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PREMISE

In the not too distant future, an elder walks us through a pivotal moment in

an elder walks us through a pivotal moment in time where we could have altered the course of a changing climate.

That time is now - 2023

She tells us what it was like

and the paths we could have taken to save ourselves. Saving ourselves not at the expense of black and brown communities (which brought us here) but embracing solutions that are *equitable* and *just*.

WE HADA CHOCE.

That is the story we're going to tell...

SAVE YOURSELF!

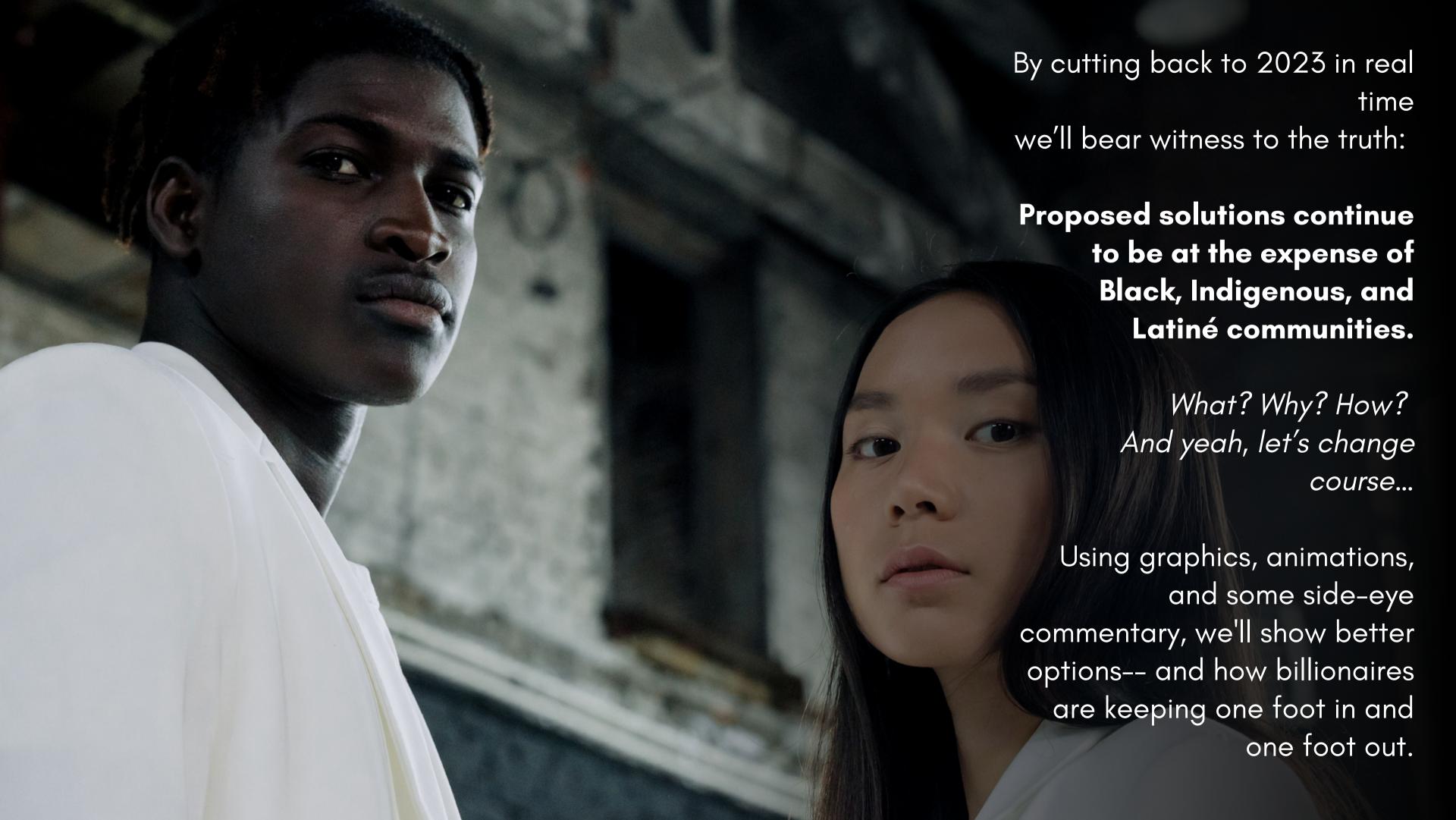
The year is **2075**. Told from the perspective of an imagined future of 2075, an Elder Zillennial shows us the fork in the road: What our reality is, and what it could be.

Rolling back history to 2023 we witness the world coming together with the global imperative to be carbon neutral by 2050, or risk an uninhabitable earth.

From that dual perspective we explore this **pivotal** moment in time, visiting communities on the frontlines of a warming planet, and shining a light toward the solutions on the table, many of which are neither **equitable** nor **just**.

