

Climate and Health in California

Challenges and Next Steps for the Golden State

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Speaker Biographies

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Anna Maria Barry-Jester is currently a senior correspondent at Kaiser Health News, a non-profit health news service. She was previously a reporter at the data-driven news site *FiveThirtyEight*, and a producer at *Univision* and *ABC News*. For several years before that, Anna worked as a professional photojournalist and videographer, working from more than 15 countries for a variety of outlets. In 2017, she was part of a team of journalists at *FiveThirtyEight* awarded the prestigious communications award from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine for the project *Gun Deaths in America*, which included *Surviving Suicide in Wyoming*. Anna's work on the Flint Water Crisis was a finalist for the Online Journalism Award for Investigative Data Journalism. Anna's reporting has been supported by the USC Center for Health Journalism, the International Reporting Project, and the John Jay Criminal Justice and Health Journalism Fellowship. She has a BA in Latin American Studies from New York University and a Master of Public Health in epidemiology and global health from Columbia University.

Mollyann Brodie

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Mollyann Brodie is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Executive Director of KFF's Public Opinion and Survey Research Program. As COO, Dr. Brodie oversees KFF's budgeting, human resources, facilities management, and the executive operations of the President's Office and Board of Trustees. As ED of Public Opinion and Survey Research, she oversees KFF's polling work including the monthly Health Tracking Poll and ongoing survey partnerships with news media organizations. A distinguished public opinion scholar, Dr. Brodie's research efforts focus on understanding the U.S. public's views and knowledge on health care policy issues, and the role of opinion in health policy debates. Her research has been published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*; *New England Journal of Medicine*; *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*; and *Health Affairs*. She is co-editor of the book *American Public Opinion and Health Care* (CQ Press, 2011). Dr. Brodie is a Past President of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) and the 2018 recipient of the Roper Center's Warren J. Mitofsky Award for Excellence in Public Opinion Research. She received a M.S. in Health Policy and Management and a Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University.

Kate Gordon

*Director of the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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Kate Gordon is a nationally recognized expert on the intersection of climate change, energy, and economic development. Gordon was appointed Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Senior Advisor to the Governor on Climate by Governor Gavin Newsom on January 7, 2019. She has authored or co-authored numerous publications, including the Fourth National Climate Assessment's chapter on "Reducing Risks Through Adaptation Actions." Prior to being appointed OPR Director, Gordon was a Senior Advisor at the Henry M. Paulson Institute, where she oversaw the "Risky Business Project," focused on quantifying the economic impacts of climate change to the U.S. economy, and also provided strategic support to the Institute's U.S.- China CEO Council for Sustainable Urbanization. She was also a nonresident Fellow at the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University. Earlier in her career Gordon served as Vice President for Climate and Energy at the Center for the Next Generation, Vice President of Energy and Environment at the Washington D.C.-based Center for American Progress, and Co-Executive Director at the national Apollo Alliance (now the Blue Green Alliance). Gordon earned a J.D. and a master's in city and regional planning from the University of California-Berkeley, and an undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University.

Kevin D. Hamilton

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Kevin is focused on reducing the burden of chronic respiratory disease and environmental health impacts valley-wide. He has served as developer, coordinator, administrator and director for multiple programs in both hospital and community-based settings serving poor and underserved communities in the San Joaquin Valley. Kevin serves on numerous boards and committees associated with grassroots community capacity building and local, state and regional policy development. His education includes an AS in Respiratory Care, BS in Geology, extended course work in social work, mathematics, business and management training. He has worked extensively on different aspects of health care access and redesign around primary care, disease management, childhood and adult immunizations and behavioral health for over 35-years and is a well-known advocate for social and environmental justice.

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Steven Mufson

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Steven Mufson covers the business of climate change at *The Washington Post*. He has covered economic policy, China, diplomacy, energy and the White House since joining in 1989. Steven has also been an editor in the Outlook section. Earlier, he spent six years working for the *Wall Street Journal* in New York, London and Johannesburg. Mufson graduated from Yale College in 1980, with a joint degree in economics and political science. While at Yale, Mufson served as the editor-in-chief of the Yale Daily News.