NEWS FROM THE BERKELEY CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK - July 25

Funded by: RCNR, CIEE, VCRO, Law, CED, Haas, Goldman, SPH, Chemistry, I&E, Physics CDSS, Engineering, Education, Journalism, Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities, LBNL
Bruce Riordan, Director - Saoirse Stock, Network Specialist - Sarabaesh Srikumar, Network Specialist

Have News to Share? Unsubscribe? brucriordan@berkeley.edu

COMING IN SEPTEMBER...BCCN 2.0 — NEW COOL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY/STAFF, MEDIA, FUNDERS AND OFF-CAMPUS PARTNERS

In This Issue:
1. Why We Do This Work: Sunday Monday Hottest Day “Ever”
2. Climate Protests Disrupt Air Travel in Europe Just Before O
3. $10M Hewlett Seed Grant for New BESI (includes climate)
4. Goldman Report: How CA Can Drive Down Seaport GHGs
5. New Haas Class - Climate, Politics, Finance and Infrastructure (Gordon & Schaaf)
6. Near-Earth Object: BCCN Podcast Poet John Shoptaw (English)
7. John Balmes (SPH): Immune-Mediated Disease Rising from Climate Change
8. CITRIS Names 9 Berkeley Rising Entrepreneurs Climate Action Fellows
9. Brand New from Berkeley’s IECC: Solar and Storage Key for India Grid
10. Deadline Extended for Berkeley Climate Equity Seed Grants
11. Grist: The People Who Feed America Are Going Hungry (climate, again)
12. The Climate VP’s — Trump Picks Skeptic, Harris Eyes Moderates
13. Berkeley’s Fish Warns Liberals: Get Tough Or Be Prepared to Lose

1. Why We Do This Work: Sunday Monday Hottest Day “Ever”
Sunday was the hottest day globally in recorded history until... Monday beat the record.

2. Climate Protests Disrupt Air Travel in Europe Just Before O
Flights canceled as climate protesters in Frankfurt, London and elsewhere jump on board. (Not quite as radical as Kim Stanley Robinson in Ministry!)

3. $10M Hewlett Seed Grant for New BESI (includes climate)
Hewlett sings high praise for Berkeley’s inter-disciplinary “energy” and funds the new Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (BESI) — climate is 1 of 4 themes. Led by Political Science’s Paul Pierson, housed in Letters and Science and supported by the Social Science Matrix.
4. Goldman Report: How CA Can Drive Down Seaport GHGs
David Wooley and team at Goldman’s GSPP have done it again. This time a big report on how we can drive down GHGs and air pollution at California’s ports. See The Hill’s story and Volt’s podcast with David “How Are We Going to Decarbonize Shipping?”

5. New Haas Class - Climate, Politics, Finance and Infrastructure (Gordon & Schaaf)
Haas is bringing on 2 experienced climate leaders — former Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and CA Forward’s Kate Gordon — to bring the big world to students. For starters, Schaaf and Gordon will teach a new SAIF class "Climate, Politics, Finance and Infrastructure."

6. Near-Earth Object: BCCN Podcast Poet John Shoptaw (English)
In the latest BCCN podcast (25 mins) Berkeley poet John Shoptaw reads from Near-Earth Object, his most recent journey into poetry and climate. John reads selections from the book and we discuss the great role poetry can play in our personal and planet-wide efforts.

7. John Balmes (SPH): Immune-Mediated Disease Risings from Climate Change
Public Health’s John Balmes is a co-author on a big new study in Frontiers in Science on the increase in immune-mediated diseases — e.g., asthma, autoimmune diseases, cancer — from increasing pollutants and decreasing biodiversity on our hotter, storm-driven and wildfire-burdened planet.

8. CITRIS Names 9 Berkeley Rising Entrepreneurs Climate Innovation Fellows
The cohort of nine fellows — five undergrads, three grads and one postdoc — will receive $10,000 each to advance projects on urgent environmental challenges, including carbon emissions tracking and reduction, water scarcity, and wildfire mitigation and management.

9. Brand New from Berkeley’s IECC: Solar and Storage Key for India Grid
Report from India Energy and Climate Center (Goldman) shows how a rapid deployment of solar power and storage is the best option for India. Key findings: Power shortages likely, solar + storage can avoid shortages, the combo is economical, policy support is needed, and massive long-term RE and storage expansion required.

10. Deadline Extended for Berkeley Climate Equity Seed Grants
Deadline for VCR’s new Climate Equity Seed Grants has been extended to July 29.

11. Grist: The People Who Feed America Are Going Hungry (climate, again)
As always, excellent Grist reporting on how farmworkers are not only dealing with extreme heat, wildfire smoke and other impacts but now climate is curtailing some
extreme heat, wildfire smoke and other impacts but now climate is curtailing some agriculture, which means less work for workers.

12. The Climate VP’s — Trump Picks Skeptic, Harris Eyes Moderates
The Daily Climate dishes on J.D. Vance and the climate moderates likely to get the Harris nod. Meanwhile, Inside Climate News outlines “Trump Environmental Impact Endures, At Home and Around the World.”

13. Berkeley’s Fish Warns Liberals: Get Tough Or Be Prepared to Lose
In a new book, E. Steven Fish (Political Science) argues that pro-democracy forces need to deploy a “high dominance” political style to defeat Trumpism.

Global surface-air temperatures in April averaged 1.5˚C higher than the 1850-1900 global average. Carlo Buontempo, the Copernicus director, said that as remarkable as the trend is, “this string of hottest months will be remembered as comparatively cold” without action to reverse it.