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**Jason Burnett** is mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. He was first elected mayor in 2012, after serving a term on the Carmel City Council. Previously, he was managing partner of Clean Fund, which provides financing for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Earlier in his career, he was the associate deputy administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency and worked for Evolution Markets, a brokerage and consulting firm. He is president of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority (MPRWA) Board of Directors and serves of many other Monterey County boards. He has testified before Senate and Congressional committees and been quoted in national media on energy, climate, and water policy. He is a trustee of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and chairs the foundation's Finance Committee. He holds an MA in earth systems and a BA from Stanford University, where he majored in economics.

**Sam Farr** represents the Central Coast in the US House of Representatives. Throughout his 20-year tenure, he has been a leading advocate for California agriculture, an outspoken activist for affordable housing, and a champion of the oceans. He serves on the House Appropriations Committee, which oversees the distribution of the federal budget, and is the ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration. He also serves on the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. He co-chairs the Congressional Organic Caucus, the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus, the Defense Communities Caucus, the House Oceans Caucus, and the Unexploded Ordnance Caucus. Before he was elected to Congress, he served for 12 years in the California State Assembly and 6 years as a Monterey County supervisor. He began his career in public service in 1964, serving in the Peace Corps in Colombia. He graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and attended the Monterey Institute of International Studies and the University of Santa Clara.

**Andrew Fisher** is a professor of earth and planetary sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz, with expertise in hydrogeology, field methods, and computer modeling. He leads a research group investigating groundwater recharge, surface water-groundwater interactions, hydrothermal systems, and development of tools for measuring dynamic flows and processes. He has authored or coauthored more than 200 papers, chapters and reports, is frequently invited to participate at technical and public meetings, and teaches courses in surface water and groundwater hydrology and groundwater modeling. He is campus lead for the UC Water Security and Sustainability Research Initiative, and directs the Recharge Initiative, which focuses on protecting, enhancing, and improving groundwater resources. He holds a PhD in marine geology and geophysics from the University of Miami and a BS from Stanford University, where he majored in geology.

**Norm Groot** is executive director of the Monterey County Farm Bureau. He has extensive experience in nursery work, including finance, technology, logistics, and production planning. He worked for Monrovia Growers for 17 years, and before that he was treasurer of his family's nursery. He serves on the board of

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**Ellen Hanak** is director of the PPIC Water Policy Center and a senior fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California. Under her leadership, the center has become a critical source of information and guidance for natural resource management in California. She has authored dozens of reports, articles, and books on water policy, including *Managing California's Water*. Her research is frequently profiled in the national media, and she participates in briefings, conferences, and interviews throughout the nation and around the world. Her other areas of expertise include climate change and infrastructure finance. Previously, she served as research director at PPIC. Before joining PPIC, she held positions with the French agricultural research system, the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and the World Bank. She holds a PhD in economics from the University of Maryland.

**Monica Hunter** is a trustee of the Planning and Conservation League Foundation. She is also vice chair of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, which oversees implementation of the federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. In 2013–14, she was a member of the Governor's Drinking Water Stakeholder Group, working to identify key actions to address water needs of disadvantaged communities. She recently joined the faculty of the Graduate School of Education at Dakota Wesleyan University, where she teaches in the nation's first master's program in K–12 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) instruction. Her early career as an applied anthropologist included work with federal, state, and regional program implementation and evaluation in coastal and marine resource management. She is a member of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy Advisory Council and a former member of the conservancy's executive board. She holds a PhD in cultural anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Robert MacLean** is president of California American Water, which provides water and wastewater services to more than 600,000 Californians. He is also president of Hawaii American Water. Previously, he was director of field operations for New Jersey American Water, which serves approximately 2.5 million people. He also worked for American Water's market-based business, serving as vice president of contract operations. He co-chairs the board of the National Utilities Diversity Council, a national nonprofit organization focusing on the growth of diversity in the utilities industry. He serves on the board of directors of the California Chamber of Commerce and is currently co-chair of the chamber's Water Committee. He is also a board member of the National Association of Water Companies. In 2014, he attended the Stanford Executive Program. He holds a master's in civil engineering from École Polytechnique Montréal and a bachelor's in chemical engineering from McGill University.

**Paul Rogers** is the environment writer for the *San Jose Mercury News*. He also serves as managing editor of the Science Unit at KQED, San Francisco's NPR and PBS station. Since he joined the *Mercury News* in 1989, he has covered a wide range of issues, including logging, ocean issues, air pollution, energy, water policy, endangered species, toxics, and climate change. He was part of the *Mercury News* team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1990 for coverage of the Loma Prieta earthquake. He has taught science writing at both UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism and the UC Santa Cruz Science Communication Program. In 2014, he was named Bay Area Journalist of the Year by the Society of Professional Journalists for his coverage of the drought.