SYNOPSIS

OUR FILM CAPTURES THE INFLECTION POINT TO CHOOSE WHICH FUTURE WE WANT. AND DESERVE.







III EMES

HUMANS V.
NATURE

MORALITY V.
TECH

JUSTICE COMPROMISED

THE POWER OF CONNECTION

THRIVE OR SURVIVE

A NEW WORLD

MANIFESTED



The damage is done, and Nature's responding in kind. We need to redefine our relationship with Nature, or pay the price.

Technology is often at the expense of BIPOC communities – and ultimately the earth. Just because we can doesn't mean we should.

An unabashed look at the history of how we got here - and the decisions that continue to benefit billionaires and corporations.

No matter how disparate we are, we are all connected to each other.
What affects one will ultimately affect all. Past.
Present. Future.

Our capacity
to invest in real
systemic
change is
determined by
our willingness
to be
uncomfortable.

The faith of oppressed people has allowed for dayto-day survival. In the face of climate catastrophe, this film manifests the just and equitable world we have not had the privilege to imagine but is necessary to survive and thrive.

HOPE WITH TEETH

A just, equitable world we haven't had the luxury to envision is right in front of us

DEOLGES

INDIGENOUS vs WESTERN

Indigenous ideologies recognize that the laws of Nature are primary. Native cultures hold a worldview that's relational — with an emphasis on holistic interconnectedness.

- ♦ Deeply connected with everything and everyone around them
- To hurt the land and the community is to hurt oneself
- The whole is valued more than its parts
- Non-hierarchical, based on collective responsibility that overshadows individual needs
- Emphasis on community welfare, with autonomy for future generations

The **Eurocentric worldview** is based on Western values — which **privileges the individual** and typically involves profits, supply and demand, exploitation, and **short-term horizons**.

- Value is placed on individualism and competitiveness
- ★ A belief in control over nature
- Materialistic, with a focus on self and personal gain
- Hierarchical decision-making and an underlying patriarchy
- Assumes the **superiority** of European cultural values over those of non-European societies

Told from the perspective of an imagined future of 2075, an Elder Zillennial shows us the fork in the road: What our reality is, and what it could be.

With this narrative device, we'll be able to show dual perspectives – both from a young zillennial, and from a mature adult in the future – allowing mixed generations of audiences to see themselves reflected, and as active participants in a story that's unfolding now.

This new and innovative approach allows us to dip into the future, seize history, and reclaim our present AND our future.



Climate Justice recognizes the disproportionate impacts of climate change on low-income and communities of color around the world, the people and places least responsible for the problem.

We got here at the expense of Black, brown, and Indigenous people. Our solutions **CANNOT** be at our expense as well.





THE HYBRID DOCUMENTARY

Straddling reenactments, fictional futures, and traditional documentary interviews this urgent story will come to life —

We'll tell this story with intensity, focus, satire, a posse of climate activists, and celebrity guests to sweeten the narrative with sassy science facts.

Through non-linear and interwoven storytelling, we'll feature animated sequences, explosive graphics, and special effects to punch up the narrative — breaking the wall to directly engage with audiences.

Do you see it? We do. And they will too-

A ERIJENS. NARRATIVE

Science fiction, futurism, and satire collide—blending historical and current events with real or recreated interviews and scenarios.



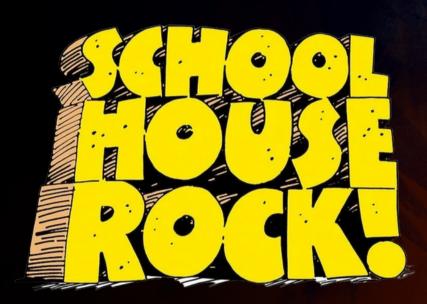
Our verité approach will weave with the narrative, through conversations and interviews to showcase the facts and lived experiences in the communities—with the science to back it up.

