your friends and family to make a donation in your name to the Community Action Project/Calaveras Planning Coalition instead of giving you a

toaster or a set of socket wrenches. Celebrate your birthday and a great cause at the same time. It's easy. Here are some tips.

1. Tell people about CAP/CPC and why our mission is important to you. Tell your story. That's what they want to hear.
2. Spread the word with Facebook, Twitter, or whatever platform you prefer. Reach out with personal emails, notes, texts, or let your birthday wishes be known in person.
3. Make your birthday the deadline for gift giving.
4. Ask everyone to be generous, but let them know that no gift is too small and all gifts will be greatly appreciated. You may also ask for a specific amount, \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever is appropriate. You know your audience.
5. Please direct your birthday well-wishers to www.calaverascap.com. Ask them to click on "donate" or mail their birthday donation to CAP/CPC, PO Box 935, San Andreas, CA 95249.
6. Ask your birthday buddies to let CAP/CPC know they are donating in your honor.
7. Another option is to just ask guests to bring your gift to the big birthday bash you can't wait to have now that you've been vaccinated against Covid-19.

CAP/CPC will feature the most compelling stories in the ReCAP and on our website. And many happy returns of the day!

Did you know...
June is
National Rivers Month?



Need a good reason to celebrate? Here are just a few to choose from, courtesy of [American Rivers](#)...

*In the United States, one out of every three people gets their **drinking water** from a river or stream (though they might not know it!)*

*Rivers are good for our **economy**: people spend about \$97 billion each year on river-related recreation and tourism.*

***Fish and wildlife** depend on rivers, especially during breeding and migration.*

The United States is home to about 2.9 million miles of river to enjoy and protect.

Discover your rivers. Find [places to boat and fish](#).

[Protect water quality where you live.](#) Simple actions at home—picking up after your pet, installing a rain barrel, and using fertilizers sparingly—can reduce water pollution in

local rivers and streams.

Save water at home. If the entire world's water fit into a one-gallon jug, fresh water available for our use would equal about one tablespoon! Help maintain the flow in local rivers and streams by reducing your water use at home.

Lend a hand. Participate in a river cleanup, monitor water quality in a nearby river or stream, or join a local citizen science project.

The Foothill Conservancy, a Calaveras Planning Coalition organizational member, needs volunteers for their next cleanup in Pine Grove. Please help on Sunday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Pine Grove Upcountry Community Center at 19386 CA-88, Pine Grove, CA 95665. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. Masks and physical distancing will be enforced.

For more information: <https://foothillconservancy.org/event/join-us-for-the-cleanup-in-pine-grove/>.

From the Barbed Wire

A publication by the RCRC

Environmental Protection Agency to Revise State Water Rule

Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it would revise a rule implemented by the Trump Administration that rolled back a state's power to limit or reject projects that may pollute its lakes, rivers, and other navigable waters. Specifically, the previous administration's guidance would limit the role of states in implementing water quality standards under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, arguing that too many states had been using clean water laws to prevent projects from going forward. In July 2020, California and 20 other states filed a lawsuit challenging the rule. Under last week's reversal from the Biden Administrations' EPA, the agency said that it intended to "strengthen the authority of states and Tribes to protect their vital water resources" while also "retaining elements that support efficient and effective implementation of Section 401." Any changes that the EPA makes to the rule will have to go through a public comment period before being finalized.

State Air Board Launches Smoke Spotter App

Last week, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) launched the Smoke Spotter app, a new, first-of-its-kind application to help California residents know when a prescribed fire is happening in their area so that they can prepare for the associated smoke impacts. The app provides information to help educate the public on prescribed fire, its positive impacts on forest resilience and how to prepare for the related smoke, including:

- Location, size, and burn status;
- 24-hour statewide smoke forecasts;
- Personalized alerts that notify users when a prescribed fire will be burning nearby (notifications can be set for multiple locations);
- Current Air Quality Index (AQI) data to help users make health-based decisions; and,
- Additional information on prescribed fire, its benefits, and how users can protect themselves from smoke.

The app is part of the state's overall strategy to improve the health and resilience of California's forests and wildlands, and will be integrated with the work of the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to encourage increased use of prescribed fire to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. The app is available for download in the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. For more information, [see CARB's announcement here](#).

Public Lands Act

Last week, 19 House Members including Representatives Salud Carbajal (D-Carbajal), John Garamendi (D-Walnut Grove), and Jimmy Panetta (D-Carmel), [sent a letter](#) to Senate leadership calling on them to pass the Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act ([HR 803](#)). The bill, which already passed the House in February, would protect public lands in California while also establishing restoration lands to protect Northern California communities from wildfire, among other innovative efforts.

