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Environment Now's Terry Tamminen to Lead California EPA

On November 12th, newly elected Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that he would appoint Environment Now's Executive Director, Terry Tamminen, to head the California Environmental Protection Agency. While regretting the departure of its longtime leader, Environment Now's board and staff heartily congratulate Secretary Tamminen as well as Governor Schwarzenegger for making an excellent choice to head this important agency. Tamminen will no doubt play a significant role in leading the Schwarzenegger Administration forward on many of the state's pressing environmental issues. He has proven himself to be a true leader in over 10 years of environmental advocacy and action. As Tamminen himself put it: "I look forward to helping the Governor implement the bold environmental plan that he set forth during the campaign." To read more about Governor Schwarzenegger's environmental plan, visit www.joinarnold.com/en/agenda.

With Tamminen moving to the California EPA, Environment Now's President, Kevin Wells, has assumed the additional responsibility of acting Executive Director to lead the organization alongside Associate Director Rob Wells, who has been with Environment Now all of its 14 year history, and Chief Operating Officer Terry O'Day, who recently joined Environment Now from EV Rental Cars. Kevin Wells, son of Environment Now's founders Frank and Luanne Wells, has been actively involved in the strategic leadership of the foundation for the last 10 years.

Environment Now will continue to operate under its founding mission: to be an active leader in creating measurably effective environmental programs to protect and restore California's environment. Environment Now's ultimate goal is to restore the balance and health of California's ecosystems, and it believes that this goal is achievable through an intelligent combination of enforcement of existing laws, and application of technology and process improvements to eliminate unsustainable practices. It brings an entrepreneurial approach to building grassroots groups and campaigns, and seeks to create leverage through means such as capacity building in its partner organizations, setting legal precedents, and creating best management practices. Environment Now prides itself on its ability to respond quickly to issues and to assume risk where larger foundations cannot. This is one of the founding principles of an organization that regards itself as a "SWAT team" for the environment.

Environment Now looks forward to this new phase in our activist history as well as to working with Secretary Tamminen and the Schwarzenegger Administration in the years to come.

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