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Good News — The Vice Chancellor for Research and 9 Deans have renewed their support for BCCN for 23-24 and 2 new Deans have joined the effort. We now include Law, CED, Haas, Engineering, Chemistry, RCNR, Health, CDSS, Goldman plus J-School and Education. Thank you!

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1. Beijing: Worst Extreme Rain in 140+ years

Last year Beijing had 19 inches of rain in the entire year. This week? [Twenty-nine inches in 4 days](#).

2. UCOP Climate Action \$\$\$ for Berkeley Research

While UCOP has embargoed all news about the Climate Action funding awards (official announcement TBD) we understand that Berkeley *may* have 5 winners. Berkeley-led proposals numbered 35. Earlier in the process, Berkeley-led LOIs totaled 64. Congratulations to all. We are considering other avenues that might be able to advance some of these excellent “declined” projects.

3. Bay Area HEAT HEALTH CLIMATE Project

This project, coordinated by Berkeley Law and BCCN, connects Berkeley and LBNL researchers with Bay Area heat practitioners from county health departments, city planning, etc. The locals are asking not only for good science and technical solutions, but [help from the social sciences](#). We are dealing with humans! Contact [BCCN](#) to get involved.

4. David Jones: We Are Marching Toward An Uninsurable Future (Barron's)

Former California Insurance Commissioner and now Director of Berkeley Law's Climate Risk Initiative, Jones explains how Insurers are responding to climate-driven losses — raising prices, declining to write new or renew existing insurance policies, and excluding coverage for climate-driven risks because the risk of loss is too great — [and what we must DO](#). (Click the X if you get asked to subscribe.)

5. The BCCN Fall 2023 Unofficial Climate Class Guide (draft)

Our guide to [Fall 2023 climate-related classes](#) is out in DRAFT form. Have a class to add? Send us an [email](#) ASAP.

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[Manifest Climate](#) is a fast grants program that awards \$25K - \$100K to scientists to accelerate their most ambitious bio x climate ideas. The application takes 30 minutes. You get a decision within 21 days. No IP is taken. Are you an academic scientist working on a bio x climate solution? Apply for a Fifty Years Manifest Climate grant by August 31st.

7. SB 233 in CA Legislature - Make ALL EVs Able to Power Houses

State Senator Nancy Skinner (B.S. College of Natural Resources) is pushing SB 233 through the legislature which would mandate that all EVs sold in California have bi-directional charging capabilities. EVs with their big big batteries can provide important amounts of power to houses in disasters when the grid goes down, but right now only a minority of EVs can do this. Here's the bill [blurb](#) and the actual bill [text](#).

8. "Conservative" 2025 Plan to Dismantle Federal Climate Action

Heritage Foundation has led the development of the "2025 Plan" describing in some detail how a "conservative" administration taking over in 2025 should defund and "re-focus" federal programs including climate work at EPA, DOE and elsewhere. See the [Guardian article](#) and the [2025 web site](#) for more.

9. Lion's Roar: 5 Buddhist Practices to Help Tackle Climate Change

In honor of Bay Area Buddhist teacher, author, and radio star Wes "Scoop" Nisker who passed away earlier this week at 80, we give you Willa Baker's [5 practical and smart practices](#) to take on climate change instead of running away. **"Spiritual practices are not alternatives to swift, wise action. They are complementary disciplines to education and activism. Spiritual resources can help us move from desperation to sustainable activism."**

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