





### **CARBON 101:**

the underlying science of carbon sequestration

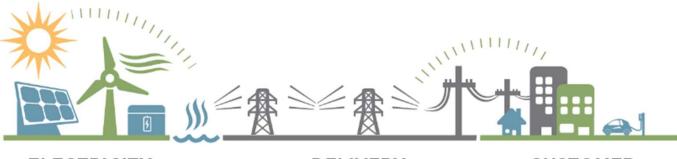
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# Mission: Speed and scale greenhouse gas reductions



ELECTRICITY

CCA procures clean energy sources

DELIVERY

IOU delivers energy and maintains the grid

**CUSTOMER** 

Cleaner energy, local control and competitive rates!

Key role in growing Community Choice Energy: 21 CCAs serving 11 million Californians- ¼ of state- with 88% clean energy today!







### California's climate apocalypse

Fires, heat, air pollution: The calamity is no longer in the future — it's here, now

Oregon residents standing ground

By Richard Read, Molly Hennessy-Fiske and Melissa Etehad

MOLALLA, Ore. — Christine VanOeveren grab-



By Susanne Rust and Tony Barboza

In 2001, a team of international scientists projected that during the next 100 years, the planet's inhabitants would witness higher maximum temperatures, more hot days and heat waves, an increase in the risk of forest fires and "substantially degraded air quality" in large metropolitan areas as a result of climate chap

In just the past m nearly two decades aft third United Nations In governmental Panel on Climate Change report was issued, heat records were









### Governor Newsom, Sept. 11, 2020: "We are in a climate emergency" "We must fast-track goals" "our goals are inadequate"

New Exec Orders: 100% ZEV new car sales by 2035 & protect 30% of land and waters by 2030.... **But....** 





https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/09/23/governor-newsom-announces-california-will-phase-out-gasoline-powered-cars-drastically-reduce-demand-for-fossil-fuel-in-californias-fight-against-climate-change/\_Sept. 23 2020 https://calmatters.org/environment/2020/09/california-governor-climate-emergency/ Sept. 11 2020

# The nation and the world are looking to California to lead for a climate-safe future





### **CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA**

# Accelerate existing state goals to achieve by 2030:

- 80% below 1990 GHG levels
- Net-negative emissions (sequestration greater than emissions, CA becomes net carbon sink)

Endorse here: www.climatesafeca.org







# KEY POLICIES REQUIRED BY SCIENCE TO REACH NET-NEGATIVE EMISSIONS BY 2030

- 1. Accelerate the phase-out of fossil fuel development, production and use
- 2. Increase sequestration to 100 MMT/year by 2030 on natural and working lands
- 3. Invest in community resilience, including clean energy microgrids & storage
- 4. Fund climate action with \$12-20 billion/year and leverage private sector money



### Guiding principles for Climate-Safe CA targets, policies and programs

- 1- Based on the latest science
- 2- Ensure a just transition for fossil fuel workers
- 3- Prioritize climate justice and ensure lowerincome communities are no longer disproportionately harmed by fossil fuels





# Our house is on fire. Ask at every level of government: are we doing enough?





# CHALLENGE: 30 ENDORSEMENTS CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA www.climatesafeca.org



Climate-Safe California
Rapid Decarbonization Campaign
Endorsement Platform

- A public pledge of support for California to accelerate aggressive, equitable climate policy
- Inspiring states and countries to greater action for a climate-safe Earth

www.theclimatecenter.org/endorsement



# Carbon farming on working land potential sequestration at scale

### CARBON FARM PLANNING in Marin

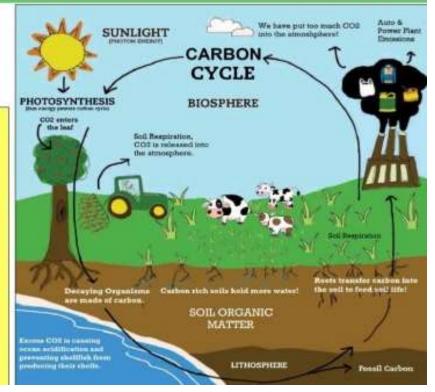
### Assistance is available for farmers and ranchers!

Plan for carbon sequestration and climate adaptation conservation practices with Marin RCD!

#### Potential List of Conservation Practice(s)\* in a Carbon Farm Plan:

- Compost Application Anaerobic Digester
- · Silvopasture/ Shrub & Tree Establishment
  - · Windbreak/ Shelterbelt/ Hedgerow
  - Riparian and Wetland Restoration
  - Filter Strips Grassed Waterways
    - · Forage & Biomass Planting
    - · Rangeland Management
- Prescribed Grazing and Range Planting
  - · Nutrient Management
- Residue & Tillage Management, No-Till
  - Cover Crops

\*NRCS Standard Conservation Practices



#### MARIN RESOURCE



### MARIN CARBON PROJECT

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