Bill of the Week: SB 37 (Cortese) – Restrictions on Use of CEQA's "Common Sense" Categorical Exemption

This week, RCRC expressed opposition to Senate Bill 37, authored by Senator Dave Cortese (D-Santa Clara), which will add significant costs and procedural delays for many types of minor projects that will have no significant impact on the environment.

Specifically, SB 37 prohibits use of the California Environmental Quality Act's (CEQA) "common sense" exemption for projects on sites listed on the state's Cortese List. The Cortese List is a compendium of over

40,000 contaminated sites across the state.

While the author has indicated his goal is to prevent local governments from using the “common sense exemption” for projects that may expose workers and future tenants to hazardous wastes, the bill is far broader in scope.

Hundreds of state and local government properties throughout the state are impacted, many of which include corporation yards, equipment repair facilities, municipal airports (often in rural areas), fire stations, municipal administration buildings, courthouses, correctional facilities, highway patrol stations, state parks, closed landfills, etc. Most of these sites are listed because they previously had a leaking underground storage tank that has since been remediated.

By prohibiting use of the “common sense exemption,” SB 37 will require state and local agencies to perform an initial assessment and issue a negative declaration before commencing a wide variety of projects that will have no significant impact on the environment. These projects could include roof replacement, paving maintenance and repair, installation of security equipment and fencing, installation of solar or energy storage projects, maintenance or replacement of existing structures, interior alterations, etc.

Private projects will also be impacted by SB 37, since it would preclude local government use of the “common sense exemption” for extensions of previously approved use permits or site approvals, continuation of existing leases, and minor zoning changes for Cortese List properties.

SB 37 is expected to be referred to the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials and Natural Resources Committees. RCRC will work with Senator Cortese and the Assembly to substantially narrow SB 37 to ensure that it does not create the unintended consequences that will result from the current version of the bill. RCRC’s letter of opposition may be [viewed here](#). For additional information, contact John Kennedy [by email](#) or call 916-447-4806.

Regional News

Keystone XL pipeline nixed after Biden stands firm on permit

MATTHEW BROWN / June 9, 2021 / AP

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The sponsor of the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline pulled the plug on the contentious project Wednesday after Canadian officials failed to persuade President Joe Biden to reverse his cancellation of its permit on the day he took office.

Calgary-based TC Energy said it would work with government agencies “to ensure a safe termination of and exit” from the partially built line, which was to transport crude from the oil sand fields of western Canada to Steele City, Nebraska.

Construction on the 1,200-mile (1,930-kilometer) pipeline began last year when former President Donald Trump revived the long-delayed project after it had stalled under the Obama administration. It would have moved up to 830,000 barrels (35 million gallons) of crude daily, connecting in Nebraska to other pipelines that feed oil refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Biden canceled the pipeline's border crossing permit in January over longstanding concerns that burning oil sands crude could make climate change worse and harder to reverse.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had objected to the move ,raising tensions between the U.S. and Canada. Officials in Alberta, where the line originated, expressed frustration in recent weeks that Trudeau wasn't pushing Biden harder to reinstate the pipeline's permit.

Alberta invested more than \$1 billion in the project last year, kick-starting construction that had stalled amid determined opposition to the line from environmentalists and Native American tribes along its route.

Alberta officials said Wednesday they reached an agreement with TC Energy, formerly known as TransCanada, to exit that partnership. The company and province plan to try to recoup the government's investment, although neither offered any immediate details on how that would happen.

"We remain disappointed and frustrated with the circumstances surrounding the Keystone XL project, including the cancellation of the presidential permit for the pipeline's border crossing," Alberta Premier Jason Kenney said in a statement.

The province had hoped the pipeline would spur increased development in the oil sands and bring tens of billions of dollars in royalties over decades.

Climate change activists viewed the expansion of oil sands development as an environmental disaster that could speed up global warming as the fuel is burned. That turned Keystone into a flashpoint in the climate debate, and it became the focus of rallies and protests in Washington, D.C., and other cities.

Environmentalists who had fought the project since it was first announced in 2008 said its cancellation marks a "landmark moment" in the effort to curb the use of fossil fuels.

"Good riddance to Keystone XL," said Jared Margolis with the Center for Biological Diversity, one of many environmental groups that sued to stop it.

On Montana's Fort Belknap Reservation, tribal president Andy Werk Jr. described the end of Keystone as a relief to Native Americans who stood against it out of concerns a line break could foul the Missouri River or other waterways.