Our narrative reimaginings will be

- Cinematic
- Lo-Fi / Tech grounded Sci-Fi
- World Building

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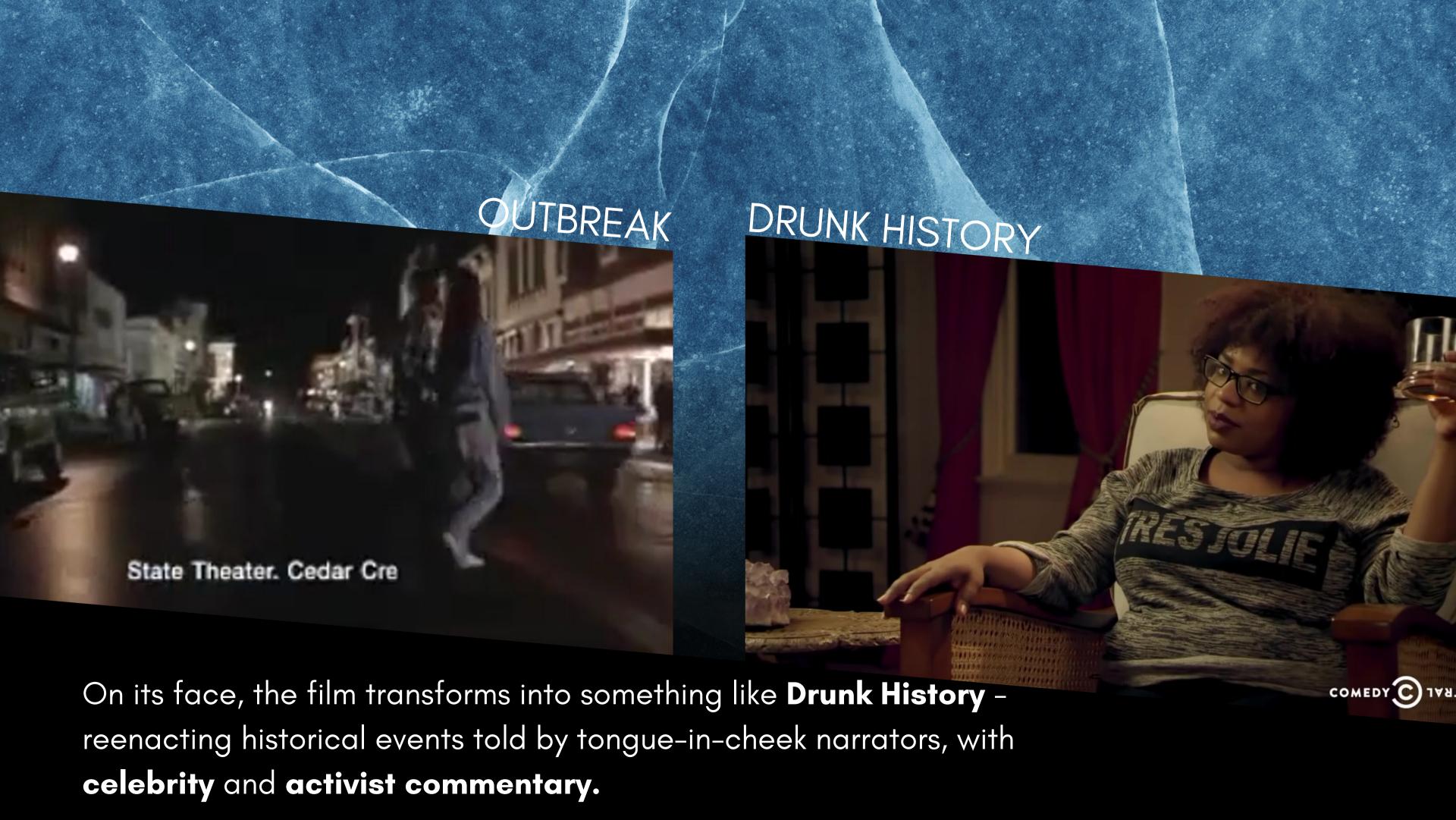
We'll deconstruct and explain complex documents using entertaining and playful content - á la *Schoolhouse Rock*.



- Paris Climate Accords
- Carbon Capture
- Net Zero 2050 Plan
- And more!



The Big Short, with apocalyptic elements of Deep Impact and Armageddon.



Through animation, CGI, and archival video, we'll show images of an equitable, futuristic world that blends low-tech science fiction, and sustainable systems already in play.

This film rests on the premise that low-income and communities of color can and should have a voice in formulating what the future looks like – engendering hope that has teeth for an equitable future for all.





Visual effects from 9B Visuals will add heightened realism and dramatize real-world scenarios in an impactful way.

- Poisonous green CO2 gasses covering the ground
- Embedded hookworms
- Gastrointestinal parasites
- Scientific graphic charts
- Simulated climate disasters, and billionaires taking off to escape into space.



The style will primarily be rooted in on location shooting and composed interviews that will help us understand these complex issues through their lived experience.

- Personal interviews capturing passion with intention
- Immersed in their community, we will do on-location shooting—using verité and hyper-stylized imagery
- Stylized perspectives on the ground, in the water, from the air
- Active movement to keep the energy and focus true to life







WEGETIT. IT'S A LONG READ. WEGOTYOU.

SO HERE GOES...

A LONG TIME AGO, YESTERDAY...



JUXTAPOSITION

PROPOSED PATH

Prioritizes perceived ease when it costs more money and more lives to be in bed with the entities that screwed us in the first place.

- Establishes a framework for climate adoption that considers poor and BIPOC communities.

 (Lowndes County, AL and Colorado River)
- Promises a role for fossil fuels using unproven and expensive carbon capture & sequestration technologies. (Houston, TX and Red Hill, Hawai'i)
- Prefers simplicity over equity when considering where and how to mine, water management, agriculture, and energy production. (Thacker Pass, NV, Salton Sea, CA, and North Carolina)

JUST PATH

The people who have been most harmed and have the most experience in a carbon-neutral society lead decision-making.

