

A Just Transition for Labor: What Will it Take?

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Mission: Speed and scale greenhouse gas reductions



CCA procures clean energy sources IOU delivers energy and maintains the grid

Cleaner energy, local control and competitive rates!

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> https://theclimatecenter.org/our-work/community-choice/ https://cal-cca.org/cca-impact/







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-

Home



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 Ik governmental Panel on Climate Change report was issued, heat records were

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





Need more aggressive policies and accelerated timelines in CA now!

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Climate-Safe California climate **Campaign for Rapid Decarbonization**

www.theclimatecenter.org

GOAL: By 2025, CA will have enacted the bold policies required by science to dramatically reduce emissions, start drawdown and secure resilient communities by 2030, inspiring global action



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





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



Zabin et al Sept 2020 <u>https://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/putting-california-on-the-high-road-a-jobs-and-climate-action-plan-for-2030/</u>

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





CHALLENGE: 30 ENDORSEMENTS TODAY 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 <u>www.theclimatecenter.org/endorsement</u>





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- Focus on low-wage labor markets, labor standards, workforce development
- Director, UC Berkeley Labor Center's Green Economy Program
- Consults wit unions & non-profits to improve jobs in human services & green economy
- Recent publications include "Putting California on the High Road: A Jobs and Climate Action Plan for 2030," "Diversity in California's Clean Energy Workforce," "Advancing Equity in California Climate Policy," and "Workforce Issues and Energy Efficiency Programs."
- Appointed by Governor Brown to the executive council of the California Workforce Development Board.

Shrayas Jatkar, Policy Specialist, CA Workforce Dev. Board

- Ensures public investments in CA's transition to a carbon-neutral economy support high-quality jobs & greater access for disadvantaged workers.
- Former Policy Associate for the Coalition for Clean Air, Policy Intern for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, grassroots organizer for the Sierra Club

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- Former political director for the largest building & construction trades local in North America – Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
- Former Chief of Staff for the CA Labor Federation & Undersecretary for the California Secretary of State
- Works on bringing organized labor into fold of aggressive climate action through major infrastructure projects at the local (San Francisco Sea Wall restoration), regional (Measure AA) and state levels (off-shore wind power, high-speed rail)