Attorneys general from 21 states had sued to overturn Biden's cancellation of the pipeline, which would have created thousands of construction jobs. Republicans in Congress have made the cancellation a frequent talking point in their criticism of the administration, and even some moderate Senate Democrats including Montana's Jon Tester and West Virginia's Joe Manchin had urged Biden to reconsider.

Tester said in a statement Wednesday that he was disappointed in the project's demise, but made no mention of Biden.

Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, the top Republican on the Senate energy committee, was more direct: "President Biden killed the Keystone XL Pipeline and with it, thousands of good-paying American jobs."

A White House spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment on TC Energy's announcement. In his Jan. 20 cancellation order, Biden said allowing the line to proceed "would not be consistent with my administration's economic and climate imperatives."

TC Energy said in canceling the pipeline that the company is focused on meeting "evolving energy demands" as the world transitions to different power sources. It said it has \$7 billion in other projects under development.

Keystone XL's price tag had ballooned as the project languished, increasing from \$5.4 billion to \$9 billion. Meanwhile, oil prices fell significantly — from more than \$100 a barrel in 2008 to under \$70 in recent months — slowing development of Canada's oil sands and threatening to eat into any profits from moving the fuel to refineries.

A second TC Energy pipeline network, known simply as Keystone, has been delivering crude from Canada's oil sands region since 2010. The company says on its website that Keystone has moved more than 3 billion barrels of crude from Alberta and an oil loading site in Cushing, Oklahoma.

CEOs and investors push world leaders for stronger climate action

Simon Jessop / June 9, 2021 / Reuters

LONDON (Reuters) - A group of 79 company bosses and investors managing \$41 trillion issued separate calls on Thursday for world leaders to accelerate action on climate change by enacting more ambitious policies in areas including carbon pricing.

In an open letter to all governments as leaders of the G7 group of industrialised nations meet in Britain, and ahead of a global climate summit in November, the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders called for "bold action" now to meet future emissions targets.

To force corporate action, governments needed to change the rules of the game, they said, including by developing a market-based carbon pricing mechanism.

Countries should also force all businesses to establish "credible" decarbonisation targets, plus disclose emissions across all parts of their business, said the CEOs who include Swiss Re's Christian Mumenthaler, Boston Consulting Group's Rich Lesser and Royal DSM's Feike Sijbesma.

The bosses also backed an elimination of fossil fuel subsidies, cuts on tariffs for climate-friendly goods, a boost in research and development funding for green technologies.

A separate statement backed by 457 investors warned governments that those countries to take the lead would become "increasingly attractive" investment destinations, while laggards would find themselves at a competitive disadvantage.

Key to that was for countries to commit to tougher emissions reduction cuts by 2030 and implement the domestic policies necessary to become net zero by 2050, added the investors, who include the likes of New York State, Fidelity International and Legal & General Investment Management.

"Strong policies, in line with limiting global warming to no more than 1.5-degrees Celsius, can accelerate and scale up private capital flows towards the net-zero transition," said the 2021 Global Investor Statement to Governments on the Climate Crisis.

Founded in 2014 and hosted by the World Economic Forum, the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders aims to help drive the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Ahead of the COP26 climate summit on Glasgow, governments need to publish plans to halve emissions by 2030, commit to net-zero emissions by 2050 and put in place "robust" policy roadmaps and interim targets, the CEOs said.

Developed countries also needed to exceed their \$100 billion commitment to help developing countries mitigate and adapt to climate change, and ensure development finance bodies commit to science-based targets across their lending portfolios.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Funding Opportunities Newsletter for June/July



This is an electronic newsletter published every two months containing information on upcoming grant and funding opportunities for the Sierra Nevada region. The newsletter includes federal, state, and private foundation funders as well as additional resources and information related to grant funding. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy provides the Funding Opportunities Newsletter as a free resource under its Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program.



Eden's Drought

by Julia Baker

I had forgotten the music of water touching earth.
My tears have been the only rain.
Drought is slow death, shroud of smoky sin
keening between the mountains.
“In the red,” they say:
“Air unfit to breathe”
Bodies are made for the taking in,
Valley lungs are dust.
Kin of Adama, we too are
created from dust and water—
Spirit breathed life.
Alive here in this dry ache, my mother prays
collecting dishwater, anointing
lemon tree, grapevine, and fig leaf.
At winter's first rain, January late.
Rain pearls grass,

a moon rolls off each blade.
Tomorrow our grief will breathe clear sky.

Poetry from a Time of Drought – Watershed Discipleship



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