

## **Terry Tamminen:**

*Santa Monica BAYKEEPER® and Arnold Schwarzenegger's Environmental Conscience*

Friends of Casco Bay/Casco BAYKEEPER® invited former Secretary of California EPA and Chief Policy Advisor to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to speak to us here in Maine because the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act seemed like the right time to realistically attack another huge environmental threat, global climate change.

The California governor brought Tamminen on as his environmental adviser in 2003, elevated him to secretary of the state EPA, and then appointed him to Secretary of the Cabinet in 2004. Not only does he understand the depths of the Clean Water Act from his time as Santa Monica Baykeeper, he has thorough knowledge--and a plan--for confronting global climate change. As Terry is the first to admit, "We're trying to build a *de facto* national climate plan one state at a time." With Schwarzenegger's blessing, Tamminen left the administration to "Johnny Appleseed" California's climate plan. He wants to help other states and countries experiment and share best practices. He is currently the Cullman Senior Fellow and Director of the Climate Policy Program of the New America Foundation.

*The Tallahassee Democrat* wrote of him when he went to Florida this summer, "Terry Tamminen was a top environmental adviser to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. When Tamminen was chief of California's environmental agency, he drafted the state's carbon cap-and-trade plan, which (Florida) Gov. Crist now proposes to use as a model. Tamminen has solid "green" credentials, of course, but he also was a real-estate developer many years ago in Fort Lauderdale. As a former businessman, he understands that no significant shifts in policy related to climate change are possible without significant buy-in from the private sector."

As we celebrate success in working toward the goal of clean water for everyone (still a work in progress), we can confront another life-altering issue with the same optimism and resolve that the country used to confront what seemed like an insurmountable challenge 35 years ago. What better place than Maine, the "home" of the Clean Water Act.

