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NEWS FROM THE BERKELEY CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK - JAN 25, 2024

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1. Why We Do This Work: 2023 Hottest — San Diego Rainiest

[Berkeley Earth](#) just released its [2023 Report](#) showing this was the hottest year on record (since 1850) beating the previous record by a "clear and definite margin." See all sorts of cool graphs and charts (slides!) on 2023 at [Berkeley Earth](#). Kicking off 2024, San Diego just declared a State of Emergency after [all-time record January rain](#).

2. Kim Stanley Robinson — Live in Berkeley!

"Kim Stanley Robinson — Ministry for the Future and the Climate Crisis" fully engaged a sold-out crowd yesterday at Brower Center. By Monday the 29th, watch the [90-minute recording at BCCN](#). Sponsored by BCCN, Berkeley Journalism, Center for Interdisciplinary Critical Inquiry, Townsend Center for the Humanities, Rausser College of Natural Resources, SC(2) and Berkeley English.

3. SkyDeck Climate Track & Climate Tech Event

Berkeley Skydeck is accepting applications from start-ups for BATCH 18 and Skydeck now includes a CLIMATE TRACK. Deadline Feb 14th. [All info here](#). Interested founders can register for [SkyDeck's information sessions](#) to learn more. Skydeck hosted a cool event "Climate Tech: Charting the Future" at the Faculty Club earlier this week.

4. Poetry and the Climate Crisis - Coming in April

Stay tuned for this big Berkeley poetry + science event April 16th featuring [DEAR HUMAN AT THE EDGE OF TIME](#), the new poetry anthology accompanying the U.S. 5th Climate Assessment.

5. BCCN Spring 2024 Climate Class Guide is Here

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Berkeley now has over 50 climate-related classes offered this semester. See the [BCCN Unofficial Guide to Climate-Related Classes](#) for detailed info as climate classes spread all across the campus. **Is your class missing from the guide? Send an [email](#) and we will add it ASAP!**

While you are on the BCCN site, check out the new and expanded [Berkeley Climate Map](#) — big thanks to our BCCN Network Specialists Nyny Vu, Saoirse Stock, and Sarabaesh Srikumar!

6. BEREC Annual Energy Summit Feb 8-9

The big [Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative](#) event "Charging Ahead - Accelerating the Energy Transition For All" is in two weeks. [Get all info and register](#) for panels on pressing energy topics, a Climate Showcase highlighting student research, a Climate Company Fair to connect students and employers, and networking events to build relationships and discuss ideas.

7. Bay Area HEAT HEALTH CLIMATE Zoom Workshop Feb 2

CLEE (Berkeley Law) and BCCN are hosting a Zoom workshop Feb 2 (10:30 am - Noon) bringing Berkeley and LBL researchers together with Bay Area local government and community health and climate experts. Info, updates on cool heat and health strategies, and networking. Want to join us? email brucerjord@berkeley.edu.

8. Berkeley Gets Bay Area 5th Climate Assessment Role

The State of California's 5th Climate Assessment has selected Berkeley to lead the development of the Bay Area Regional Report for the Assessment. The project will be led by the Center for Law, Energy and Environment (CLEE) at Berkeley Law in partnership with BCCN, the Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network (BayCAN) and other academic and practitioner partners. Stay tuned.

9. Climate Center: All-Electric Buildings Aren't Only for the Rich

The Climate Center (focused on CA, HQ'd in Sonoma) has an [excellent blog piece](#) this week on the fight over how to cut CA's building GHGs while extending the personal health and economic benefits to ALL CALIFORNIANS. The state budget debates between now and June are key.

10. Thompson Reuters Foundation: Climate Change on Ballots Worldwide

Context from the [Thompson Reuters Foundation](#) has produced this very good survey of ["Climate on the Ballot"](#) in 40 countries across the globe. Hold on to your hats for 2024!

BONUS: With COVID On the Rise: New Info on Home Testing

As someone with recent experience (again) with COVID testing, here's a helpful guide to the [LATEST](#) from the Mercury-News.

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“The five-alarm nature of climate chaos requires revising curriculum, research, and innovation throughout higher education and changing requirements for graduation so that every student in every field knows what planet they’re on, how it works, and why such things are important for our public life and for their own lives and careers.”

— **Democracy in a Hotter Time: Climate Change and Democratic Transformation** by David W. Orr, Bill McKibben

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