- Deploys resources to adapt to a changing climate in a way that is equitable and just. (Lowndes County, AL and Colorado River)
- Phases out fossil fuel extraction and gas distribution infrastructure. (Houston, TX and Red Hill, Hawai'i)
- Intentional environmental justice considerations on mining, water usage, agriculture, and energy production. (Thacker Pass, NV, Salton Sea, CA, and North Carolina)



Lowndes County, Alabama

The effects of a warming planet can be seen most specifically in the poorest and rural parts of the country where access to basic infrastructure is a luxury.



Houston, Texas

In the third largest hotspot of cancer causing air in the country, kids can't play outside on hot or windy days, and most struggle with conditions like asthma or eczema. Nearby, ExxonMobil proudly champions its plan for a carbon neutral future involving the false promise of a carbon capture pipeline network.



O'ahu, Hawaii

Oil tanks stored by the U.S. Navy during WWII sit buried above the only freshwater source on O'ahu. Leaks have intensified over the last five years, increasing illnesses, poisoning water, and threatening the future of the island.

WHITE GOLD BENEATH SACRED SOIL

Thacker Pass, Nevada

Nowhere is the Landback Movement more actively debated among Indigenous communities in this new climate reality than in Thacker Pass, Nevada. A large, open-air lithium mine is planned for the area which will threaten the local environment and Native heritage sites.

ELITE ESCAPE

BILLIONAIRES BOUNCE

New York, NY or San Francisco, CA

Billionaires are hedging their bets on the end of the world with their space programs to eventually get off the planet, or hide in bunkers that protect them from the harsh realities of a warming planet.

THIRST TRAP

CATASTROPHE ON THE COLORADO

Imperial Valley, CA

Stakeholders must decrease water usage or the river that tens of millions of people depend on stops flowing. The largest water user on the river, the Imperial Irrigation District, has so far refused to come to the negotiating table.

NATURE'S TECH OPPORTUNITY AT THE SALTON SEA

Salton, Sea, CA

The California Energy Commission estimates that there's enough lithium in the Salton Sea to meet all of the projected future demand in the U.S. and 40% of the world's demand—a viable and perhaps safer option than mining.

CARBON: BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE A SURPRISE SOLUTION

Cement production is the second largest industry in producing greenhouse gasses. CarbonCure technology captures carbon at the source and injects it into the concrete, strengthening the material as opposed to a complicated, expensive, and potentially disastrous network of pipelines that would inject the carbon underground.

RECLAIMING OUR PROMISE BLACK AND INDIGENOUS FOOD FUTURES

Eastern North Carolina & Central Alabama

Black farmers in North Carolina are creating sustainable agricultural innovations, rebuilding where their ancestors were enslaved. Native tribes are establishing intentional ecovillage communities. And in Lowndes County, the federal government is working with locals on improving sanitation, setting a model for the rest of the country.





PARASITES. A DIRTY SECRET IN A WARMING PLANET

Lowndes County, Alabama

We open the first act in Lowndes County, Alabama – where the unthinkable exists. Tropical parasites formerly thought to be extinct in the United States thrive in this rural, hot, high poverty setting.

Our host/narrator returns as we cut to heightened and horrifying archival lab footage of hookworm and recreations of how hookworm enters the body through the skin.

We meet local activist and MacArthur Genius Grant winner, **CATHERINE COLEMAN FLOWERS**, who tells us the history of this county and introduces us to residents in the area like **CHARLIE MAE HOLCOMB** who have long dealt with this issue. Doctors and scientists from Baylor College of Medicine including **DR. ROJELIA MEJIA** are the first to look into how widespread these tropical parasites are in the United States. He and his team project that as the planet warms, the habitats for these parasites widens. We've only scratched the surface.

PARASITE PROFESSIONALS



Catherine Coleman Flowers

Founding Director Center for Rural Enterprise & Environmental Justice



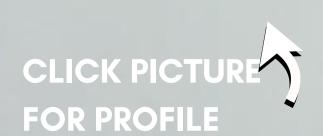
Dr. Rojelio Mejia

Professor, Baylor College of Medicine



Dr. Peter Hotez

Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology



Charlie Mae Holcomb Advocate



COLLATERALDAMAGE

VICTIMS OF TOXIC AIR

Houston, Texas

The burning of coal, oil, and gas made this problem. It cannot be part of the solution. We visit Houston, Texas – the third largest hotspot of toxic, cancer-causing air in the country. Here we meet with journalist, **NICHOLAS KUSNETZ** who explains how ExxonMobil is investing hundreds of millions of dollars into their campus to continue burning oil with new, expensive carbon capture technology.

