



March 2011 NEWSLETTER

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WEN UPCOMING EVENTS

WEN Winter Happy Hour: Thursday, March 3, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Location: BLU Restaurant & Bar @The Sports Club/LA

747 Market Street – 4th Floor (Next to the Four Seasons) San Francisco, CA 94103

<http://www.mpsportsclub.com/clubs/san-francisco/blu.php>

Are you looking to learn more about the Women's Environmental Network? Would you like to meet some of the most interesting women in the environmental community? Do you have an idea you would love to discuss with the WEN Board of Directors? All WEN members (this means you) and guests are invited to this casual happy hour to connect with the WEN community and share ideas over a drink. This event is free to attend (cash bar).

WEN Speaker Event: “Simple Secrets to Writing Successfully”

A Presentation by Joel Orr, PhD: Thursday March 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: The Women's Building, 3543 18th St # 8, San Francisco, CA 94110

WEN members and guests are invited to this exciting speaker presentation with accomplished author Joel Orr. Joel will discuss strengthening your professional presence through writing and reveal a simple process to help aspiring writers achieve publication with “The Simple Secret to Writing a Book in 30 Days, at 1 Hour a Day!” Joel Orr has written 11 books, and after this talk, you will:

- Know how having your own book will help you advance professionally, or advance the cause of your organization
- Know exactly what it will take for you to produce your own book
- Understand how it can be that a book is cheaper than a color brochure
- Grasp the impact that writing a book can have on your life and career
- Know where to find inexpensive printing and publishing

To register for this event, visit the WEN Speaker Eventbrite webpage at

<http://wenwritebook.eventbrite.com/> Cost is \$15 and includes wine and appetizers. To learn more about Joel Orr, visit: <http://www.joeltrainsauthors.com/>

Openings on the WEN Board of Directors

Meet and Greet on Monday, April 4, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Location: Bindi Restaurant, 28 2nd Street, San Francisco (one block from the Montgomery St BART station)

WEN is looking for new volunteers to join our Board of Directors and will be hosting a Meet and Greet with potential new Board members. If you are interested in becoming more involved with WEN, we would like to meet you! New Board members will help coordinate events, work on the newsletter, update our website and improve our member communications. This meeting is an opportunity for you to learn more about WEN and the open positions while the current Board gets to know you.

If you plan to attend, RSVP is required to info@wencal.org by Monday, March 28. Include a short statement of interest and a current resume. If possible, specify the area(s) that you are most interested in working on. If you are not available on April 4 and are interested in becoming more involved, email info@wencal.org

General Board Member Requirements for all positions: WEN Board members must attend monthly evening meetings. Each Board member will have individual WEN responsibilities that require 8-10 hours a month outside of meetings and events. All Board members shall also attend a majority of WEN events and activities in a given year, and participate in strategic planning for WEN once yearly. All new board members must commit to a two-year term of service.

Join WEN's Facebook Page!

Would you like to be friends with the Women's Environmental Network? If you answered yes, you are in luck! The Women's Environmental Network has a Facebook page where you can find information regarding upcoming events, add the organization to your list of friends and discuss topics. To see the Women's Environmental Network Facebook page, please click [here](#).

WEN Members Spotlight: Becky Tarbotton, the Executive Director of Rainforest Action Network and Allison Pinkowski, the Dumpster Diva



This month's WEN spotlight highlights two extraordinary women making great contributions in very different ways. Becky Tarbotton (left) is the Executive Director of **Rainforest Action Network**, an innovative environmental organization that works at the intersection of forests, climate change, and human rights. Becky was trained as a geographer and community and regional planner, earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in Canada. Allison Pinkowski (right), the **Dumpster Diva**, works as Account



Supervisor for an advertising agency during the day, and spends her evenings and weekends giving broken, old, and discarded items new life and purpose. To view their entire features, click [here](#)

Each month WEN spotlight's one or more members' stories in order to explore the wide array of careers and career paths related to the environment. Please contact us at info@wencal.org if you'd like to be spotlighted or if you'd like to nominate someone.

Member Spotlight: Becky Tarbotton, the Executive Director of Rainforest Action Network

Where do you currently work?

I'm the executive director of **Rainforest Action Network**, an innovative environmental organization that works at the intersection of forests, climate change and human rights.

What career and educational path led to your current employment?

