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Beto Bedolfe, *Marisla Foundation* (Co-Chair)



Herbert “Beto” Bedolfe is the executive director of the Marisla Foundation where he has focused on international biodiversity conservation, protection of the marine environment and environmental health since 1992. Prior to his current responsibilities, Mr. Bedolfe directed programs for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), primarily in West and Southern Africa. He has lived in the Cape Verde Islands and Mozambique and, with the World Bank and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he implemented short-term assignments in Guinea Bissau and Sao Tome-Principe. From 1977 – 80, he was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Paraguay. Beto served for six years as chair of the board of directors of Oceana, an international marine conservation organization, and he is also a member of the board of directors of the Surf Industry Manufacturers Association (SIMA) Environment Fund. Previously he served as a board member and the treasurer of the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity. Mr. Bedolfe earned his B.A. degree from Swarthmore College and his Master’s of Business Administration from California Lutheran University. He resides in Southern California and is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

Shamar Bibbins, *The Kresge Foundation*



Shamar Bibbins serves as a senior program officer for Environment at The Kresge Foundation, where her grantmaking supports policies and programs that help communities build resilience in the face of climate change. Shamar plays a lead role in managing the Environment Program’s Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative. That initiative supports community-based nonprofit organizations seeking to influence local and regional climate resilience planning, policy development and implementation while reflecting the priorities and needs of low-income people. She also contributes to the development and implementation of program strategies. Shamar joined Kresge in 2014, bringing a history of engagement in environmental efforts and a commitment to action on climate change. She previously served as the director of national



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partnerships at Green For All, a national nonprofit dedicated to building a green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. Shamar earned a bachelor's degree in science, technology and society from Vassar College and received a Fulbright Fellowship to Fukushima University where she conducted research on environmental social movements in Japan.

Meaghan Calcari Campbell, *The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation* (Board Liaison)



Meaghan's primary work focuses on bringing together diverse interests in British Columbia to resolve conflict and ensure a healthy ocean and sustainable communities. Previously, she was at Conservation International, where she evaluated community-based conservation and economic development projects in the Philippines and Indonesia. Meaghan also taught middle school environmental education in Missouri, Indiana and North Carolina, the latter through a fellowship with the National Science Foundation. She facilitated a marine conservation funder working group in the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity. Meaghan also served on the Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy's San Francisco Bay Area steering committee and as board secretary for the Canadian Environmental Grantmakers Network. She currently serves on the board of directors at the Environmental Grantmakers Association. Meaghan received her B.S. in environmental science and psychology from the University of Notre Dame, certificate of international population and reproductive health from the University of Michigan and Master of Environmental Management from Duke University. She also received her M.B.A. in community economic development from Cape Breton University.

José Carmona, *Energy Foundation*



José Carmona guides the foundation's strategies to build public will for clean energy and climate policies in California. Working in close partnership with grantees, allies, and Energy Foundation policy and communications experts, José develops and funds strategies that achieve ambitious policy goals in the power, buildings, transportation, and climate sectors. Prior to joining the foundation, José was the Chief of Staff for the Assembly Democratic Majority Leader V. Manuel Perez (2008–2014) and Advocacy Director for the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (2003–2008) where he tracked, analyzed, and advocated for clean energy and climate legislation on behalf of renewable energy affiliates and environmental nonprofit organizations.



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José has extensive legislative advocacy experience in the California State Senate and Assembly where he advocated for the passage of California's landmark climate change law, AB 32, the Renewable Portfolio Standard, and the California Solar Initiative, in addition to regulatory implementation work at the California Air Resources Board, California Energy Commission, California Independent System Operator, and the California Public Utilities Commission. He also served as the lead energy advocate for the AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee from 2006–2008. José holds a B.A. in Social and Political Science with an emphasis in Pre-Law from California State University, Chico.

