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**Latest Commentary and LTE's:**

12/26: [Climate: Biden Team Has Much Damage to Undo](#), by Chuck Jensen in the TNT. Reprint, p. 2.

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**CCL News and Events**

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) still has **82** cosponsors. But there is hope. Incoming cabinet members Janet Yellen- Treasury Secretary, John Kerry- Climate Envoy, both support a price on carbon.
- **Covid – 19 Relief bill contains CCL-supported climate action:** *Tucked inside the massive relief and spending legislation approved in the House and Senate are provisions from a number of climate-related bills, including three measures that CCL has supported as “supporting asks” in lobby meetings over the last two years. Thanks in part to support that CCL generated for the BEST Act, USE IT Act and Climate-Ready Fisheries Act, we’ll start to see greater progress on energy storage, carbon capture and climate adaptation in the nation’s fisheries. “Inclusion of these bills shows that CCL’s lobbying has an impact,” said CCL Director of Government Affairs Ben Pendergrass. “It shows that bipartisanship does work and is necessary to get things done.”*
- Missed the CCL December Conference? Here’s a short recap of [United We Move](#).

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**Local Climate Events**

**This month: Climate Alliance for Jobs & Clean Energy** – call your legislator to support the Resilient Future Platform if you are interested in statewide climate action. Get more information [here](#).

**This month: Climate Pierce County** is organizing teams to meet with Pierce County Regional Council Representatives and advocate for a Climate Action Resolution for Pierce County. Contact [Elly Claus-McGahan](#) if you want to join a team for your town.

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**Member Activities**

**Membership:** 567

**Media:** [John Doherty's Climate Talk](#) and [Climate Minutes](#) are now on two radio stations. Check it out on the [Climate Talk](#) page on our website.

**CCL Tacoma Facebook page:** Stay informed and up to date on a variety of events and topics.

CCL Tacoma next meeting: Wed. Jan. 27, 6:30 – 8:30. Zoom Invitation in the emailed agenda. This is our 2021 launch. Come help set the course!

**Looking Back: 2020 Accomplishments in spite of Covid**

- ✓ Monthly meetings
- ✓ Monthly newsletters
- ✓ Letters to the Editor & Op-Eds
- ✓ Lobbying efforts
  - Senators Cantwell, Murray
  - Congressmembers Kilmer, Heck
- ✓ Ocean Fest virtual tabling/video – September
- ✓ Radio programs--Climate Talk & Climate Minutes
- ✓ Coalition building – New group formed: Climate Pierce County
- ✓ En-ROADS presentations & outreach
- ✓ Book Club started, now monthly
- ✓ Children’s virtual climate programs
- ✓ Pierce County Council Candidate forums
- ✓ Tacoma Solidarity event – December
- ✓ Website development
- ✓ Facebook page maintained all year
- ✓ New member training program

**Looking Forward: Ideas generated at the December meeting**

**Membership**

- Drawing new members in & getting current members to be more active:
  - Volunteers to make personal calls to new &/or current members
  - Encourage sign-up for monthly calling campaign to Congress
- Promote monthly calling campaign to Congress in John's radio talks and on the website
- Organize happy hours for the group outside of monthly meetings

**Outreach**

- Youth outreach, (middle & high school) or other youth groups. (Erin Rasmussen with Sunrise is one of our contacts)
- Outreach to military: En-ROADS presentation at McChord
- Continue thinking/outreach efforts to labor groups

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**Looking Forward Continued:**

- Earth Day Art contest for selected middle schools – continue promoting

**Lobbying**

- Focus on new Rep. Strickland (former Mayor of Tacoma, replaces Denny Heck)
- Keep up on state legislation & have input when important
- Pierce County Council & Tacoma City Council: continue following & lobbying

**Presentations/Tabling**

- En-ROADS Climate Solutions Simulator presentations - more use in the community & with business groups to build political will
- Tabling mini-practice or training to help tablers know what current bills, etc. are

**Other ideas/Topics**

- Green buildings
- Endorsements: work on businesses & local politicians
- Economic arguments, such as divestment & ending fossil fuel subsidies. Do these relate to us? Can we support others in doing this type of work?
- Agriculture/Regenerative Agric./Forestry - keep up on this & maybe do outreach to rural areas & groups

**Your Input**

- What would you like to work on that's not on the list?

Tacoma News Tribune LTE Reprint from December 26, 2020.

Climate: Biden Team has much damage to undo

By Chuck Jensen

Re: "Biden Pledges to Support Paris Climate Accord," (TNT, Dec. 13).

In the referenced recent Brussels meeting, according to a related story, the European leaders will welcome the US back into the Paris agreement: "the EU looks forward to working with the US ... to tackle climate change."

In spite of the 2015 climate goals, the United Nations reports that global emissions have increased an average of 1.4% per year from 2010 to 2019, with an upward spike in 2019 due to global wildfires.

The US trails China as a global polluter, followed by India. By re-entering the Paris Accord under the direction of Climate Envoy John Kerry, the US can hopefully step into a leadership role to combat global warming.

The 20 richest nations produce 80% of the world's greenhouse gases. Stated another way, the richest 1% of global population is responsible for more than twice the combined pollution of the poorest 50% of our earth's citizens.

After four years of climate change denial by our current national leadership, we look forward to a new and brighter day with the incoming Biden administration.