I was trained as a geographer and a community and regional planner, earning both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Canada where I'm from. My commitment to advocacy was first catalyzed when I spent time as an environmental researcher among Indigenous communities on Baffin Island in Canada and witnessed the impact of so-called development on the indigenous communities there. Inspired to investigate the connection between corporate globalization and the destruction of indigenous and land-based livelihoods, I then spent eight years in Ladakh, Northern India, working with local communities to support their traditional food and farming systems that have sustained them for generations. A commitment to community-led solutions then drew me to the UK, where I worked in the local food movement, promoting alternatives to the industrial food system. It was amazing to be part of the early food movement and to see the re-birth of farmers markets and community food systems really take off. But while the alternatives were finding great success, it was clear to me that we would never have a healthy food system unless we could break the stranglehold corporations have over that sector. Seeking a more direct way of challenging corporate power, I moved to California to join the growing movement against genetically modified food. I took on the role of campaign coordinator for a state-wide coalition of farmer, consumer and advocacy groups working to stop the spread of genetically engineered seeds in California, county by county. After successfully beating back an attempt by agriculture corporations to pre-empt counties' rights to protect their food systems from genetically engineered seeds, my claws were sharpened to take on other corporate actors, which led me to **Rainforest Action Network** and to the task of fighting the fossil fuel industry and corporations that are destroying our rainforests.

Do you have mentors who have contributed to your professional success?

One of my early mentors was Helena Norberg-Hodge, a visionary and activist who was and is deeply committed to promoting local alternatives to corporate globalization. I met Helena when I first traveled to Ladakh, India – and ended up working alongside her for many years. Her profound faith in humanity and our ability to find our way back to harmony with nature and each other has sustained my activism ever since. As well, the women we worked with in Ladakh – all of them farming women and most of them with very little formal education, are very important mentors to me. Dolma Tsering, Tsewang Dolma and many others – taught me the importance of levity and irreverence even in the midst of incredible challenges. They also showed me, every day, the strength and power that exists within and between women when they are working together for change.

What environmental issues are most important to you and how as individuals can we personally support these issues and increase awareness?

The single most important ‘environmental issue’ is not an environmental issue at all, it’s a human issue – a crisis in our relationship with the natural world. Western culture, has driven a wedge between communities and the environment which means that very few of us have a direct relationship with nature nor understand how biodiversity and healthy ecosystems are critical to our survival. The most obvious symptom of this disconnect is climate change – the destabilizing of our life-support systems. This is driven by our addiction to fossil fuels and our rapid cutting down of remaining forests around the world, both of which are underscored and rely upon massive abuses of human rights. rtarbotton@ran.org

Member Spotlight: Allison Pinkowski, the Dumpster Diva

Where do you currently work?

I work for an advertising agency in Kansas City during the day as an Account Supervisor, helping clients develop their marketing and communication strategies. In the evenings and on the weekends, my husband and I spend time giving broken, old, and discarded items new life and purpose so someone else will want them and love them. I have a space in a unique and inspiring store in town called Good JuJu (www.goodjujukc.com). The store is comprised of a group of like-minded artists and is all about inspiring creativity by repurposing items that might otherwise go unappreciated and end up in a landfill. When you step into the store, you’ll find a great mix of vintage furniture, linens, clothing, knick-knacks, home décor, and chandeliers - just about anything you can think of, we’ve probably had it at the store.

What career and educational path led to your employment?

I studied Journalism in college and had several advertising agency internships, which led to my career in advertising. I’ve always been fascinated with antique items and their unique histories. If only an item could talk and tell its story. From an early age, I went to antique stores and garage sales with my mom and aunt. Today, I still peruse thrift stores, garage sales, estate sales, online classified sites with eager anticipation of finding the next “treasure”. And I always keep my eye open for good “junk” on the curbside. One person’s trash is truly another person’s treasure.



Do you have mentors who have contributed to your professional success?

My aunt, who paints and curbside shops, has always inspired me by her creativity and talent. She can take a rough looking side table and transform it into a bold statement piece that is sure to be a conversation starter in someone’s home. My husband is also a great mentor to me. He and I work really well as a team and have fun with each project. He teaches me how to use power tools to fix pieces, as most of the items we find have blemishes and need some major TLC.

He is patient, has a good eye for the transformation possibility of an item, and empowers my creativity daily with his faith in me and his own ideas and talents. I am also extremely inspired by the founder of Good JuJu, Trish Moore, who has created a store that has become a destination place for many shoppers. It is truly an amazing place based on the vision of an amazing person.

What are your career aspirations?

My main career aspiration is to continue to learn something new every day, find things that inspire me and continue to have fun and enjoy life's experiences.

How did you become interested in environmental work?

My husband's passion is sustainability and he is very knowledgeable about sustainable practices and design. I have always been focused on being a good steward of the earth's resources, but I never really knew how I could contribute, other than recycling as much as I could. In beginning my hobby of fixing up discarded items and turning it into a side business, I have found a new passion and way to channel my creativity while helping to keep items out of the landfill.
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EVENTS

WEN is part of the Bay Area Green Events Calendar

In an effort to centralize the best green events around networking, education and volunteering within the San Francisco Bay Area, WEN has partnered with [Net Impact SF](#), and [SF Green Drinks](#) to provide you with this calendar. WEN's newsletter will continue to include certain events but more events can be found on the Bay Area Green Events calendar and is continually updated. The calendar can be viewed at [Bay Area Green Events Calendar](#)

Ecology Center Calendar: Events and Lectures

For a complete listing of classes, events and lectures at the Ecology Center visit:
<http://www.ecologycenter.org/calendar/>

Weds March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Sats March 5,12, 19, and 26: 10am - 3pm Volunteer @ Garden for the Environment

Where: Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave at Lawton Street, San Francisco, CA94122
Event Type Volunteering Description Weekly at 10am on Wednesday Learn gardening at Garden for the Environment! We host volunteer days twice weekly, on Wed and Saturday (Wed from 10am-3pm, and Sat from 10am-4pm).! Contact us atinfo@gardenfortheenvironment.org for more information.

