

# Welcome to the January 31, 2026 Meeting



**Tucson Citizens' Climate Lobby**



Slides and links in this presentation will be posted at

*<http://tucsonccl.com>*



# Welcome: new members since December meeting - and anyone here today for the first time

- ▶ Nikki Reck
- ▶ Taylor Blair
- ▶ Evan Nye
- ▶ Dorothy Terrazas

# Citizen's Climate Lobby

Over 261,000 supporters and 510 chapters worldwide

We welcome anyone who is serious about solving climate change as a volunteer. We work with members of Congress across the political spectrum to find common ground on climate change action.

- ▶ In early January, CCLers sent over 7,000 messages to Congress funding for NCAR.  
**48 messages from Tucson CCL.**
- ▶ On Jan. 15, the Senate passed a bill fully funding the National Science Foundation's research programs, which fund NCAR each year.



# Monthly National CCL Call 11:00 a.m.



Monthly Call 

**February 14, 2026**

[CCLUSA.ORG/MEETING](https://CCLUSA.ORG/MEETING)

**Bill Doherty, PhD**  
Co-founder, Braver Angels

The graphic features a blue background with a green horizontal bar. On the right side, there is a white line-art illustration of two hands shaking, enclosed in a green circle with radiating lines. To the left of the handshake are two white diamond shapes. The text is arranged in a clean, sans-serif font.

# Fall Lobby Day

▶ Meeting held virtually with Congresswoman Grijalva:



## TUCSON OPINION

# Carbon fee/dividend sorely needed

*The following is the opinion and analysis of the writer:*

In 2024 candidate Trump promised to eviscerate the Biden administration's climate policies. In 2025 President Trump kept his promise. He is now hellbent on rooting out any residual environmental



**DOUG PICKRELL**

correctness. A prevalent Democratic response has been "climate change and the environment are secondary issues, voters care about affordability." This is wrong-headed.

The vast majority of voters care deeply about climate change and the environment. The Biden administration just whiffed when they had an opportunity to address the issue in an economically and politically sound way.

Let's revisit first principles. Granted not all economists understand that there is a strict correlation between the

concentration of atmospheric greenhouse gases and climate. But virtually all economists know that to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the textbook prescription is a price on greenhouse gas emissions. To be brief, the private sector is 4 times the size of the government sector, and markets have a proven track record. If we do not give businesses, individuals and local governments an economic incentive to make green decisions, then often they will make counter-productive choices. For example in the absence of pricing carbon, budget conscious people will do the self-interested thing and keep their gas powered cars.

The basic problems with a tax on fossil fuels, and also with energy efficiency standards, are that higher energy costs disadvantage U.S. businesses, and energy costs disproportionately impact those with lesser incomes. The first problem can be substantially addressed by using a carbon border adjustment mechanism, a version of

which is sponsored by Republican Senators Cassidy, Graham, and others (who also support secondary sanctions on Russian oil).

The main point of this op-ed is that there is an end around to the first problem, which many have pointed out in these pages: the revenue neutral carbon/fee dividend proposal of the Citizen's Climate Lobby and the industry aligned Climate Leadership Council. This proposal would impose a gradually increasing fee on carbon at the wellhead or mine, and the revenue would be distributed to (for example) the bottom 80% of households.

The primordial fear among Democrats is that Republicans will conflate carbon fee/dividend with a tax. But consider this: (1) the top 1% control  $\sim 1/3$  of the household wealth of this country, the top 10% control  $\sim 2/3$ , and the bottom 50% control  $\sim 3\%$ ; (2) globally the top 1% produces as much carbon pollution as the bottom  $2/3$ ; and (3)

whereas  $\sim 7\%$  of households own multiple residences, those with lesser incomes will be trapped by climate change. If a politician cannot make the argument that it is fair to charge a fee for carbon pollution and to redistribute the revenue to those with lesser incomes, then said politician has no business running for office.

In what sense did Biden whiff on this? In July 2021 climate legislation was blocked by Senator Manchin. Biden could have reached across the aisle to Senators Romney, Graham and others to pass carbon fee/dividend. He chose the go it alone with the Inflation Reduction Act. We cannot replay history. But it is a fact that this choice politicized our response to climate change. This is disastrous, and we need to learn from this.

What is at stake? Over the past 3 years, the global mean temperature has exceeded the pre-industrial average by  $\sim 1.5$  C, the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement's preferred target. We are now hitting climate tipping points, such

as the irreversible decline of coral reefs. Greenhouse gas emissions are increasing at a record rate. Human population will increase by  $\sim 20\%$  by 2050. The energy demands of AI (a competing species, which is indifferent to climate change) will multiply many fold. It is now a virtual certainty that global mean temperature will exceed 2 C around 2040-45. This will trigger feedback loops, such as tundra melting and release of methane, which will further accelerate warming. Beyond this, uncertainty dominates because our climate is so far removed from equilibrium.

Bill Gates has recently argued that the only way out of climate purgatory is innovation, such as fusion. This may be true.

How can we simultaneously slow climate change, marginally address income inequality, and spur innovation? Adopt carbon fee/dividend.

Doug Pickrell, an associate professor of mathematics, is a fourth-generation Arizonan.

## Legislative Updates

PROVE IT language in Energy and Water appropriations bill. Signed into law.

