

# Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

Core values: focus, optimism, relationships, integrity, personal power, being non-partisan

## CCL NEWS

In the new Congress, a lobbying priority will be preserving key components of the [Inflation Reduction Act](#). An informative [CCL training](#) will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>

## WA STATE LEGISLATURE

Jan 13–Apr 27, 2025 session. Lobbying for the state’s best climate legislation is one of **CCL Tacoma’s** most important goals. Learn how to get started at our **Jan 15** chapter meeting. And join **Environmental Lobby Day** in **Olympia** on **Feb 6!** (More how-to on p.2) Priorities so far include defending the [Climate Commitment Act](#) and Advanced Clean Trucks, policies on recycling and packaging reform, community solar, and “right to repair.” Some groups put out policy “hotlists:”

[Environmental Priorities Coalition](#)

[350wa.org Civic Action Team](#)

## CCL GREATER PACIFIC NW REGIONAL CONFERENCE

“Cultivating Climate Champions” will be **Feb 21-23** in Vancouver, WA at the Heathman Lodge. **Note!** Early bird discounted [registration](#) is due by **Jan.31!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Friday at 10 am  
**Resilience group** at Cutters Point Coffee, 5104 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Jan 13 through Apr 27  
2025 WA state legislature

Wednesday, Jan 15, 7 pm  
**Chapter Meeting on Zoom**,  
Topic: Climate Advocacy in the State Legislative Session  
Contact for [details](#)

Wednesday, Feb 5, noon  
**CCL Study Group meeting on Zoom**. (Discussing articles that we email ahead of time)  
contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, Feb 6, 6-8 pm  
**Green Drinks**  
Tacoma Mountaineers,  
2302 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St.

Thursday, Feb 6,  
**Environmental Lobby Day in Olympia**, Washington  
Conservation Action & other environmental groups. [Register](#)

Wednesday, Feb 19, 7 pm  
**Chapter Meeting on Zoom**,  
Topic TBD  
Contact for [details](#)

Feb 21-23, [CCL Greater PNW Conference](#), Heathman Lodge  
Vancouver, WA  
[register](#)

## PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **December** holiday party was yet another reminder that *in-person meetings rule!* We are discussing options to increase their frequency. [Suggestions](#) for venues will help!

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

**For Feb 6**—Several members are planning to participate in [Environmental Lobby Day in Olympia](#). (There is a virtual option too). You can [register here](#). To set up carpooling, contact [Chuck Jensen](#).

**Every Friday**—The new “resilience group” continues to thrive! A casual time to hang out, share ideas, and build community at **10 am, Cutters Point Coffee, 6<sup>th</sup> and Orchard**. Want to help start an evening or weekend group? Contact [Mustafa Haziq](#).

Be sure to visit and participate frequently in **CCL Tacoma’s Facebook** page, managed by **Nancy Atwood** and **Mustafa Haziq**.

**John Doherty’s “Climate 360”** airs on **KTAH Radio Tacoma, KVSH Voice of Vashon, & KBCS Bellevue**, reaching an audience of over 4 million

Want to write something for this newsletter? Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

See [past newsletters](#)

Want to help pass state bills on environmental policies that matter to you?  
Get started now, it's easy!

Sign up for **Easy action alert links** with WA organizations that find and assess bills, monitor their progress, and facilitate community input (“public testimony”). You could go to [Washington Conservation Action](#), [350wa.org](#), [Tahoma Bird Alliance](#), [Sierra Club WA](#), or [The Nature Conservancy WA](#), just to name a few. Every week you'll get reminders and easy links to add your voice in support (or dissent) of the pending bills you choose. You can do this multiple times as the bills (hopefully) pass through to become laws.

Come to our January chapter meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> for more information and tips!

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### [Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebates](#) From Linda Cohan

The **[Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\)](#)** Home Energy Rebates programs provide rebates for home improvements like energy efficiency and home electrification measures. The rebates are for low- and moderate-income homes and will be distributed through third-party administrators. We expect these programs to begin in early 2025.” Click on links to read more.

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### Of further interest

[CA wildfires, how you can help](#) (KIRO7 Seattle). Including wildlife and animal shelters.

[“Sea Change: the art of Karen Hackenberg”](#) will be at the Tacoma Art Museum through Apr 6. Her paintings express environmental concern, specifically about beach trash.

Articles:

[“Maersk Alette, largest green fuel ship, welcomed to Port of Tacoma”](#)

[“Nature conservancy’s debt-for-nature swap helps the Bahamas with climate change projects”](#)

[“Where have all the species gone?”](#)

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[reasonstobecheerful.world](#)

[allwecansave.earth](#)

[ciphernews.com](#)

[billmckibben.substack.com](#)

[wildsalmon.org](#)