Angie Chen, *The Libra Foundation* (Co-Chair)



Angie brings deep experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors to her work as The Libra Foundation's Senior Program Officer, with particular strengths in developing and managing cross-sector, multi-stakeholder collaborations for social impact. As founding Executive Director of the Blue Sky Funders Forum, Angie created and oversaw all aspects of a national funder collaborative focused on expanding equitable access to opportunities to learn, play, and grow outdoors. Prior to Blue Sky, Angie served as an advisor to the Pisces Foundation during its formation and as Program Officer at the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, where she supported capacity building efforts during its spend down. Angie has also designed and managed strategic initiatives at the Pacific Forest & Watershed Lands Stewardship Council and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. And she previously consulted and worked at nonprofit and government organizations that provide safety net services. Angie holds a degree in Environmental Science and Public Policy from Harvard University, and a Master's in Public Policy from UC Berkeley. She teaches with Northern California Grantmakers' New Grantmakers Institute, has served on the board of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, and was selected as an American Express NGen Fellow. Raised in the Bay Area, she and her partner live in San Francisco.

Sarah Christiansen, *Solidago Foundation*



Sarah Christiansen is the Program Director leading the Environmental portfolios at Solidago Foundation and its affiliated foundations focused on the nexus of climate, front-line impacted communities and politics. She is a Fulbright scholar with an M.S. in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology working across different continents in community organizing and policy driver committed to more socially just and environmentally sound solutions. As an elected school



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official in the western hills of Massachusetts, she is an advocate of public education, parent of two fabulous kids, 11 chickens, 1 dog and a cabinet of preserves replenished annually.

Patti D'Angelo Juachon, *Marin Community Foundation*



Patti D'Angelo Juachon is a program director at the Marin Community Foundation, where she leads the design and implementation of strategic initiatives serving low-income and communities of color in Marin County, California, in the interest areas of the environment and legal services. Current environment initiatives focus on improving the health, safety, and energy efficiency of local low-income housing; increasing community-based disaster preparedness; and advancing nature-based adaptation approaches along the Marin shoreline. Patti began her career in philanthropy at the Maine Community Foundation, where she oversaw grants for the arts and the environment. She has a B.A. in Human Ecology from College of the Atlantic, Maine.

Louis Gordon, *Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples*



Louis Gordon has been involved with the Seventh Generation Fund since 2011 and serves as Program Director. He is responsible for working directly with community groups to develop and submit proposals and facilitates trainings on building capacity through board development, fundraising and strategic planning. A student of Indigenous histories and social movements for the past decade, he is dedicated to working at the nexus of philanthropy and the modern native movement for the empowerment of Indigenous Peoples. He is also a musician and spoken word artist.

Trellis Stepter, *Mertz Gilmore Foundation*



Trellis Stepter serves as program officer for the Mertz Gilmore Foundation's Democratic Values and Climate Change Solutions programs. Trellis brings 15 years' experience working on racial, social, and economic justice policy in the public and philanthropic sectors. trellis served as the program officer for Money in Politics at the Piper Fund, a funder collaborative and initiative of the Proteus Fund. In 2011, he was selected to participate in a yearlong distinguished fellowship program at the Proteus Fund to engage diverse and entrepreneurial leaders to enter the field of philanthropy. Previously, Trellis worked in public service in both



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the executive and legislative branch. He served as Director of Government Affairs for the Secretary of Transportation in the administration of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick. He also served as chief of staff to the Assistant Majority Leader in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Originally from New Orleans, trellis is a graduate of the Juilliard School Drama Division.

Darryl Young, *Summit Foundation*



Darryl Young is the Director of Sustainable Cities at the Summit Foundation, which supports projects that advance ecologically, socially and economically sustainable community and city design. Previously, Darryl served as the Director of the California Department of Conservation, a \$1.2billion agency responsible for one of the nation's largest and most successful recycling programs. He has also been the President of the National Recycling coalition, Chief Consultant to the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the National Media Director for the Sierra Club. He currently serves on the boards of the Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities as well as The Story of Stuff Project.