Wed. March 2, 5:30pm - 8pm East Bay Green Building Professionals Guild

Where: Truitt & White conference room, 1817 Second St. , Berkeley
Insulation - A Key Strategy for Achieving Net-Zero Energy and Carbon Neutral Performance, but at What Cost? Description: "The more insulation the better", is the mantra of the energy efficiency faction of the sustainability and Green Building community. From the basic Title 24 requirements to the demanding Passive House movement, there are many types of materials and methods, with a variety of outcomes and consequences. We will attempt to cover a number of these issues in this extremely important subject. Specifically, Pete will provide installation techniques for a variety of insulations: fiberglass batts, cellulose, spray foams, etc. And Tom will

present information regarding the toxins in the various forms of insulation; formaldehyde, fire retardants, off-gassing etc. Speakers: Pete Handy , West Coast Insulation and Fireplace Build It Green's Guilds provide ongoing green building education on the latest green materials and practices for green building professionals. Our caterer, the Bread Workshop, is an advocate of sustainable foods and practices. We strive for our Guild events to be zero-waste: we use compostable dinnerware; we compost all food waste; and recycle all other waste. Cost: Pre-Reg Rates:\$10/member; \$15/non-member or Door Price: \$15/person
<http://www.builditgreen.org/en/cev/280>

Thu Mar 3-Mon Mar 7 2011 San Francisco Green Film Festival

Where: Landmark Theatres Embarcadero Center Cinema & the Bently Reserve

This new global film festival will showcase the latest innovative film and media that explore the environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic aspects of living sustainably on this planet. SFGFF will bring together filmmakers, field experts, green industry professionals, students and educators from around the world for four days of film showcases, panels and workshops, networking and special events. Why Green: SFGFF's mission is to create inspiring programs of films and discussions that link media arts with environmental action. As global citizens, we know that green is the future. As we make this transition, The Festival will provide a dynamic forum for films that focus on key issues that define what green living really means. A short list of our powerful themes includes eco-economics, environmental sustainability, technology, and agriculture. Visit our website for more details and to sign up for the newsletter. Cost\$10-\$20
Website: <http://sfgreenfilmfest.org>

Thu Mar 3 7pm - 12am Opening Night Gala - San Francisco Green Film Festival

Where: Bently Reserve

Event Type: Networking Description: The San Francisco Green Film Festival launches with the Bay Area premiere screening of BAG IT at the Landmark Theatres Embarcadero Center Cinema. Following the film, the festivities continue with the festival's Opening Night Gala at the beautiful and historic Bently Reserve. The evening will have a plastic pollution theme and include local sustainable food, beverages, live music, art, and special guests! Thursday March 3, 2011 7:00pm Film Premiere at Landmark Theatres Embarcadero Center Cinema One Embarcadero Center, Promenade Level, San Francisco CA 94111 Thursday March 3, 2011 9:00pm-12:00am Opening Night Gala at the Bently Reserve 301 Battery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111 (across the street from the cinema at the Promenade level) All proceeds support the programs of the first-ever San Francisco Green Film Festival. Tickets: <http://sfgreenfilmfest.org/2010/12/opening-night-gala/> Why Green: This festival was conceived out of a need for a forward-thinking platform for independent films that explore the sustainability of the Earth's ecosystems and resources Cost :\$75 - \$250 Website: <http://sfgreenfilmfest.org/2010/12/opening-night-gala/>

Thu March 3 WEN Winter Happy Hour: Thursday, March 3, 6:00-7:30pm

Where: BLU Restaurant & Bar @The Sports Club/LA 747 Market Street - 4th Floors

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Sats March 5, 12, 19 and 26 Environmental Forum of Marin Seminar Series 7A

Where: Hospice By the Bay, Larkspur Landing (Jan 29; Feb 5 & 12; Mar 5 & 12) and Marin Sanitary, Environmental Classroom, San Rafael (Feb 12; Mar 19 & 26)

The 2011 Environmental Forum Seminar Series 7A begins January 29, 2011 and ends on March 26, 2011. Members and their guests are welcome to attend classes as visitors but conditions apply. Permission from the Director is mandatory prior to attendance. Please inquire three days minimum prior to the class date: nancyj.bell@comcast.net

