



Note from Executive Director

Dear SSV friends,

I'm asking you to give 3 minutes of your time **today** for this important task: oppose the confirmation of Scott Pruitt as the head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the hearing is scheduled to start [tomorrow](#).

In this first month of 2017, as the national landscape is on the cusp of transformation, I support the [Natural Resource Defense Council](#) (NRDC), [Environmental Defense Fund](#) (EDF), and the [Sierra Club](#) in their conviction that Scott Pruitt should not head the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

At this critical moment, the world needs a strong EPA. If you agree that evidence-based science should form the basis of our public policy, please tell your Senators to oppose Scott Pruitt's nomination [here](#) on the Sierra Club form. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thompson
Executive Director
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SSV Highlights



Last year, SSV successfully pivoted from an events based organization that facilitates measurable projects, education, policies, as well as events. SSV finished 2016 on a high note with our Winter Water Workshop at Google in Mountain View. Mayor Sam Liccardo of the City of San Jose opened the event with enthusiasm for onsite water reuse and this continued throughout the day closing with State Sen. Jerry Hill. Click [here](#) for highlights.



SSV is excited to announce that we completed the first year of the Net Positive Communities-East Palo Alto project funded by the BAAQMD. SSV conducted 25 home energy and water audits, and facilitated the installation of solar by Grid Alternative at two residences, plus four more are in the pipeline. Additionally, the program connected residents to existing programs, such as the Minor Home Repair Program. In 2017, we plan to scale this project.



SSV is pleased to share California Community College's Agriculture, Water and Environmental Technology (AWET) event California Workforce Environmental and Sustainability Roundtable on Friday, January 27th from at Mission College in Santa Clara. Join industry, government and education leaders to discuss how to prepare the next generation of skilled workforce participants for sustainability careers in our region. **We hope you will join us.**

In the Spotlight



Share Office Space with SSV

SSV is expanding its office in Santa Clara. We are located in a historic fruit evaporator warehouse that has been converted into offices. We are seeking other nonprofits and sustainability start-ups to share our space. [Here](#) is the information and please post this to your networks. If you are interested in viewing the office, please contact [Jennifer](#) directly.

Gleick: Is the drought over? Wrong question! We should be asking: Are we managing our water in a sustainable way? That answer is 'No'

Is California having a wet year? So far, yes. Precipitation, especially in northern California, is far above average - indeed, California is swinging from the extreme of little rain to the risk of severe flood.

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Investors and Alternative Energy

The Keynote speaker at SSV's event Creating an Ecosystem for a Carbon Balanced Planet, Nancy Pfund, is featured in a New York Times article about the clean energy sector getting returns on investments and catching the next technological boom as well as reducing greenhouse gases and helping the environment.

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Events



California Workforce Environmental and Sustainability Roundtable

California Community College's Agriculture, Water and Environmental Technology (AWET) is hosting an exciting [California Workforce Environmental and Sustainability Roundtable](#) on Friday, January 27th from 10 am to 2 pm at

Strategies for Effective GHG Management by Tobias Schultz, SCS Global Services

SCS is holding a 3-part webinar series next month on corporate Strategies for Effective GHG Management. SCS's Tobias Schultz will address challenges and provide sustainability professionals with strategies for effective corporate GHG management planning that

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yield both business and environmental value. All 3 webinar series are free.

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