We cut away to the host/narrator with an actor who, like in THE BIG SHORT, explains ExxonMobil'scarbon capture network plan spanning the continental United States to capture carbon dioxide where fossil fuels are burned, transport it via pipeline, and store it deep underground beneath the Gulf of Mexico. An expensive plan dependent on tax payer dollars to help subsidize.

Nearby, **DR. ROBERT BULLARD**, the "Father of Environmental Justice" explains how the local, predominantly Latiné and Black communities are considered sacrifice zones, suffering from high rates of cancer, asthma, and eczema.

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Juan Parras

Environmental Justice Ambassador
Gulf of Mexico Alliance
Member, White House
Environmental Justice Advisory
Committee



Dr. Robert Buillard

Father of Environmental Justice &
Distinguished Professor of Urban
Planning & Environmental Policy,
Texas Southern University



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Nicholas Kusnetz Reporter Inside Climate News

OPERATION: STOLEN PARADISE

O'ahu, Hawaii

Taxpayers have also subsidized the largest polluter in the world, the United States military. We visit Red Hill on O'ahu, Hawai'i where oil tanks stored by the U.S. Navy during WWII sit buried above the only freshwater source on the island.

We meet longtime organizer **HEALANI PALE** who describes how leaks have intensified over the last five years, increasing illnesses, poisoning water, and threatening the future of the island. Lecturer at University of Hawai'i, **KYLE KAJIHIRO** shares the polluting history of the military in Hawai'i and reveals military documents showing how leases on the island expire in **2029**. After the leaks, many Hawai'ians are reconsidering their relationship with the military and whether that land should be returned to Native Hawai'ians.

Our host/narrator returns to underline Indigenous ideologies and thinking is very different from Western ideologies.

MATER WARRORS



Ernie Lau Manager & Chief Engineer Board of Water Supply



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Ethnic Studies, Geography &
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Healeani Pale Kanako Maoli Organizer & Educator

Christina Jedra Watchdog Reporter Civil Beat Hawai'i

Josh GreenGovernor of Hawai'i

MILITARY COMPLEX



Adm. Stephen Barnett Commander of Navy Region Hawai'i



Meredith Berger
Assistant Secretary of the Navy



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Capt. Cameron Geertsema Commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command

Adm. John Wade Commander of Joint Task Force Red Hill

WHITEGOLD BENEATH SACRED SOIL

Thacker Pass, Nevada

Native Americans have stewards and managers of these lands of millenia. In Thacker Pass, a large, open-air lithium mine is planned for the area by Lithium Americas. It's CEO **JONATHAN EVANS** who tells us the lithium from this mine will help supply materials necessary for the economic and energy transition to combat climate change.

But it's not so clear-cut. **MAXINE REDSTAR**, Chairwoman of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe describes the proposed mine site as sacred land where a massacre occurred. She points to the difficult decisions before us as a majority of potential lithium sites are near Native American communities.



Tim CrowleyVP, Lithium Americas

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Randi Lone Eagle
Chairwoman
Summit Lake Paiute

Maxine Redstar

Chairwoman Winnemucca Indian Colony

Chairwoman Fort McDermitt Paiute & Shoshone Tribe

ELITE ESCAPE BILLIONAIRES BOUNCE

With a lot of side-eye and sass, our host/narrator introduces us to the upside-down world of billionaires, investors, financing, and how they're hedging their bets.

Billionaires and banks have a lot to gain with this transition. However, most are hedging their bets with one foot in and one foot out. **ELON MUSK** or **JEFF BEZOS** for example, have their environmental initiatives AND large space programs to eventually get off the planet. Meanwhile, big oil financers like JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America are simultaneously maximizing their profits on what's left of oil and gas and investing in carbon-neutral futures.



Elon Musk <a>Chief Twit



Sir Richard Branson
Sir Virgin of Air



Jeff Bezos Prime Leader Supreme



Michael Bloomberg
Mr. Mayor





Warren Buffett 🗸 #1 in Martian Real Estate



THRSTRAP CATASTROPHE ON THE COLORADO

Imperial Valley, CA

These realities can be felt in the Colorado River Basin where major investments are preventing states from solving the West's water crisis. Increasingly, farmland is owned by wealthy investors, not the farmers themselves. This river, that tens of millions of people depend on is nearing a deadzone status. Stakeholders must decrease water usage or the river stops flowing.

The largest water user on the river, the **Imperial Irrigation District** led by a board of five directors, has so far refused to come to the negotiating table. In the Imperial Valley, California we meet two former members, **NORMA SIERRA GALINDO** and **JAMES HANKS** tell us about the history of the region and the varied interests that they had to manage as directors on the board. For the river as a whole, it looks like things may not change anytime in the near future and may get significantly worse before they get better. Some predict Lake Mead and Lake Powell will reach "dead pool" conditions meaning the water would be trapped behind the dams, creating a massive crisis.