Sats Mar 5, 12, 19, and 19, 9am - 12pm Volunteer @ Neighborhood Parks Council

Where: San Francisco Parks

Event Type: Volunteering Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) advocates for a superior, equitable and sustainable park and recreation system. NPC provides leadership and support to park users through community-driven stewardship, education, planning and research. Come volunteer every Saturday at various parks around the city and help make a difference. For the current Park Work Day schedule visit: <http://www.sfnpc.org/currentworkdays> Why Green: NPC galvanizes public concern for our local green spaces and parks by supporting park stewardship groups throughout San Francisco. Our goal is to have "Friends of" group for every one of the 220 neighborhood parks in San Francisco. Cost: Free Website: <http://www.sfnpc.org/currentworkdays>

Sat Mar 5, 10am - 2pm Volunteer with Community Grows

Where: Westside Courts Housing Development 2501 Sutter

Join Community Grows in another workday at Westside Courts. We will be preparing and planting more beds, mulching and tending to existing gardens. Snacks and beverages will be provided. <http://www.communitygrows.org/>

Tue Mar 8, 2011 6:30pm - 8:30pm Ending Hunger Starts with Women

Where: David Brower Center, Goldman Theater and Gallery, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA
March 8th, 2011 marks the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day. Around the world, organizations and individuals will be celebrating this exciting historic landmark. Join the Bay Area Oxfam Action Corps at a very special event called "Ending Hunger Starts with Women."
WHAT: Reception, Presentation and Panel Discussion...all FREE! WHEN: Tuesday, March 8th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm WHERE: The David Brower Center, Goldman Theater and Gallery, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CARSVP or VOLUNTEER: oxfam.sf@gmail.com This event is the beginning of a dialogue about food justice in its global dimensions. We don't expect to arrive at all the answers in one night, but it's urgent that we further the conversation. There is something drastically wrong when nearly 1 billion people in the world are chronically hungry. And most of them - 3 out of 5 - are involved in food production, either by farming, fishing or herding. Women are the majority of farmers in this context, and so shoulder the added burden of gender inequality. There is something wrong when our US cities have pockets of so-called 'food deserts' where people of limited income cannot easily access affordable healthy food. And there is something wrong when the food we do eat today depletes our natural resources for tomorrow because of unsustainable practices. But it does not need to be this way. We can

embrace solutions and a smarter, fairer food economy. So join us, at what promises to be a fun, uplifting and enlightening event, and find out how we can choose better ways to eat and grow our food, and at the same time advocate so that people worldwide have the rights and the resources to do the same. Cost: Free <http://www.sfbay-oxfamactioncorps.org/2011/02/joinoxfam-america-in-celebration-of.html>

Wed March 9, 5pm - 7pm North Bay Green Building Professionals Guild

Where: Marin Builders Association, 660 Las Galinas Avenue, San Rafael

Sealing Buildings: Insulation, Moisture & Air Description: The relationship between air sealing, insulation and moisture are inseparable. In this presentation, you will learn about: * Moisture control issues including bulk water, condensation and vapor diffusion *Insulation types and insulation embodied energy and toxicity problems *Air sealing and its relationship to moisture and indoor air quality *Use of ERV/HRVs to mitigate air and moisture problems Speaker: Terry Nordbye, North Bay Green Building & Consulting Build It Green's Guilds provide ongoing green building education on the latest green material and practices for green building professionals. Our caterer, the Bread Workshop, is an advocate of sustainable foods and practices. We strive for our Guild events to be zero-waste: we use compostable dinnerware; we compost all food waste; and recycle all other waste. Cost: Pre-Reg Rates: \$10/member; \$15/nonmember or Door Price: \$15/person <http://www.builditgreen.org/en/cev/289>

Wed March 9, 6pm - 7pm Climate One: Generation Hot

Where: Climate One at the Commonwealth Club, 595 Market St. 2nd Floor, SF

What are kids doing about their future in a world with a swelling population, receding glaciers and weird weather? There's a move afoot to activate 100 million boy and girl scouts to develop skills for more sustainable living. Activists such as 16-year-old Alec Looz are calling on adults to use bolder action on greenhouse gases. Will baby boomers heed the call? Join us as we discuss the generational climate challenge. Generation Y will be discussing the effects of climate change on their lives. We will have kids speaking on why climate change is important and what can be done by youth and adults alike to lessen the effects of global warming. Cost \$12 members, \$20 non-members, \$7students (with valid ID) <http://www.climateone.org>

Wed March 9, 6:30pm - 8:30pm Speed Networking and Happy Hour with the Net Impact SF Professional Chapter

Where: Matrix Fillmore, 3138 Fillmore Street, San Francisco

Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members

RSVP:<http://www.netimpactsf.org/2011/01/30/speed-networking-2011/> This fun event is designed to give Net Impact members the opportunity to meet other sustainability and social impact professionals through around robin style "speed networking" session. In addition, the speed networking will be preceded and followed by a happy hour with sustainable food and drink specials. You'll meet tons of new people, discuss different areas of sustainability/social impact with fellow Net Impact members and with our special guests, and enjoy local and sustainable treats! Join us!

