

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby

Creating political will for a livable planet



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

CCL NEWS

The [CCL June Conference](#) in D.C. was a huge success, with nearly 1000 volunteers holding over 400 lobby meetings (focusing on permitting reform and a price on carbon) with House and Senate offices. For session and speech recordings, click [here](#).

The June CCL Monthly Call speaker was long-time climate champion [Bill McKibben](#), [watch](#).

CCL's Position on Nuclear Power

According to the national website's [training page](#) on nuclear energy, "CCL is supportive of nuclear energy along with other technology options that will help move us quickly to 100% clean energy."

With that in mind, [Dr James Conca's](#) presentations on nuclear power [June 22](#) and [27](#) are very timely! See his [flyer on p.3](#).

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our May meeting was exceptionally informative, with two speakers, [Marty Gibbons](#) of the [League of Women Voters](#) on methane and a final recap of new state legislation, and [Don Marsh](#) of the [WA Clean Energy Coalition](#) on their petitioning [Puget Sound Electric](#). If you missed it, there's a full recording [here](#). [Minutes here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 17, 10-11 am
"Nature Mindfulness Walk" at Swan Creek Park, [Tacoma Tree Foundation](#)

Wednesday, June 21, 7 pm
Monthly Chapter Meeting on Zoom. Program: Speaker [Chrissy Cooley](#), [Puget Sound Clean Air Agency](#) Director. [Zoom link](#)

June 22nd and 27th, 7pm on Zoom, presentations by [Dr. James Conca](#) on nuclear power as a clean energy option, see flyer on [p.3](#)

Thursday, July 6, 6 -8 pm, [Tacoma Green Drinks](#) (environmental networking group), check [website](#) for location

Wednesday, July 12, 1pm on Zoom CCL Study Group meeting (note changed time) discussing articles that we email ahead of time. Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Saturday, July 19, 5:30 pm, ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC Point Defiance Park Details p.2

Saturday, July 29, 9am-12pm [Pierce County Trails Day](#), Pierce Co. Conservation District. Sign up to volunteer in the Puyallup area.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

June 10-12—[Ginny Lohr](#) attended the CCL June Conference.

Let's keep adding signatures to the [South Tacoma Mega-Warehouse](#) petition! See [p.2](#)

Thanks to all who signed the [Puget Sound Energy](#) petition from last month. A great response!

[Pierce County Sustainability 2030 Plan](#) amendments—public input sought by [June 30](#). See [p.2](#)

June 4—The [Tacoma Ocean Fest](#) was as colorful and energizing as ever, and we were happy to table there on a gorgeous day! [Photos](#) For [July](#), plans are brewing for an informal, tentless tabling event at [Owen Beach](#). Contact [Linda Cohan](#).

The [Climate ARTivism page](#) on our website has been updated for June. Take a look!

[Climate Talk](#) and [Climate Minute](#) radio programs, interviews and commentary by [John Doherty](#), is on KTAH & KVSH 101.9 FM, and archived on our [website](#) and [Tacoma Public Library](#).

You can help [Ginny Lohr](#) post on our [Facebook page](#) by sending her photos (captioned, please).

Visit us on [Twitter \(@CCLTacoma\)](#) and [Instagram \(ccl_tacoma\)](#).

[Past newsletters](#) are archived on the website

South Tacoma Mega-warehouse issue

Earthjustice, 350, and the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council have filed an appeal over a recently-approved mega-warehouse. The filing, a copy of which was made public by Earthjustice representatives, states that the appellants “challenge the City of Tacoma’s decision not to require an Environmental Impact Statement for applicant Bridge Industrial’s project to build one of the largest warehouse complexes in the world in a neighborhood that is already overburdened by air pollution and other environmental harms.”

South Tacoma Residents Deserve a Health Impact Assessment for Proposed Mega-Warehouse
SIGN THE PETITION

Come to a picnic!

The **CCL Tacoma** annual potluck picnic will be July 19, from 5:30 to dusk, at **Point Defiance Park***

Bring: a potluck dish to share, table service, and a folding chair. Bring your own drink or enjoy our provided lemonade or water.

Families welcome! Social gathering only, not a business meeting.

** (Directions in the park: do the loop past the Pagoda, past the garden entrances, and just past the Rose Garden, look for the **CCL** sign in the open area to the left under the big trees. We will be about 40 yards from the road, at the picnic tables).

“**The Sustainability 2030: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan update** reflects changes made to our ambitious plan seeking to reduce the County’s greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by the year 2030, based on 2015 emissions data. The plan was originally passed by the Council and signed by the Executive in 2021, and the updates were identified through community engagement efforts and conversations with organizations.

You have until **June 30** to provide your input and perspective. You can read through the updated plan draft, provide comments, and review the plan’s online open house by visiting PierceCountyWa.gov/SustPlan2023”

(From Councilmember Robyn Denson’s newsletter)

GLOBAL WARMING – WHAT CAN WE DO? WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Dr. James L. Conca, Trustee of the Herbert M. Parker Foundation

CCL has recently recognized nuclear power as a valid clean energy source. However, misconceptions about nuclear power persist amongst much of the U.S public.

Dr. Conca will give two, separate, 1-hour talks about the current state of nuclear power and how it can be an effective, safe and necessary tool in our fight against climate change.

Part 1 – The Cost, Current State and Safety of Nuclear Power vs. Other Sources

Dr. Conca will talk about the world's energy challenges with respect to geopolitics, energy poverty, climate change, WA State's unique situation, capacity factor, environmental impacts, minerals, why there are places to put each source and places not to, grid-scale storage, nuclear, cost and safety.

- Join us on Thursday, **June 22nd @ 7PM**. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87852176222?pwd=MFBBUnlUMFp6dWITNGlZeFlZUytCDz09>

Part 2 – The Challenge of Waste Disposal

During this hour, Dr. Conca will discuss the types and nature of nuclear waste. He will again provide facts and data regarding the many misconceptions about this topic along with the options, challenges and solutions for waste disposal.

- Join us on Tuesday, **June 27th @ 7PM**. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86727803730?pwd=ajN3eUhuYmpZVmYvWE1aSW0yejdVZz09>

Dr. James Conca is a Trustee of the Herbert M. Parker Foundation in the Tri-Cities, Washington. He has worked on nuclear and energy issues for 40 years at NASA, Washington State



University, New Mexico State University, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Conca has been an advisor to DOE, EPA, state and federal regulatory agencies, and industry. Among others, he worked on the Yucca Mt Project for 25 years and on the WIPP project for 10 years.

He was a [Science Contributor to Forbes](#) on energy and nuclear issues for 10 years.

Conca obtained a Ph.D. in Geochemistry from the California Institute of Technology in 1985, a Masters in Planetary Science in 1981, and a Bachelors in Geology and Biochemistry from Brown University in 1979.

