

Brown adviser traveling to Paris climate talks

Greenhouse gas offset registry picking up the tab

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SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown's energy policy adviser, Ruchi Sadhir, will travel to Paris next week as part of a delegation from California, Oregon, Washington state, Illinois and Tennessee at the international climate talks in Paris.

The trip is being paid for by a California-based environmental organization that operates the largest accredited greenhouse gas offset registry for the California cap-and-trade program.

The focus of the United Nations summit is to work on a new international agreement between nations to address climate change. Individual states are not involved in the talks. Sadhir did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday afternoon about what she hopes to achieve during the trip. However, Chris Pair, Brown's press secretary, said it is important for Oregon to have a "seat at the table" during the talks.

"Gov. Brown believes Oregon's unique and special way of life is being threatened by climate change," Pair wrote in an email. "Oregon is already experiencing the impacts of increased drought, devastating forest fires, fish die-offs from increased water temperature, and less snowpack that leads to less water supply. Future generations will rightly judge the morality and leadership of this generation not by the fact of climate change, but how we responded. Ruchi's participation in the world climate conference in Paris is essential to ensuring that Oregonians have a seat at the table as

the world decides how to mitigate climate change and adapt to the challenges climate change brings."

Nonprofit to pay tab

Oregon taxpayers will not pick up the tab for the trip. Rather, the Los Angeles-based nonprofit Climate Action Reserve will pay for Sadhir's travel, just as the group did for California Gov. Jerry Brown and other members of the delegation.

Climate Action Reserve advocates "market-based polices and solutions" to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and the group is involved in registering carbon offset projects through California's cap-and-trade program. In California, Gov. Jerry Brown has been promoting non-binding agreements between cities, states and provinces to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown appointed Sadhir in September to replace energy policy adviser Margi Hoffman, who had also served as former Gov. John Kitzhaber's energy adviser. Sadhir previously worked as a senior policy adviser at the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Sadhir is the only member of the delegation from Oregon, according to Jennifer Weiss, a spokeswoman for Climate Action Reserve. Weiss wrote in an email that the delegation "is largely California state legislators and government officials but also includes officials from a few other states, environmental non-

profit representatives and sponsors."

Billionaire environmental activist

The Los Angeles Times has reported that billionaire environmental activist Tom Steyer will be part of the group traveling to Paris, as well as former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Weiss declined to reveal on Tuesday how much the group will pay for Sadhir's trip to Paris, but wrote in email that "we will also be providing gift reporting letters to the government officials that we are paying for and those will be reported in their (California Fair Political Practices Commission) filings."

Weiss also wrote that the group annually discloses all of its funding sources to the IRS in tax filings.

Oregon's government ethics law allows non-profits to pay for public officials' expenses "for attendance at a convention, fact-finding mission or trip, conference or other meeting if the public official is scheduled to deliver a speech, make a presentation, participate on a panel or represent state government," according to the statute.

The Paris conference begins Monday and runs through Dec. 11. Sadhir will depart for Paris on Dec. 5, Pair said.

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Unemployment in northwest Oregon edges downward

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Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates edged downward in October in northwest Oregon, after months of slight increases as the summer busy season wound down, according to data released Tuesday by the Oregon Employment Department.

Clatsop County employers cut 470 jobs in October, 90 fewer than expected. The changes left total nonfarm payroll employment at 17,540, 380 more than the same point last year, for a growth rate of 2.2 percent.

The county had a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.9 percent in October, down one-fifth of a percent from the previous month and down three-fifths of a percent from a year ago. Clatsop has the ninth-lowest unemployment rate of Oregon's 36 counties.

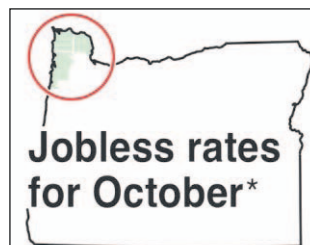
In October, the private sector dropped 630 jobs, while governments added 160. The county shed 360 jobs in leisure and hospitality, 90 in retail trade and 80 in food manufacturing. Local government education added 210 jobs as the school year ramped up, and state government cut 40 as part of seasonal reductions.

Several industries experienced growth over the past year, including 110 jobs in leisure and hospitality, 110 in retail trade and 90 in educational and health services. Local governments shed 50 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County

Columbia County employers added 60 jobs in October, 30 fewer than forecasted. Total nonfarm payroll employment was 10,310, up 360 from last year for a growth rate of 3.6 percent.