Fri Mar 11, 2011, 12pm - 1pm Climate One: Cloud Power with Microsoft and Google

Where: Climate One at the Commonwealth Club, 595 Market St. 2nd Floor, SF

Hear a rare conversation with Google and Microsoft executives on how technology and cloud computing can help address challenges of energy use and environmental sustainability. Will the move from desktop to cloud computing result in energy savings? How can those savings be measured? What can the IT sector do to reduce its estimated 2 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions? What are tech titans doing to help consumers measure and trim their home energy usage? Why Green Cloud computing as a means for corporations to cut down on their energy usage. IT sector is reported to produce 2% of global greenhouse gas emissions, so we will discuss with Rob Bernard (Chief Environmental Strategist, Microsoft) and William Wehl (Green Energy Czar, Google) about their efforts to green their companies. Cost: MEMBERS FREE, \$20 non-members, \$7 students (with valid ID) Website <http://www.climate-one.org>

Fri March 11, 6pm - 8pm Cleantech Open 2011 National Competition Launch

Where: Autodesk Gallery One Market Street, 2nd Floor SF, CA

Join us for the party of the year as we kick off the 2011 competition. Friday, March 11th marks the official start of the Cleantech Open 2011 National Competition. Join us for wine and hors d'oeuvres overlooking the San Francisco Bay as we celebrate some of the hottest clean technologies around. This event is not to be missed! These are cleantech entrepreneurs creating companies, solutions, and answers for Today's most pressing environmental issues. Cost \$27 Advance \$40 Door <http://www.cleantechopen.com/app.cgi/events/327/view>

Sat Mar 12, 2011 11am - 2pm Volunteer with Community Grows

Where: Koshland Park (corner of Page and Buchanan)

Join Community Grows for a workday in Koshland Park. We will be weeding, planting, pruning, cleaning up trash and making the park shine. This is a great community gardening opportunity for Hayes Valley residents and anyone in the city who wants to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty. <http://www.communitygrows.org/>

Mon Mar 14, 2011 5pm - 6pm SF Environment - Policy Committee

Where: CITY HALL, ROOM 416, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

Educational The Policy Committee oversees long-term planning and policy development for the department, including the assessment of environmental conditions and the development, updating, and review of plans for the long-term environmental sustainability of the city. The committee focuses on the goal of zero waste to landfill by year 2020, and explores the issues of water conservation and toxics reduction. It also works with the Operations Committee and the director of the department on the restructuring of environmental programs and activities among city agencies and departments. The Policy Committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:00 P.M. with the exception of October when it meets on the fourth Monday at 5:00 P.M.

Why Green: Environmental policy Cost: Free Website:

http://www.sfenvironment.org/our_policies/overview.html?ssi=10

Wed Mar 16, 2011 5:30pm - 7:30pm San Francisco Green Building Professionals Guild

Where: SF Environment, 11 Grove Street, SF

Modular Construction Description: The talk will focus on the advantages/disadvantages of modular construction. Including a realistic notion of modular construction cost & benefits, how it can be used as a tool for specific goals and as a leading edge indicator on where we are moving in the residential & commercial market. Speaker: Paul Melish Build It Green's Guilds provide

ongoing green building education on the latest green materials and practices for green building professionals. Our caterer, the Bread Workshop, is an advocate of sustainable foods and practices. We strive for our Guild events to be zero-waste: we use compostable dinnerware; we compost all food waste; and recycle all other waste. Cost: Pre-Reg Rates: \$10/member; \$15/non-member or Door Price: \$15/person <http://www.builditgreen.org/en/cev/271>

Sat Mar 19, 2011, 2pm - 9pm Pie Ranch: Farming + Barn Dance

Where: An hour south of San Francisco - <http://www.pieranch.org/map-directions/>

Every Third Saturday of the month, Pie Ranch hosts a community work day, potluck dinner, and rollicking barn dance in the roadside barn. All are welcome; come lend a hand in the fields while you work alongside other volunteers and farmers. Celebrate the spirit of community at this monthly ritual of working together on the ranch, sharing locally grown food, and then spinning, laughing and dosey-doing together into the night. Why Green: The mission of the Pie Ranch is to inspire and connect rural and urban people to know the source of their food, and to work together to bring greater health to the food system from seed to table. Cost: The dance is \$7-20 sliding scale to compensate our rockin' band, the County Line Pickers, stellar caller Andy Wilson, and cover our infrastructure costs. (Children under 12 free; workday participants pay a discounted rate of \$5-15, so come-on down and hoe before you hoe down!)

