

CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA

Tackling the climate emergency at the speed and scale required by science

The Problem

Climate change is hitting harder and faster than scientists thought even a few years ago. If the status quo continues, Earth will pass the dangerous 1.5C threshold of heating as early as 2027— nearly two decades earlier than scientists initially projected. Unprecedented climate extremes, including severe drought and devastating wildfires with toxic smoke, will get much worse, costing more lives and health, property loss, and dollars. The longer we delay action, the more costly adaptation to the impacts of climate change becomes.



Nov. 2017 Tubbs fire damage by Melia Robinson

The climate crisis requires unprecedented government action now. California, historically a global climate leader, has fallen behind. The EU, the UK under conservative leader Boris Johnson, President Biden, and even Rhode Island have surpassed our state. As the world's fifth largest economy, California must lead on climate again.



The Solution

Climate-Safe California is a unique, unifying, and bold approach to the climate crisis. The goal of Climate-Safe California is to remove more carbon pollution from the atmosphere than we release by 2030. This goal is 15 years ahead of the state's current goal of 2045 which is far too late to avoid the 1.5 C threshold set by climate scientists.

Climate-Safe California aims for the state to enact a suite of policies in four areas:

1. Phase out fossil fuels
2. Sequester carbon on natural and working lands
3. Invest in community resilience for all Californians
4. Invest in climate action and leverage more in private investments.



Climate-Safe California is guided by three principles:

1. Align with the most current science
2. Ensure a just transition for workers, their families, and their communities dependent on fossil fuel industries
3. Ensure lower income communities and communities of color are no longer disproportionately harmed by our fossil fuel economy, and have equitable access to climate solutions.

Supported by over 1,100 elected leaders, businesses, scientists, organizations, and community members, Climate-Safe California is already catalyzing bold action to reverse the climate crisis. It is shifting the debate among state policymakers for accelerated action.

Take Action

- Endorse Climate-Safe California and urge other leaders, businesses, and organizations to do the same www.theclimatecenter/endorse
- Urge your city and county to endorse Climate-Safe California. State policymakers pay special attention to local governments and their representatives.
- Contact Governor Newsom and your state representatives. Tell them that you've endorsed Climate-Safe California and urge them to endorse, too, and to accelerate action commensurate with the climate emergency.

For more information visit www.theclimatecenter.org

