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News from the Berkeley Climate Change Network - Oct 24

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1. Why We Work: Hottest September on Record (by far)

[We smashed the global temp record for September](#). NOAA: "September 2023 saw the highest monthly global [temperature anomaly](#) — which indicates how much warmer or cooler temperatures are from the long-term average — OF ANY MONTH ON RECORD."

2. BCCN Grows! Meet Our Fabulous Network Specialists

Thanks to new I&E \$\$ from the VCR, we have hired three students as BCCN Network Specialists. Over the coming weeks you will meet Nyny Vu (CED), Saoirse Stock (SPH) and Sarabaesh Srikumar (Political Science). To start, Nyny, Saoirse, Sarabaesh and I are emailing everyone in our [Berkeley Climate Map](#) to update your info. Not on the map? [Email bruceriodan@berkeley.edu](mailto:bruceriodan@berkeley.edu).

3. It's SERC's Climate Justice Week on Campus - Schedule Here!

The [Student Environmental Resource Center](#) (SERC) has put together a great lineup of activities for Climate Justice Week now through Friday the 27th. [Get all the info here](#).

4. Does CLEE Need Another C?: China, APEC, EVs, Leg & More

Every time we draft this newsletter it seems there's a full page of climate-related events [just from Berkeley Law's Center for Law, Energy and Environment](#) (CLEE[c]). Check out this week: A new [endowment](#), an [Op-Ed in The Hill](#), a [CA transportation GHGs report](#), a new Lunch and Learn tomorrow on [California climate legislation](#), and....more. Next month at APEC in SF, CLEE's [California-China Climate Institute](#) will hold a couple of big events.

5. Berkeley at COP28 in Dubai - Are You Going?

BCCN would like to help coordinate Berkeley [@COP28](#) in a month. For example, here's Mio Katayama Owens (BEAHRs): "We're exploring opportunities to promote our new Master of Climate Solutions at COP28 and would love to collaborate with those attending. If you're interested in collaborating, please email miokat@berkeley.edu." Are you going? [Email BCCN](#) and we will connect you-all.

6. Community Engaged Research Mixer NOV 15

VCR: "In our efforts to recognize, support, and raise visibility for the public impact of UC Berkeley research, we invite those of you working in partnered and community-engaged research to a meet and greet happy hour on Wednesday, November 15th, 4pm-6pm at the Faculty Club. In addition to networking across disciplines and generations of engaged scholars, we will update on recent advances in strengthening the recognition of and conditions for partnered scholarship and opportunities to provide input on next steps for our efforts." [RSVP here](#).

7. Big Climate Solutions Conference at SLO Weds-Thurs-Fri

Cal Poly SLO is hosting a 3-day ALL-VIRTUAL climate solutions conference this week. 70 TALKS. [All details here](#).

8. Funding Opportunity: CEC Climate Innovation Program Workshop NOV 2

The CEC's \$500M [Climate Innovation Program](#) will hold a workshop on November 2, 9 am to Noon. The CIP "supports the early development and scale-up of breakthrough clean energy and climate change technologies, including in the largest emitting sectors of the economy — power, transportation, buildings, and industry." CIP will provide up to \$500 million for eligible projects, providing a "pathway for innovations that help transition tech from research institutions to private sector ventures where they can be further developed and scaled to the commercial stage." [Workshop info and sign-up here](#).

9. Hydrogen \$\$\$, Biden and Berkeley

The Big H is getting a lot more attention and money, including here in Berkeley. Hope or Hype? See the [LA Times piece here](#) and the [Climate Nexus H news feed here](#). For a Berkeley connection, see [Molecular Sponges Could Be Hydrogen Fuel Tanks](#) (Sept 29 Science) which nicely references Jeff Long (Chemistry) and Hanna Brunig (LBNL) on the MOF breakthrough for H storage.

10. As Maine Goes...So Does California?

The November 7th ballot in Maine will feature a proposal to junk their two Investor-Owned Utilities (like PG&E here) and replace them with a non-profit energy provider. [See the Wash Post here](#).

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"Lest anyone fool themselves into thinking that the United States is doing nearly enough on climate change, the nation produced more oil than ever during the first week of October. [Here are the numbers](#), from the AP's Seth Borenstein. And in case anyone is still wondering what kind of future oil and gas giant Exxon Mobil is planning for, the company plans to buy fellow fossil fuel driller Pioneer Natural Resources [for roughly \\$60 billion](#)." — LA TIMES OCT 2023