Tue Mar 22, 2011 11:30am - 1pm Ted Danson: Our Endangered Oceans

Where: Climate One at the Commonwealth Club

While working as Sam Malone on the television show "Cheers," Ted Danson went to Santa Monica beach one day and encountered a sign that read, "Water polluted, no swimming." "Trying to explain that to my kid was hard," he says. He later became involved in a movement to prevent digging for oil wells in Santa Monica and eventually helped create Oceana, the largest international organization focused on ocean conservation. While filming a movie with Drew Barrymore in Alaska last year, he visited the Chukchi Sea and later testified before Congress about drilling for oil in the Arctic Ocean. Join us for a conversation about oil and fish, carbon and coral, and what can be done to protect the natural economic value of our seas. The conversation will revolve around ocean conservation, how we can save our fish and coral, and improve our quality of life. Ted Danson has been a part of Oceana, and will discuss the importance of ocean conservation. Cost \$12 members, \$20 non-members, \$7 students (with valid ID). Premium (preferred seating) \$35 members, \$45 non-members. <http://www.climateone.org>

Tues March 22, 6:30pm - 8:30pm World Water Day - Film Screening and Discussion

Where: 48 South 7th Street, San Jose, CA

As part of Women's History Month and World Water Day, the San Jose Peace and Justice Center is hosting a film screening of Tapped. We will discuss the impacts of the bottled water industry, women's role in the environmental movement, and what we can do to create change! Please bring a potluck dish to share if you can. Raises awareness of local to global water issues. Cost: Free <http://www.sanjosepeace.org/>

Wed Mar 23, 2011 7pm - 9pm Net Impact SF: Author-Led Discussion on Organizational Integrity

Where: Hub SOMA, 901 Mission Street

<http://www.netimpactsf.org/2011/02/22/keeping-the-mission-real-the-challengesoforganizational-integrity-with-author-elizabeth-doty/>

Thu Mar 24, 2011 11am - 12:30pm Build It Green Webinar

Green Point Rated, CAL Green and You Description: Join us for a special Guild webinar to discuss the new Green Code, Green Point Rated, and how it affects you. Earlier this year, the Building Standards Commission approved a landmark California Green Code, or CAL Green, for all new buildings in the state. The code has a list of mandatory green building measures that must be applied to every new building by January 1, 2011, while water measures go into effect July 2011. The California Green Code also provides two voluntary tiers that may be adopted by local governments as a reach code. Don't miss out on this chance to learn about the Green Code and have your questions answered! In this webinar, you will learn about: * The Green Code's mandatory measures * Similarities and differences to Green Point Rated * Reasons to go beyond code * Ways local government can keep their Green Point Rated policy * How the Green Code will affect builders and local government officials Tenaya will also cover the Bay Area Climate Collaborate (BACC) recommendations to local governments relative to green building ordinances. Speaker: Tenaya Asan, Build It Green Build It Green's Guilds provide ongoing green building education on the latest green materials and practices for green building professionals. Cost: Free to Build It Green Members and \$10/Non-Members

<http://www.builditgreen.org/en/cev/313>

Thur March 25, 2011 6pm - 8pm WEN Speaker Event: "Simple Secrets to Writing Successfully" A Presentation by Joel Orr, PhD

Where: The Women's Building, 3543 18th Street #8, San Francisco, CA

The Woman's Environmental Network (WEN) members and guests are invited to this exciting speaker presentation with accomplished author Joel Orr. Joel will discuss strengthening your professional presence through writing and reveal a simple process to help aspiring writers achieve publication with "The Simple Secret to Writing a Book in 30 Days, at 1 Hour a Day!" Joel Orr has written 11 books, and after this talk, you will: -Know how having your own book will help you advance professionally, or advance the cause of your organization -Know exactly what it will take for you to produce your own book -Understand how it can be that a book is cheaper than a color brochure -Grasp the impact that writing a book can have on your life and career -Know where to find inexpensive printing and publishing To register for this event, visit the WEN Speaker Event Eventbrite website. Cost is \$15 and includes wine and appetizers. To learn more about Joel Orr, visit <http://www.joeltrainsauthors.com>

Tue Mar 29, 2011 7pm - 9pm The Heartbreak Turtle Today Documentary and Interactive Discussion with STRP

Bay Model Visitors Center, 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965.

The Sea Turtle Restoration Project (STRP) hosts the public premier showing of The Heartbreak Turtle Today, an educational documentary detailing Gulf of Mexico sea turtle conservation up to, and including, the horrific BP oil spill. The 30-minute documentary will be followed by an interactive discussion and a presentation on California's sea turtle conservation work and how you can help. Dr. Chris Pincetich and STRP staff will be present to answer questions. This special documentary screening, presentation, and discussion is a must-attend event for individuals concerned about the BP oil spill effects, sea turtle conservation, and the

health of the world's oceans. The Heartbreak Turtle Today documentary tells the uplifting story of recovery efforts to bring the Kemp's riley sea turtle back from the brink of extinction, and explores the impacts of the horrific BP oil spill. An interactive discussion with Dr. Chris Pincetich, who worked for 5 weeks in the Gulf during the BP spill, will include unique photos, video and insights. Cost: Free <http://http://seaturtles.org/article.php?id=1925>

JOBS

Green For All: Communications Director

Oakland, CA

Green For All is a national organization dedicated to building an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty.

