Sierra Club California 2020 Virtual Summit
Speaker Bios

Panel I: What Just Happened and What Does it Mean for California?

Ariel Hayes
Ariel Hayes is the national political director for Sierra Club. In that role, she has been responsible for planning and directing the Club's national political action up and down the ballot. Previously, she has worked for members of Congress, a labor union (SEIU) and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Victoria Brandon
Victoria Brandon is the volunteer co-chair of the Sierra Club California political committee, chair of the national political committee, and chair of the Redwood Chapter, among other positions within Sierra Club. She was instrumental in driving support for creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument and currently serves as board president of Tuleyome, which is dedicated to helping people protect, explore and enjoy the natural landscape in the national monument’s region.

Doug Linney
Doug Linney is president of The Next Generation, a public relations firm focused on environmental protection, and campaign director of Flip the West, a campaign designed to mobilize the grassroots to elect a Democratic majority U.S. Senate and beat Trump in targeted Western states. Linney is also an elected official himself, having sat on the board of the East Bay Municipal Utility District since 2000.

Dan Schnur
Dan Schnur teaches courses in communications, politics and leadership at the University of California’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and also lectures in political science at U.C. Berkeley. He has worked on four presidential and three gubernatorial campaigns and served as the chief media spokesperson for Governor Pete Wilson. He later served as chair of the Fair Political Practices Commission and in 2014 ran as a non-partisan candidate for California Secretary of State.
**Keynote Address**

*Betty Yee*

Betty Yee is in her second term as California State Controller, a role that allows her to sit on various state boards and commissions that influence the state’s environmental policy. During her decades of public service she has worked in the legislature, the Department of Finance and as a member of the Board of Equalization. She has been instrumental in steering the State Lands Commission toward a more environmentally conscious approach in its work.

**Panel II: What are the Next Top Opportunities for Advancing Environmental Policy in California?**

*Daniel M. Kammen*

Daniel Kammen is a professor of Energy at U.C. Berkeley, where he teaches within three different programs, including the Goldman School of Public Policy. He is also Director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Lab. He served as the science envoy for Secretary of State John Kerry in 2016, but resigned in 2017 over disagreement with President Donald Trump’s policies. He has helped found over 10 companies, has authored or co-authored 12 books and more than 300 peer-reviewed journal articles.

*Felicia Marcus*

Felicia Marcus is a visiting fellow at Stanford University’s Water in the West Program and a water policy consultant and attorney. During her 35-year career, she has served in significant positions in the private, public and nonprofit sector. Most recently in the public sector, she served as a member and then chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, appointed by Governor Jerry Brown. She previously served as Western Director for the Natural Resources Defense Council. She was the regional administrator in the Pacific Southwest Region in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under President Jimmy Carter. Early in her career, she was counsel of Heal the Bay, where she helped force a landmark court decision requiring the City of Los Angeles to stop dumping sewage sludge into the Santa Monica Bay.

*Armando Quintero*

Armando Quintero is the recently appointed director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. An environmental scientist by training, Quintero has been the executive director of the Sierra Nevada Research Institute at U.C. Merced, and has also served on the California Water Commission. For 22 years, he served in various positions with the National Park Service, including at the John Muir National Historic Site, Sequoia National Park, Pt. Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
**Afternoon Speaker**

*Bob Bingaman*

Bob Bingaman has been on Sierra Club’s staff for more than 27 years and is the Club's national organizing director. In that role, he has helped build the Club’s organizing staff and capability into a force that can share credit for closing coal plants, establishing national monuments, resisting environmental rollbacks and creating a movement across interest areas with progressive allies.