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Yosemite Photography Exhibit Begins at the Public Policy Institute in San Francisco

Sacramento, Calif.- In its first collaboration with the Public Policy Institute of California, the State Library is providing a six-month exhibit at the respected think-tank's headquarters showcasing the work of Photographer Bob Kolbrener, an Ansel Adams protégé.

The exhibit is the first in a new effort by the library program aimed at providing more opportunities throughout California to enjoy some of the unique books and images cared for by the State Library.

A 4 p.m. reception on February 11 at the policy institute's offices -- 500 Washington Street, San Francisco – launches the exhibit.

"This is a way of bringing some of the treasures of the State Library to more Californians," said Greg Lucas, California's State Librarian. Hopefully, this partnership with the Public Policy Institute will be the first of many similar exhibits around the state with other organizations that help shape California's future."

This magnificent exhibit of stunning black and white images features many Yosemite locations, reflecting the beauty of the American West where Kolbrener spent most of his career



Half Dome, Yosemite National Park, 2006

photographing spectacular vistas and landscapes. Kolbrener's work has been shown in museums and galleries around the country.

The exhibit can be viewed during special events and will be on display on the art wall in the public policy institute's Salon. It can also be seen by appointment by calling John O'Connor at 415-291-4447. "Our goal is to exhibit work on our state's diverse people and landscapes that inspire conversations about California's future," said Mark Baldassare, President and CEO of the PPIC.

The Public Policy Institute of California is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that provides independent, objective, and nonpartisan research to improve public policy in California. The PPIC is located at 500 Washington Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94111.

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