The Communications Director is directly responsible for developing and implementing the messaging and media strategy of Green For All, including creating a communications plan to advance Green For All's agenda, win legislative victories and build a movement. Click [here](#) for more information.

Call of The Sea: Executive Director

Sausalito, CA

Call of the Sea is dedicated to connecting people to the sea through the unique, hands-on experience of sailing an 82-foot schooner on San Francisco Bay and beyond.

We are seeking an energetic, highly motivated individual with a passion for our mission and values to be our Executive Director. Key responsibilities include managing and inspiring the staff and volunteers; leading and strengthening external partnerships and creating new ones; implementing an aggressive fundraising and marketing effort; and overseeing a professional crew in operating and maintaining a US Coast Guard certified schooner to the highest standards, ensuring the safety of students, other passengers and crew. Go [here](#) for more information.

TransForm: Transportation Policy Director

Oakland, CA

TransForm works to create world-class public transportation and walkable communities in the Bay Area and beyond.

TransForm is seeking a Transportation Policy Director to lead efforts to influence transportation policy and funding decisions in the Bay Area, including the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy, an integrated transportation and land use plan to reduce the region's greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health and make communities more affordable. See [here](#) for a full job description.

Point Reyes National Seashore Association: Executive Director

Point Reyes Station, CA

The mission of the Point Reyes National Seashore Association is to encourage stewardship of the Seashore's diverse resources through a variety of environmental education opportunities for all ages, especially those who might otherwise never have a wilderness experience.

We seek an Executive Director with an outstanding track record in organizational leadership, growing fundraising revenue, and managing of a budget of at least \$1M. The successful candidate will have a deep appreciation of both the Seashore and the National Park Service. For more information, go [here](#).

Save The Bay: Policy Manager

Oakland, CA

Save The Bay is the Bay Area's oldest and largest membership organization working exclusively to protect and restore San Francisco Bay and its watershed.

Save The Bay seeks a seasoned manager with demonstrated success in running advocacy and issue campaigns. The Policy Manager's primary focus will be to organize and manage Save The Bay's research, outreach, and advocacy for a groundbreaking regional ballot campaign to fund 100,000 acres of restored San Francisco Bay wetlands. For further information, click [here](#).

RSF Social Finance: Senior Associate, Systems & Operations

San Francisco, CA

RSF Social Finance is a pioneering non-profit organization dedicated to using the tools of finance to bring about positive, real-world change.

RSF Social Finance seeks to hire a Senior Associate of Systems & Operations who aspires to apply her/his professional experience and creative capacity in support of RSF's mission and activities. This position is responsible for providing support to the Director of Operations in maintaining RSF's data and reporting systems. Main duties include: systems support and improvement, staff education and training, IT/desktop support, report design, and generation of client statements. Click [here](#) for more information.

Net Impact: Manager, Career & Education

San Francisco, CA

Net Impact is a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire, educate, and equip individuals to use the power of business to create a more socially and environmentally sustainable world.

The Manager, Career & Education is an exciting position with significant opportunity for program development, project management, and strategic thinking; this person will play a key role in developing and executing Net Impact's comprehensive educational strategy, with a particular focus on the highly acclaimed annual Net Impact conference. Click [here](#) for more information.

NatureBridge: National Program Coordinator

San Francisco, CA

NatureBridge is committed to educating the next generation of leaders to respect the natural world, understand the scientific principles that govern it, and preserve it for future generations.

The Program Coordinator will support national and campus program initiatives. He or she collaborates throughout the organization to ensure connectivity and consistency of Program work across the organization. The Program Coordinator will identify continued areas of program growth and NatureBridge-wide program potential relative to teacher professional development, diversity initiatives and extension programming across the campuses. See their [website](#) for more information.

Urban Habitat: Climate Policy & Research Director

Oakland, CA

Urban Habitat (UH) builds power in low-income communities and communities of color by combining policy, advocacy, research, leadership development, and coalition building to advance environmental, economic and social justice in the Bay Area.

The Climate Policy and Research Director works closely with UH's Management Team to define and implement campaigns, policies, and coalition building efforts for advancing climate justice at the local, regional, and state level. Candidate will work closely with our equity partners to ensure that low-income communities and communities of color benefit from the implementation of key climate policies such as AB 32, SB 375, and CEQA. Go [here](#) for more information.

Pacific Environment: Executive Director

San Francisco, CA

Pacific Environment protects the living environment of the Pacific Rim by promoting grassroots activism, strengthening communities, and reforming international policies.

