

## State of Change

Your California Newsletter



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### A Pivotal Month for the Planet?

#### THE BIG PICTURE

2020 was supposed to be a "super-year for nature," with world leaders convening for a first-ever treaty for the high seas, a new global framework to protect biodiversity, and the most important climate convention since the Paris Agreement. All of these events have since been postponed to 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But key planning and negotiation sessions for these agreements have continued online, and other high-profile events are going forward virtually. This month alone brings a digital UN General Assembly and accompanying Biodiversity Summit, and New York Climate Summit, plus the release of several scientific and economic reports. Sustainability is a long game by definition, but September could prove a "super-month" for the planet—and a test of the limits of "Zoom-diplomacy."

#### CALIFORNIA FEATURES



#### A goodbye to Hazy Johnson, life-long environmental advocate

Last week, the environmental community lost one of its most accomplished advocates. Hazy Johnson, former TMD Victoria Regional Director and California National Resources Secretary, passed away at 37.

[Read Hazy's Obituary](#)



#### Dangermond Preserve goes digital

We might be social distancing, but you can still stay connected to the groundbreaking science and research underway at the Dangermond Preserve.

[See the Preserve Page](#)



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### Guess who's protecting Navarro River salmon? Winemakers!

When people and salmon have to fight over water, people usually win. We know it doesn't need to be that way. Our water team is helping winemakers along the Navarro River change when and how they use river water, so salmon can thrive and grapes can grow.

[See their work](#)



#### Find your favorite TNC webinar here!

We've just recastled the second season of our Understanding Decade Podcast! Be sure not to miss your favorite episodes.

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#### TNC IN THE NEWS



#### Where the river meets the sea

Co-Medians featured in episode by Jennifer Howard, Director of Science for the California Water Team, on the importance of the freshwater-saltwater interface in the Delta and the San Francisco Bay.

[Read more from Jennifer Howard](#)



#### A historic acquisition

We're not the only ones impressed with Frog Lake and Copper Ridge! The California State Parks and the National Park Service have acquired the site, marking the first time in the state's history that a private landowner has donated land to the state.

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