MPERIAL VALLEY RRIGATION STRICT



Alex Cardenas
Vice President
IID Board of Directors
Division 1 & 5



JB Hamby
Little Devil Boy
IID Board of Directors
Division 2



James Hanks
IID Board of Directors
Division 3

Javier Gonzalez

IID Board of Directors, Division 4

Norma Sierra Galindo
Former IID Board of Directors,
Division 5

OPPORTUNITY AT THE SALTON SEA

Our narrator/host returns and acknowledges the bleak nature of where we find ourselves but reminds us of the opportunity before us in recreating society and reimagining a future that is not at the expense of people of color.

Not far from the IID may be a different story – one where nature and technology work together to support the economic and energy transition to carbon zero by 2050 while benefiting the surrounding Latiné community.

Welcome to **Salton Sea, California**.

Estimated to hold enough lithium in the Salton Sea to meet all of the United States' projected future demand and 40% of the world's, **LUIS OLMEDO**, executive director of Comite Civico del Valle (a community non-profit focused on environmental justice and public health in the region) tells us he sees it as an opportunity for increased community investment and a cleaner environment.

ENER GIZED RENEGADES



Alicia Knapp

President & CEO
Berkshire Hathaway Energy
Renewables



Rod Colwell
CEO, Controlled Thermal
Resources



David Snydacker CEO, Lilac Solutions



Luis Olmedo

Executive Director
Comite Civico del Valle

CARBON BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE

The historically dirty business of development and construction gets a boost, as our host/narrator shines a light on new technologies that could dramatically transform an industry that's been proven difficult to clean up. Until now.

Cement production is the second largest industry in producing greenhouse gasses. **CarbonCure** technology is a scientific solution that captures carbon at the source and injects it into the concrete, strengthening the material.

Compared to other carbon capture technologies, this solution plays in harmony with nature and supports the economic and energy transition to net zero by 2050. Moreover, a wide range of experts champion this solution as it closes the gap on a hard-to-decarbonize sector. Other carbon capture operations are complicated, expensive, and depend on a potentially disastrous network of pipelines that would inject the carbon underground.

RECLAIMING OUR PROMISE BLACK & INDIGENOUS FOOD FUTURES

Black and Native farmers in North Carolina and Alabama are actively creating and rebuilding sustainable spaces in areas where their ancestors were removed or enslaved. Known as one of the oldest examples of uninterrupted land ownership of Black folks in the South, Piney Woods, North Carolina, boasts a small business focused on climate investment including regenerative agriculture and clean renewable energy development.

Here we'll meet founder WILLIAM BARBER III, who continues this legacy in an economically independent triracial community. We'll also talk to TAHZ WALKER and LEAH PENNIMAN, who established their own cooperative farms, as well as MARCUS BRIGGS-CLOUD, a champion for building Indigenous power systems.

In Alabama, Native tribes are establishing sustainable agricultural communities designed to continue Indigenous traditions and function in harmony with the environment. And in Lowndes County, the federal government is working with locals on improving sanitation, setting a model for the rest of the country.

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Marcus Briggs-Cloud
Grist 50 Fixer &
Co-Director,
Ekvn-Yefolecv
Maskoke Ecovillage