The Executive Director is responsible for the management of all policies, programs and operations of Pacific Environment. This includes developing the programmatic vision and strategy; fundraising; administrative and fiduciary functions; and representing the organization to stakeholders and the broad community with which Pacific Environment interacts. Go [here](#) for further information.

California Invasive Plant Council: Training Program Specialist

Berkeley, CA

California Invasive Plant Council's mission is to protect California's lands and waters from ecologically-damaging invasive plants through science, education and policy.

The Training Program Specialist will work with staff and contractors to develop a training certification program; facilitate the development of best management practice (BMP) resources for invasive plant prevention and spread reduction; and help organize trainings. Desired start date is April 2011. Click [here](#) for further information.

Google: Renewable Energy Engineer

Mountain View, CA

Google's initiative to develop renewable energy cheaper than coal, known as RE<C, will perform Research and Development in advanced solar thermal power, wind power, enhanced geothermal systems, and other breakthrough technologies.

You will use your decades of experience and judgment to develop new technologies - from vetting new ideas to developing production prototypes. You will work with a team of Google engineers to define experiments, perform analyses, construct prototypes, and demonstrate systems which will increase the level of technological readiness of early-phase renewable energy technologies. See their [website](#) for more information.

The Bay Institute/Aquarium of the Bay: VP Development

San Francisco, CA

For 30 years, The Bay Institute has worked to protect, restore, and inspire conservation of San Francisco Bay and its watershed, from the Sierra to the sea.

The VP Development role is the result of merging two staffs, eliminating duplication, and reaching out to the best possible talent to move the organization forward. Of the total \$10M budget, \$2M is currently raised from private support, with bold growth ahead. The VP Development reports to the CEO and is an important and strategic part of the leadership team. For more details, click [here](#).

Global Cool Cities Alliance: Executive Director

San Francisco, CA (or Washington, DC)

Global Cool Cities Alliance (GCCA) is a global initiative dedicated to advancing policies and actions that increase the solar reflectance of buildings and pavements as a low- or no-cost way to promote cool buildings and cool cities, and mitigate the effects of climate change through global cooling.

GCCA seeks a dedicated Executive Director with a demonstrated passion for climate change mitigation to lead the development and launch of this new organization. In the first year, the Executive Director will grow this new institution by refining and adapting organizational strategy, establishing partnerships with related NGOs, forging connections with municipal agencies and government leaders, and nurturing relationships with current and future funders. Go [here](#) for a complete job description.

International Museum of Women: Development Director

San Francisco, CA

International Museum of Women is a groundbreaking social change museum that inspires global action, connects people across borders and transforms hearts and minds by amplifying the voices of women worldwide through global online exhibitions, history, the arts and cultural programs that educate, create dialogue and build community.

The International Museum of Women is seeking a dynamic, organized and passionate Development Director to spearhead its fundraising and external relations. The ideal candidate will be globally-minded, passionate about arts and new media and deeply committed to advancing women's human rights. Go [here](#) for further information.

ClimateWorks Foundation: Philanthropy Associate

San Francisco, CA

ClimateWorks Foundation supports public policies that prevent dangerous climate change and catalyze sustainable global prosperity.

ClimateWorks Foundation seeks a highly professional, self-directed, and motivated Philanthropy Associate to provide administrative and organizational support to the entire ClimateWorks philanthropy team, in particular to both the Director of Philanthropy and the Associate Director of Philanthropy. The Philanthropy Associate will play a key role in the philanthropy team by providing organizational support, managing calendars, arranging travel and meeting logistics, and interacting with donors and funders. To apply, click [here](#).

Sierra Club: Web Designer

San Francisco, CA

America's largest and most influential environmental organization seeks a web designer to create addictively engaging web pages and online materials for our successful Beyond Coal campaign. The ideal candidate has a top-notch portfolio, a nimble grasp of cutting edge digital design tools, and a passion for environmental issues. Candidates should strive for excellence and relish collaborating on fast-moving projects with our team of communications professionals and outside vendors. Click [here](#) for further information.

Foundation For Sustainable Development: Latin America Int'l Programs Officer

San Francisco, CA

The Foundation for Sustainable Development supports the efforts of grassroots development organizations in the Global South that are working to better their communities, environments, and the economic opportunities around them.

The International Programs Officer (IPO) plays a key role in advancing FSD's grassroots development efforts throughout Latin America. As a leading member of the international programs division, the IPO reports directly to FSD's Executive Director and is responsible for managing the design, administration, and oversight of regional training programs and NGO project initiatives. Go [here](#) for more information.

Global Fund for Women: Program Officer

San Francisco, CA

Global Fund for Women's mission is to advance women's human rights by making grants to women's groups worldwide that work to gain freedom from poverty, violence and discrimination.

The Program Officer position provides direct substantive support to the Program Director (PD) for Sub-Saharan Africa in order to implement a strategic, responsive and innovative grant-making program that addresses complex challenges in international women's rights. See a complete job description [here](#).