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The Climate Trust Welcomes Three New Board Members

Nonprofit adds expertise in environmental policy and planning; human resources

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Climate Trust is pleased to announce three strategic additions to the Board of Directors: Renee Dowlin, recently retired from the Port of Portland; Patrick Proctor, Vice President of Operations & Human Resources at Stash Tea Company; and John Audley, Executive Director at Sustainable Northwest.

“The Climate Trust is honored to welcome Renee, Patrick and John as new board members. Renee and John’s combined 40 years of environmental expertise—both regionally and nationally— in addition to Patrick’s keen insight into human resource development, will add invaluable new dimensions to the Board,” said Laura Beane, Board Chair and Director of Regional Market Structure & Policy for Iberdrola Renewables.

Dowlin is an experienced project manager, with 20 plus years of environmental, land use and aviation planning experience, who now runs her own environmental consulting business. Prior to working for the Port of Portland, she developed some of the earliest airport alternative fuels and recycling programs, in addition to serving as an air quality manager and overseeing emissions inventories that included greenhouse gases. Dowlin was appointed to the State of Oregon Energy Facility and Siting Council by Governor Kitzhaber earlier this year.

Proctor specializes in human resources management, organizational development, and high-end strategic planning for organizations both large and small. Prior to his time at Stash Tea Company, he served as an Organizational Development & Human Resources consultant for both Paychex Corporation and The HR Tree; Interim Executive Director of Intensive Family Services; Lead Coordinator/Specialist for Oregon Health & Science University; and as the On-site H.R. Manager for ManpowerGroup.

Audley has a long professional history working within the environmental sector; for both nonprofit and government agencies. His experience centers on building consensus among diverse constituencies to develop and implement social, environmental, and economic development policy. Specific trade and environmental policies developed by Audley are now part of U.S. and international trade policy. Additionally, he has successfully defended state renewable energy policies simultaneously in four states, and passed major energy policy legislation in MT, WA and OR. Audley is a frequent speaker on national and international news outlets, with published opinion editorials in *The Wall Street Journal*, *International Herald Tribune*, and newspapers throughout the Northwest. He has also provided expert testimony before Congress, European Parliament, The World Trade Organization, and four state legislatures.

The Climate Trust Executive Director, Sean Penrith, said the new Board additions will help shore up the core competencies needed for a well-rounded board. “We’re in a period of transformation with much potential growth on the horizon,” Penrith said. “The addition of board members with such valuable

knowledge of the environmental sector will be a great resource. Patrick's expertise will be an asset in the development of any new processes necessary for a growing organization."

Audley said he was excited to join The Climate Trust, because of the nonprofit organization's mission-driven activities and status as a trusted expert. "The Trust takes a comprehensive approach to climate solutions, often focusing their investments on projects with strong added benefits—projects that are good for their client's bottom line and good for the environment."

Dowlin and Proctor shared Audley's optimism, mentioning the organization's dedication to innovation and action, as reasons for board involvement. "The Climate Trust is above all practical. Their focus on real world implementation of climate solutions is a highly impactful way to do business," said Dowlin.

The three new board members join The Climate Trust at an exciting time. The appointment of new Executive Director, Sean Penrith, has secured a dynamic leader with a powerful vision for The Trust. Renee, Patrick and John will become part of the seven-member Oregon board that oversees fulfilling The Trust's statutory obligations under the Oregon Carbon Dioxide Standard—the nation's first legislation to curb carbon dioxide emissions.

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About The Trust

The Climate Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with over 15 years of carbon financing experience. Our mission is to provide expertise, financing, and inspiration to accelerate innovative climate solutions that endure. In order to arrest the rise in greenhouse gas emissions and to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate change, The Climate Trust works to accelerate project implementation, develop financing solutions, and establish a supportive policy environment in the renewable energy, agriculture, forestry and energy efficiency sectors.

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