



EARTHLAB

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Advisory Council Meeting WINTER 2024 - Virtual

Date/Time: Jan. 9, 2024 | 9-10 a.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees:

- Chip Giller
- Chloe Harford
- Gretchen Hund
- Sally Jewell
- Savitha Pathi Reddy
- Phil Rigdon
- Jamie Stroble
- Diani Taylor
- Maya Tolstoy
- Bob Whitener
- Maria Anguiano
- Constance McBarron
- Jessica P Nagtalon
- Ben Packard
- Anastasia Ramey
- Kearstin Williams
- Sam Kay
- Nico Wedekind

Meeting began: 9:02 AM

Welcome

This is a new meeting for us, as requested at our fall meeting by our advisory council members, to bring more stories forward and connection. Advisory council members and EarthLab staff shared what they are looking forward to this year.

Innovation Grant Program Updates

Reports are coming in from the first group that was awarded to investigate a community-centered issue at the intersection of climate change and social justice. Representatives from two teams will each share an update on their project and deliverables followed by an opportunity for Q&A from the Council.

Reverse Redlining

Nico Wedekind, Policy Counsel, Front and Centered

The Reverse Redlining project starts by recognizing that geographic place-based laws have played a substantial role in the creation of environmental health inequities and that a

place-based response is therefore necessary to undoing the existing patterns of harm. It advances the idea that addressing health resiliency in overburdened communities is part and parcel of climate adaptation and mitigation. [Learn more](#)

The Housing Spectrum, Temperature Extremes and the Costs of Thermal Safety and Comfort: A Community-Informed Policy Evaluation of Weatherization and Energy Assistance Programs

Sam Kay, EPA Science Policy Team

As a changing climate brings with it the likelihood of more frequent extreme weather and temperature events, policymakers worldwide are pursuing climate adaptation strategies to improve the resilience of public and private systems and infrastructure. What are the implications for climate justice of disproportionate energy-cost burdens on low-income renters and unsheltered neighbors? [Learn more](#)

Closing

Our executive director shared current and upcoming activities, including our new seminar with the Program on the Environment this quarter, a Fostering Climate Connections event with the Population Health Initiative in February, a symposium on climate change and clinical practice with CHanGE in March, and promoting our 16 open summer internship positions. We will be in touch with the advisory council soon regarding details on our April donor showcase and to schedule a spring Advisory Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:56 AM