The county had a 7.4 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October, down one-fifth of a percent from the previous month and nearly 1 percent down from a year ago. Columbia is tied with Harney County in Eastern Oregon for the 24th-lowest unemployment



Area	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	1-yr. ago
Clatsop	5.9	6.1	6.5
Columbia	7.4	7.6	8.3
Tillamook	6.1	6.3	6.9
Oregon	6	6.2	6.8
U.S.	5	5.1	5.7

*Preliminary, seasonally adjusted rates.
Source: Oregon Employment Department
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rate in the state.

In October, the private sector shed 20 jobs, and governments added 80. Leisure and hospitality cut 30 jobs, and other industries had smaller changes.

Over the past year, several industries added significant numbers of jobs, including 150 in durable goods manufacturing, 90 in professional and business services, 70 in leisure and hospitality and 50 in retail. Local governments chipped in an ad-

ditional 50 jobs to the growth.

Tillamook County

In October, Tillamook County employers lost 160 jobs, 50 fewer than expected. Total nonfarm payroll employment was at 9,000 jobs by the end of the month, 390 more than last year for a growth rate of 4.5 percent.

The county had a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.1 percent, down one-fifth of a percent from the previous month and four-fifths of a percent from a year ago. Tillamook is tied with Lane County for the 11th-lowest unemployment rate in the state.

In October, the private sector cut 210 jobs, while governments added 50. The leisure and hospitality industry lost 170 jobs, and retail dropped another 30. Local government education added 70 jobs.

Over the past year, manufacturing has added 210 jobs, educational and health services 40 and leisure and hospitality 70.

The employment department will release November's seasonally adjusted employment data Dec. 15. For more in-depth data on employment, visit www.qualityinfo.org

Ben & Carrie Brown thank you

The generosity and thoughtfulness we have experienced from our family, friends, co workers and fellow community members following the loss of our home has been overwhelming. We wish we could personally thank everyone for their compassion, but circumstances have made it difficult. Therefore we would like to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to all who have made this trying time easier to bare.

We would also like to extend our tremendous gratitude to all the fire fighters that dedicated their time and put themselves in harm's way on our behalf. Solely due to their labors we were able to recover a few precious family belongings and heirlooms. Words can not express our gratitude for their efforts.

Thank you,
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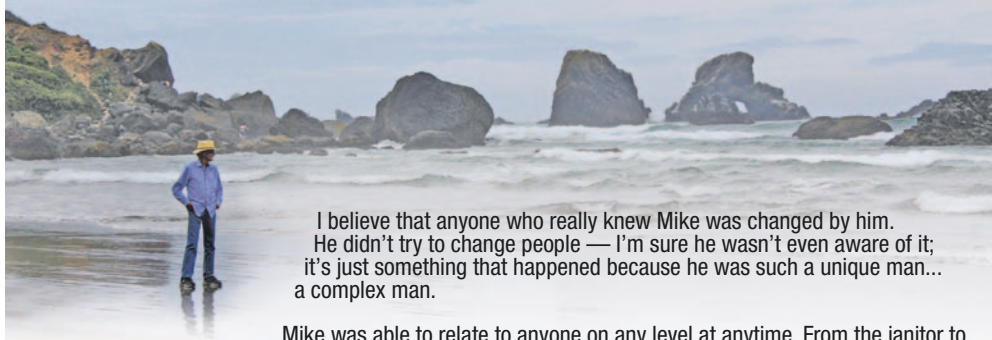


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I believe that anyone who really knew Mike was changed by him. He didn't try to change people — I'm sure he wasn't even aware of it; it's just something that happened because he was such a unique man... a complex man.

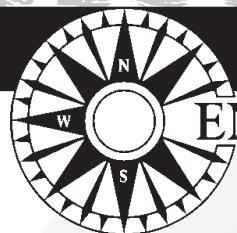
Mike was able to relate to anyone on any level at anytime. From the janitor to the CEO, he could find a common ground — he "got a kick out of it."

He never wanted to stop having ideas and creating new businesses. One of our favorite evening activities was "the bottle of wine idea." We came up with some doozies, but always exciting and a great fuel for laughter! He was always up for anything — I loved that about him. He was fearless... a true entrepreneur. He took on restoring a 110-year-old Craftsman home while being so sick he could hardly get out of bed some days. It never stopped him.

If I had to describe my husband in one word it would be "giving"... to anyone, to everyone. If he only had a twenty-dollar bill in his pocket and he thought someone else needed it more than him, he would give it to them, without hesitation.

No one else could ever take Mike Cahill's place in this world or any other — he was unique. He left this world with his blue eyes wide open and watching in awe as he entered his next place. A part of me left with him.

Baby, you taught me so much. I still look for you around every corner. I will finish that house and make you proud!
Your wife, friend and soul mate, Judi



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