YEA – Ciscomani, Grijalva, Gallego, Kelly

Permitting Reform some movement

FOFA and Forestry appropriations

NCAR funding action update

# National Policy News

## **Fix Our Forests Act passed in House Passed out of committee in Senate**

- ▶ MANY amendments made in Senate.
- ▶ Supporters include CCL, National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, and National Wildlife Federation

# Citizen's Climate Lobby

## Support for Fix Out Forests Act

- ▶ Build momentum for a Fix Our Forests floor vote. Tell your Senators you support the FOFA (S.1462) which already passed in the House and just recently passed the Senate Agriculture Committee with a strong bipartisan vote. A total of 3,577 messages already sent to Congress. **FIFTY** (1.4%) messages were sent from Tucson CCL (December meeting). The target is 5000.

# National Policy News

## Fix Our Forests Act Lobbying

[Support the Fix Our Forests Act](#)



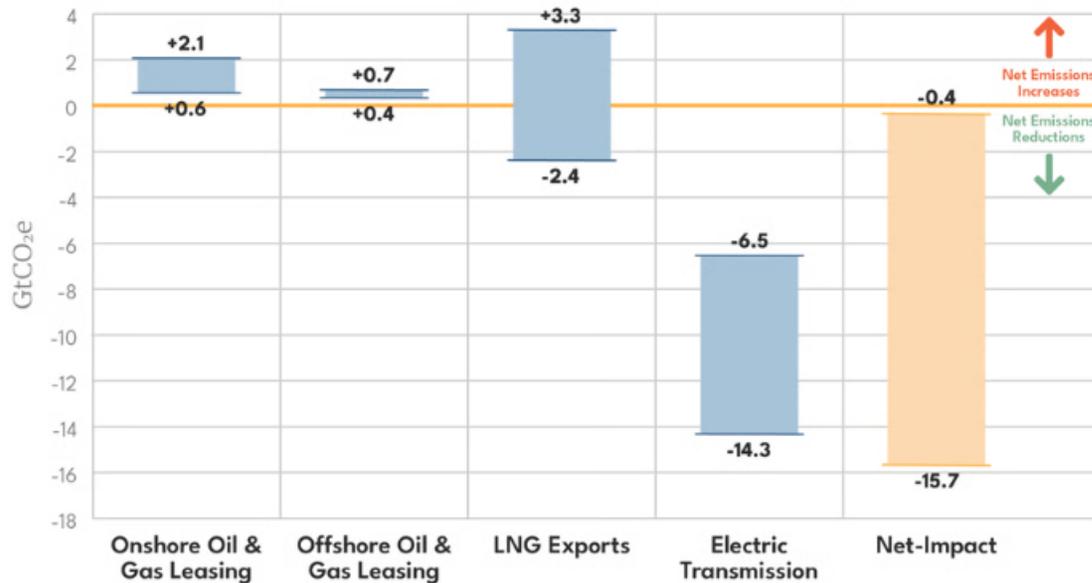
# National Policy News

**Permitting reform is national action item.**

[Write Congress: Clean Energy Permitting Reform](#)

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**Directional Emissions Impacts of Key EPRA Provisions by 2050**



# ACC Update

Barbara Liguori



<https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>

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# Book Club

**Rick Rappaport and Marian Fish**



# Student Scholarships

**Mary Stout**



# Tucson CCL Account Summary

Date	Balance	Donations	Expenses
12/4/2025	\$743.48	\$100	\$0
12/29/25	843.48	\$927	\$0
1/31/26	\$1770.48		

# Upcoming Tabling Events

## **Southern Arizona Heat Summit**

Saturday, 2/7/26 @ UA ENR2

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Need volunteer for tabling noon to 1:15 p.m.



# Environmental Day

**State Capitol, Phoenix**  
**2/11/2026 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

[Citizens' Climate Lobby: Tabling Opportunities for CCL](#)

3 shifts and volunteers needed.

Also, can lobby State Representatives and Senators

<https://tiny.cc/CCLTabling>

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=701Po000019vMfulAE>

Social event

Tucson CCL  
U of A Women's BB Game  
Saturday 2/14/2026  
McKale Center  
@ 1100



# CCL Training Sessions

The Challenge of Energy Affordability and Security  
Thursday, February 5

Election Season Activities  
Thursday, February 12

New Volunteer Page – CCL Community Website

Getting Started as a Liaison

All trainings at **5 pm PT**

Recordings will be posted on CCL Community afterwards

# CCL Bridge Advocacy - Building Bridges

UNIT 1 OF 3

## Understanding Ourselves to Better Understand Others

Move beyond surface-level arguments by understanding the deep moral drivers that shape people's climate views. This unit empowers you to recognize your own moral foundations and see how they differ from others—the essential first step to truly connecting across divides.

🕒 ~1-2 hours total   📅 3 trainings   ⚡ Beginner friendly

<https://community.citizensclimate.org/BRIDGE/Unit-1>

- ⚡ **Energy & Utilities**

- How will you balance Arizona's growing energy demands with the need for affordable utility rates?
- What role do you see renewable energy (solar, wind, geothermal) playing in Arizona's energy future?
- How would you approach decisions about rate hikes requested by utility companies?

- 🌍 **Climate & Sustainability**

- What steps should the Commission take to ensure Arizona's grid is resilient against extreme heat and drought?
- How will you address the tension between economic growth and environmental sustainability in utility regulation?

- 💧 **Water & Infrastructure**

- What is the Commission's role in ensuring reliable water and wastewater services, especially given Arizona's drought challenges?
- How would you evaluate infrastructure investments to modernize Arizona's utility systems?

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- 👤 **Consumer Protection & Transparency**

- How will you ensure transparency in Commission decisions and protect consumers from unfair utility practices?
- What measures would you support to increase public participation in Commission hearings and decisions?

- ⚖️ **Governance & Accountability**

- How will you maintain independence and avoid conflicts of interest when making regulatory decisions that affect powerful utility companies?