LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Last year, 2022, saw the world slowly emerge from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. While too soon to declare mission accomplished—and while the larger backdrop of climate change continues at a pace far greater than any of us would hope—I am nonetheless cautiously optimistic about our collective future.

On that note, I am proud to report that The Climate Registry (TCR) made incredible headway on its long-term goals. In many ways, 2022 for us was a year of focusing on the work of building important platforms, projects, and initiatives. We were also able to bring several successes across the finish line in the last quarter of 2022, including TCR’s pavilion at COP27 and the launch of the new TCR website. Also previewed at COP was the Net-Zero Portal, which launched in January 2023.

The next several months will see us deliver on other important efforts that we spent 2022 building, including the launch of our updated Climate Registry Information System (CRIS5)—the platform that members use to input their data into the Carbon Footprint Registry. Complementing our new membership structure and the Net-Zero Portal, we are excited that this platform will further enhance a truly modern and comprehensive experience for our members.

Truly a productive year, in the next annual report I look forward to sharing even more accomplishments gained from our efforts in 2022. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Amy Holm, Executive Director
Previewed at COP27 in November 2022, TCR has now fully launched its innovative Net-Zero Portal, a public, online platform for tracking and comparing net-zero greenhouse gas pledges and pathways. Offered free of charge to its users, the Portal supports international climate ambition and aggressive action by providing a comprehensive platform for organizations to record their net-zero pledges—and, most importantly, the specific plans and pathways that will achieve these goals.

A working group of over 60 diverse international entities was convened to identify the most important information and functionality to include in the Net-Zero Portal platform. The stakeholders in these groups represented a wide variety of entity types, drawn from nonprofits, governmental agencies, corporations, academia, private consulting, and utilities.

Visit the portal—and input your pledges and pathways—at netzeroportal.org.
In November of 2022, The Climate Registry hosted the Pathways to 1.5 Pavilion as part of COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, with a focus on fostering connection and collaboration between subnationals on the road to net zero.

We held many discussions, conversations, and panels at the pavilion, including this one (center photo) moderated by TCR’s Amy Holm and featuring Assistant Secretary Brad Crabtree of the U.S. Department of Energy, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and Governor Jay Inslee of New Mexico and Washington, respectively.

We also were pleased to host Governors Lujan Grisham, Inslee, and Governor Eric Holcomb of Indiana—as well as many other subnational leaders—as part of our multi-sector delegation to COP27, co-hosted with our friends at Climate Action Reserve.
The first in-person Climate Leadership Conference and Awards since the pandemic started took place in Washington, D.C. from May 24-26, 2022, at the Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City.

Produced in partnership with the Center For Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), and featuring both live and virtual components, over 400 participants heard from government and business leaders driving the climate agenda forward and signaling commitments to double down on low-carbon solutions. Speakers included Andrew Mayock, Federal Chief Sustainability Officer in the Biden Administration, and Janet McCabe, Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Climate Leadership Awards ceremony inducted 28 previous awardees into our Hall of Fame. These represented organizations that had won at least two awards over the last decade—with several of them having received many more than that.

We were also thrilled to present the 2022 Climate Pioneer award to Mary Nichols, recognizing her impressive contributions over her decades-long career spanning both state and national service. Vicki Arroyo, Associate Administrator for Policy at the EPA, presented the award.
In September, TCR presented its “Breakfast of Climate Champions” during New York Climate Week. This morning event was generously hosted by Arup—a sustainable development leader and Platinum Sponsor of the 2023 Climate Leadership Conference (CLC) and Awards.

Speakers included California State Senator Henry Stern, California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Yana Garcia, British Columbia Environment Minister George Heyman, as well as Cynthia Williams, Global Director, Sustainability, Homologation and Compliance, Ford, and Lauren Faber O’Connor, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Los Angeles.

TCR Board Member Janet Peace moderated a panel and Q&A session, and Executive Director Amy Holm had the honor of announcing the big news: The 2023 Climate Leadership Conference and Awards will take place for the first time ever in Los Angeles! Secretary Garcia, Senator Stern, and CSO O’Connor welcomed CLC to the city and state and indicated their excitement at hosting the conference in one of the most dynamic regions of the world for climate action today.
Launched in late 2022, the revamped TCR website communicates our refreshed brand and offers an easier-to-use experience. Our registries and downloadable knowledge resources have been grouped together on one portal for quicker navigation, and no longer require a login step for many publicly-accessible documents.

The platform will also provide increased flexibility as we add membership modules and other features. Members will experience fewer clicks and steps to reach important databases and exclusive, members-only content. Visit our new home online at the same address as before: TheClimateRegistry.org.
Climate Registered™ status recognizes members who have reached specific inventory reporting and verifying milestones. Benefits of reaching this status include the ability of members to use select Climate Registry branding and enhanced visibility on Climate Registry marketing materials and outlets.

### All Star

All Stars must have achieved and disclosed a public GHG reduction goal as well as have their public base year verified or third-party reviewed.

- **United States Postal Service**
  Since 2008, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has reported and verified through a third-party verifier all relevant GHG emission sources and activities. USPS committed to a Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions reduction goal of 25% by 2025 from a 2008 base year. In 2020, USPS achieved its goal by reducing its emission by 25.4% from its 2008 baseline.

- **California Department of Water Resources**
  California Department of Water Resources achieved its 2020 goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% (measured against a 1990 baseline) and did so five years ahead of schedule, in 2015. 65% of DWR’s State Water Project’s power portfolio currently consists of its own carbon-free hydroelectric generation and renewable energy purchases.

- **Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**
  Metropolitan established a GHG reduction plan that aligns with California goals (40% below 1990 levels by 2030) and implemented a carbon budget approach to determine GHG emissions reduction progress. Metropolitan is making significant progress towards the ultimate goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. Between 2005 and 2020, Metropolitan used only 53 percent of the total carbon budget allocated for this timeframe.

### Gold

Gold recipients must have reported and third-party verified their emissions inventory.

- **Stanford University**
- **Abt Associates**
- **CommonSpirit Health**

- **Climate Action Reserve**
- **Sonoma Water**
- **Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation**
- **Waste Connections**
- **Mithun**
- **Bonneville Power Administration**
- **Marin Sanitary Service**
- **Columbia University Irving Medical Center**
- **DAK Americas LLC**
- **Eastern Research Group**
- **University of California, Santa Cruz**
- **University of California, Merced**
- **University of California, Santa Barbara**
- **University of California, Irvine**
- **Turlock Irrigation District**
- **San Diego Gas & Electric**
- **Termoelectrica de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.**
- **Sound Transit**
- **University of California, San Francisco**

### Platinum

Platinum recipients must have set and disclosed a public GHG reduction goal as well as a public base year.

- **Stanford University**
- **Salt River Project**
- **Abt Associates**
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- **Termoelectrica de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.**
- **Sound Transit**
- **University of California, San Francisco**
- **Tower Companies**
- **Salt River Project**
- **Southwest Gas Corporation**
- **Brown University**
- **Seattle City Light**
- **University of California, Santa Cruz**
- **University of California, Merced**
- **Greenwaste Recovery, Inc.**
- **Southern California Gas Company**
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SNEAK PEAK: NEW CLIMATE REGISTRY INFORMATION SYSTEM

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