Krystal Two Bulls
Director ofLandback Campaign
NDN Collective



Leah Penniman Co-Founder Soul Fire Farm



Tahz Walker
Co-founder
Earth Seed Collective

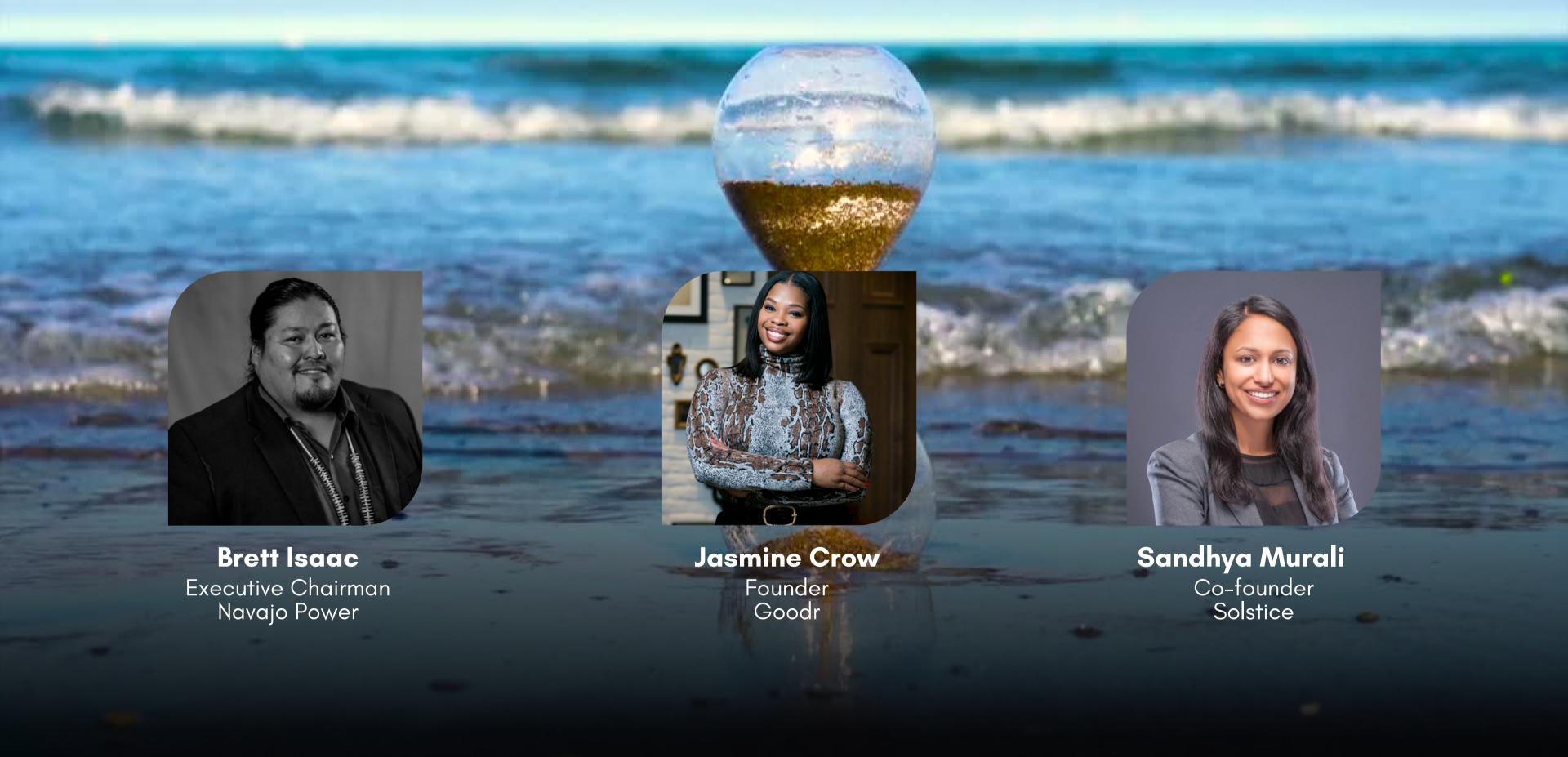


William Barber III
Director of Climate &
Environmental Justice
The Climate Reality Project

Shelley Stewart
Senior Partner

Mckinsey Institute for Black Economic Mobility

HIREPRENEURS



COMMUNITY LEADERS & ACTIVISTS

BIPOC entrepreneurs are developing methods of moving forward that don't build on existing platforms and injustices but carve new, innovative, and equitable pathways.

CLIMATE INFLUENCERS

Young activists are stridently and passionately constructing collaborative think-groups and action plans to ensure they not only influence the conversation but drive it in new directions.

CELEBRITY ADVOCATES

Many celebrities are outspoken advocates of a sustainable climate, constantly using their status and reach to support long-term actions, to draw attention to the issues of climate change, and encourage transformation for a better future.

FUTURE BECKONS

A new climate-aware society will be led by visionaries and drivers for change.

Multicultural and inclusive.





Ziwe



Ron Funches



Daniel Dae Kim



Lucy Liu



Mike Epps



Sung Kang



Rosario Dawson



Zahn McClarnon



Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias



Johnny Sequoyah

NEXI GEN NELUENCERS



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Jamie Margolin



Xiye Bastida



Alexandra Villaseñor



Keyra Espinoza



Jaden Smith



Keala Uchoa



Amandla Stendberg



Greta Thunberg

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Integrates co-existence of land and technology, while celebrating ancestral wisdom and community.



