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Terry Tamminen

Former Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tamminen was appointed as the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency in November of 2003. He was then appointed Cabinet Secretary in December, 2004. He continues to advise the Governor on energy and environmental policy. In April, 2007, he was named the Cullman Senior Fellow and Director of the Climate Policy Program of The New America Foundation, a non-profit, post-partisan, public policy institute. In September, 2007, he was appointed as an Operating Advisor to Pegasus Capital Advisors. Pegasus Capital Advisors, L.P., is a private equity fund manager that provides capital to middle market companies across a wide variety of industries.

In 1993, Mr. Tamminen founded the Santa Monica BayKeeper and served as its Executive Director for six years. He co-founded Waterkeeper programs in San Diego, Orange County, Ventura, and Santa Barbara. He also served for five years as Executive Director of the Environment Now Foundation in Santa Monica, CA and co-founded the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic at the School of Law, University of California Los Angeles.

Mr. Tamminen has also written many books. His latest book, Lives Per Gallon: The True Cost of Our Oil Addiction, is an examination of our dependence on oil and a strategy to evolve to more sustainable energy sources. He has also written a series of best-selling "Ultimate Guides" to pools and spas and several theatrical works on the life of William Shakespeare.

Mr. Tamminen currently travels throughout the United States and the world, lecturing and providing private consulting services to a variety of clients on climate and energy policy.