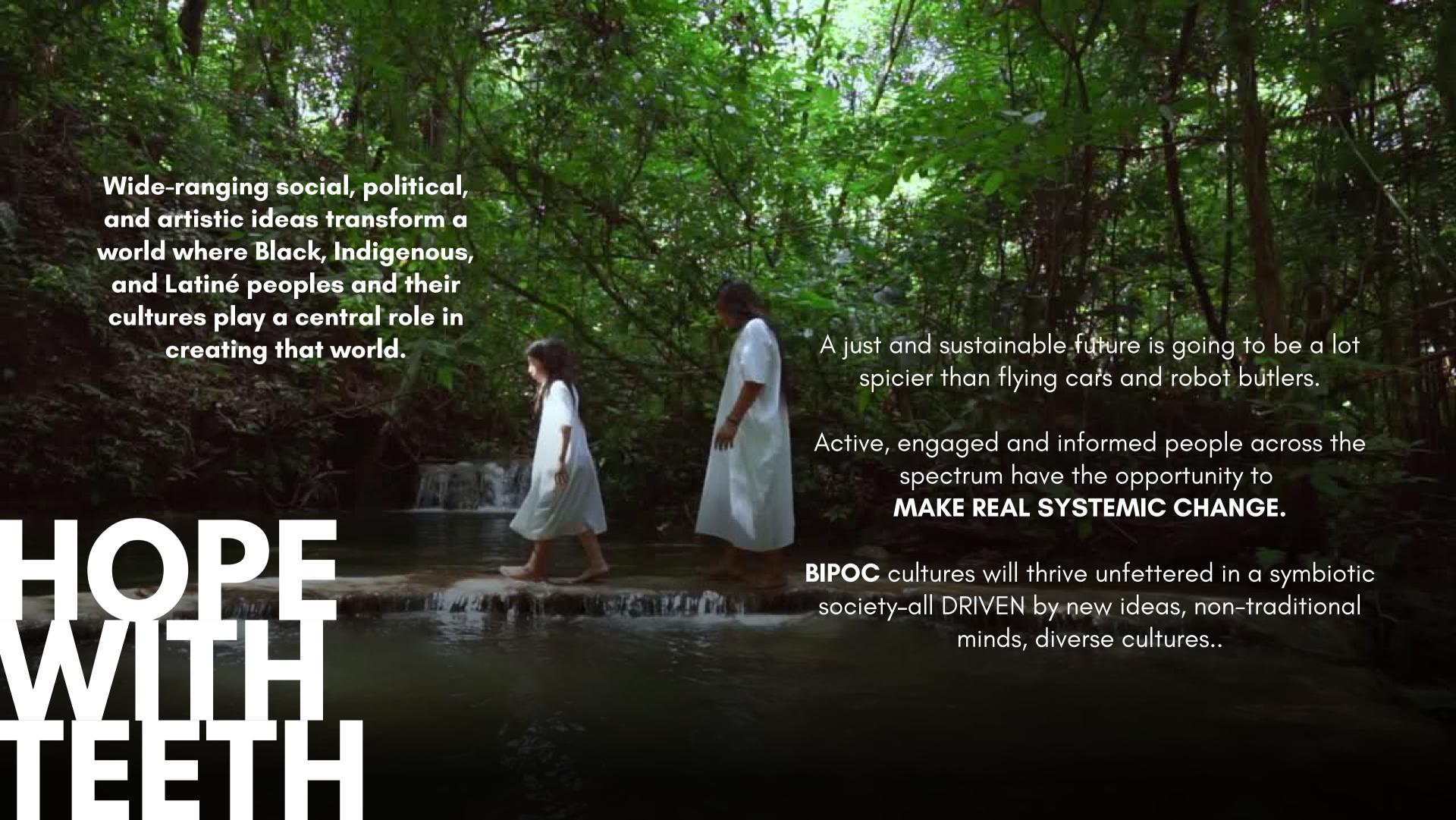
Reimagines an innovative future through a Black cultural lens of reclamation & liberation



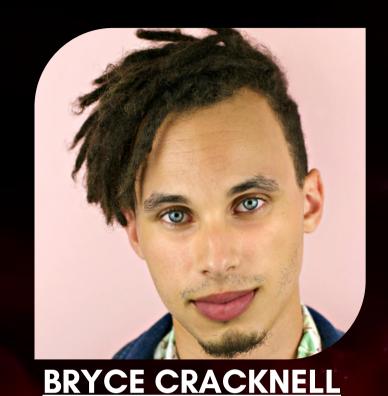
Looks ahead to reshape issues around labor, colonization, and boundaries



Where technology & nature form a mutually beneficial relationship



PRODUCERS



Bryce Cracknell, Producer is a passionate storyteller and an award-winning social impact producer from North Carolina living in Los Angeles, CA. As a storyteller, Bryce seeks to elevate narratives, histories, and experiences that are often overlooked, cast aside, or forgotten. He is the founder and executive editor of the new, independent environmental justice media organization, <u>The Margin</u>.

He led social impact campaigns for narrative and documentary features and television shows including FLEE, MY NAME IS PAULI MURRAY, JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE, JUST MERCY, and WHEN THEY SEE US. Bryce is a Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Scholar and a graduate of Duke University where he earned a B.A. in Public Policy.

Maria Collette Sundeen, Co-Producer is an award-winning filmmaker and writer with Indigenous, Mexican, and European heritage. Her focus is on stories that rise above stereotypes and categories, blending backgrounds and mythologies to traverse cultures. As a former journalist, she has worked on a range of stories and issues for CNN, KRCB (PBS), and as Associate Producer for the launch of CINET-TV.

Her work includes THE GREAT 14th: THE 14th DALAI LAMA IN HIS OWN WORDS and HOMELAND: FOUR PORTRAITS OF NATIVE ACTION, as well as the AgEDUCATION series and FIVE FARM FAMILIES for PBS. Maria has a BA in Journalism and MA degrees in International Policy & French Studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, where she focused on the arts as a social and political tool.



MARIA C. SUNDEEN

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