

A PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION IN CALIFORNIA



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California as U.S. and Global Leader on Climate Policies

- **Main California policy goals:**

- 40% CO₂ emissions reduction by 2030—(Gov. Brown, 2018)
- Emissions-free vehicles by 2035—(Gov. Newsom, 2020)
- Carbon neutrality by 2045— (Gov. Brown, 2018)

- **Significant progress, but...**

- Nearly 60% of electricity in 2020 came from renewables and nuclear
 - But 80% of energy consumption for non-electricity production
 - Nearly 50% of energy in electricity production is wasted

TABLE 3.5
Annual Job Creation In California through Combined Clean Energy Investment Program
Average annual figures for 2021 – 2030

| Industry | Number of direct and indirect jobs created | Number of direct, indirect and induced jobs created |
|---|--|---|
| \$9.3 billion in energy efficiency | | |
| 1) Building retrofits | 21,090 | 28,490 |
| 2) Industrial efficiency, including combined heat and power | 7,600 | 10,830 |
| 3) Electrical grid upgrades | 5,040 | 7,140 |
| 4) Public transportation expansion/upgrades, including rail | 19,040 | 22,960 |
| 5) Expanding high efficiency automobile fleet | 651 | 930 |
| 6) <i>Total energy efficiency job creation</i> | <i>53,421</i> | <i>70,350</i> |
| \$66.4 billion in clean renewables | | |
| 7) Solar | 99,600 | 146,080 |
| 8) Onshore wind | 35,640 | 51,480 |
| 9) Low emissions bioenergy | 38,000 | 54,000 |
| 10) Geothermal | 31,000 | 44,500 |
| 11) Small-scale hydro | 37,000 | 51,500 |
| 12) <i>Total job creation from clean renewables</i> | <i>241,240</i> | <i>347,560</i> |
| 13) TOTALS (= rows 6+12) | 294,661 | 417,910 |
| 14) TOTAL AS SHARE OF 2019 CALIFORNIA LABOR FORCE <i>(Labor force at 19.4 million)</i> | 1.5% | 2.2% |

Sources: Tables 3.2 and 3.4, U.S. Department of Labor.

TABLE 3.6
Indicators of Job Quality in California Clean Energy Industries: Direct Jobs Only

| | Energy Efficiency Investments | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| | 1. Building retrofits (13,690 workers) | 2. Industrial efficiency (5,510 workers) | 3. Grid upgrades (3,920 workers) | 4. Mass transit (16,800 workers) | 5. High-efficiency autos (279 workers) |
| Average total compensation | \$73,700 | \$91,900 | \$83,300 | \$37,600 | \$88,700 |
| Health insurance coverage, percentage | 37.2% | 49.5% | 47.8% | 34.4% | 67.9% |
| Retirement plans, percentage | 24.4% | 32.7% | 28.1% | 20.1% | 51.1% |
| Union membership, percentage | 18.7% | 7.5% | 15.7% | 17.2% | 7.2% |
| | Clean Renewable Energy Investments | | | | |
| | 6. Solar (69,720 workers) | 7. Onshore wind (23,760 workers) | 8. Low-emissions bioenergy (30,000 workers) | 9. Geothermal (23,000 workers) | 10. Small-scale hydro (29,500 workers) |
| Average total compensation | \$96,500 | \$94,000 | \$83,500 | \$92,600 | \$79,700 |
| Health insurance coverage, percentage | 46.2% | 46.8% | 37.4% | 43.4% | 40.0% |
| Retirement plans, percentage | 31.6% | 32.0% | 24.4% | 29.4% | 26.5% |
| Union membership, percentage | 13.1% | 17.7% | 17.2% | 14.9% | 18.5% |

TABLE 5.1

Annual Job Creation in California through Combined Investment Programs

- Clean Energy
- Manufacturing/Infrastructure
- Land Restoration/Agriculture

Estimates are annual averages for 2021 – 2030

Overall Investments at \$137.6 billion/year; 3.8% of California \$3.61 trillion mid-point GDP

| | Number of direct and indirect jobs created | Number of direct, indirect and induced jobs created |
|--|--|---|
| 1) \$66.4 billion/year in clean renewable energy | 241,240 | 347,560 |
| 2) \$9.3 billion/year in energy efficiency | 53,421 | 70,350 |
| 3) \$39.2 billion/year in manufacturing/public infrastructure | 298,202 | 384,676 |
| 4) \$22.6 billion/year in land restoration/agriculture | 187,509 | 241,400 |
| 5) Total for all investment areas (= rows 1 – 4) | 780,372 | 1,043,986 |
| 13) TOTAL AS SHARE OF 2019 CALIFORNIA LABOR FORCE <i>(labor force at 19.4 million)</i> | 4.0% | 5.4% |

Sources: See Tables 3.5 and 4.6.

TABLE 6.1
Number of Workers In California Employed In Fossil Fuel-Based Industries, 2018

| Industry | 2018 Employment levels | Industry share of total fossil fuel-based employment |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| Natural gas distribution | 32,290 | 28.7% |
| Oil and gas extraction | 27,720 | 24.6% |
| Petroleum refining | 11,203 | 10.0% |
| Support activities for oil/gas | 10,259 | 9.1% |
| Wholesale -petroleum and petroleum products | 8,751 | 7.8% |
| Fossil fuel electric power generation | 8,658 | 7.7% |
| Drilling oil and gas wells | 5,288 | 4.7% |
| Pipeline transport | 2,660 | 2.4% |
| Construction of other new residential structures | 2,309 | 2.1% |
| Other nonmetallic minerals services | 1,571 | 1.4% |
| Coal mining | 971 | 0.9% |
| Oil and gas field machinery and equipment manufacturing | 693 | 0.6% |
| Mining machinery and equipment manufacturing | 74 | 0.07% |
| All other petroleum and coal products manufacturing | 35 | 0.03% |
| Fossil fuel industry total | 112,482 | 100.0% |
| TOTAL FOSSIL FUEL EMPLOYMENT AS SHARE OF CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYMENT | | |
| <i>(California 2018 employment = 18,460,725)</i> | | 0.61% |

Source: IMPLAN 3.1, U.S. Department of Labor.

TABLE 6.2
Characteristics of Workers Employed In California's
Fossil Fuel-Based Sectors

| | Fossil fuel-based Industries |
|--|---|
| Average total compensation | \$129,800 |
| Health insurance coverage* | 70.0% |
| Retirement benefits* | 64.7% |
| Union membership coverage | 22.7% |
| <i>Educational credentials</i> | |
| Share with high school degree or less | 29.5% |
| Share with some college or Associate degree | 35.3% |
| Share with Bachelor's degree or higher | 35.2% |
| <i>Racial and gender composition of workforce</i> | |
| Pct. Black, Indigenous and People of Color | 44.6% |
| Pct. female workers | 21.5% |

Source: See Appendix 2.

Note: *Due to small sample sizes, these figures are based on the Pacific region rather than California only.

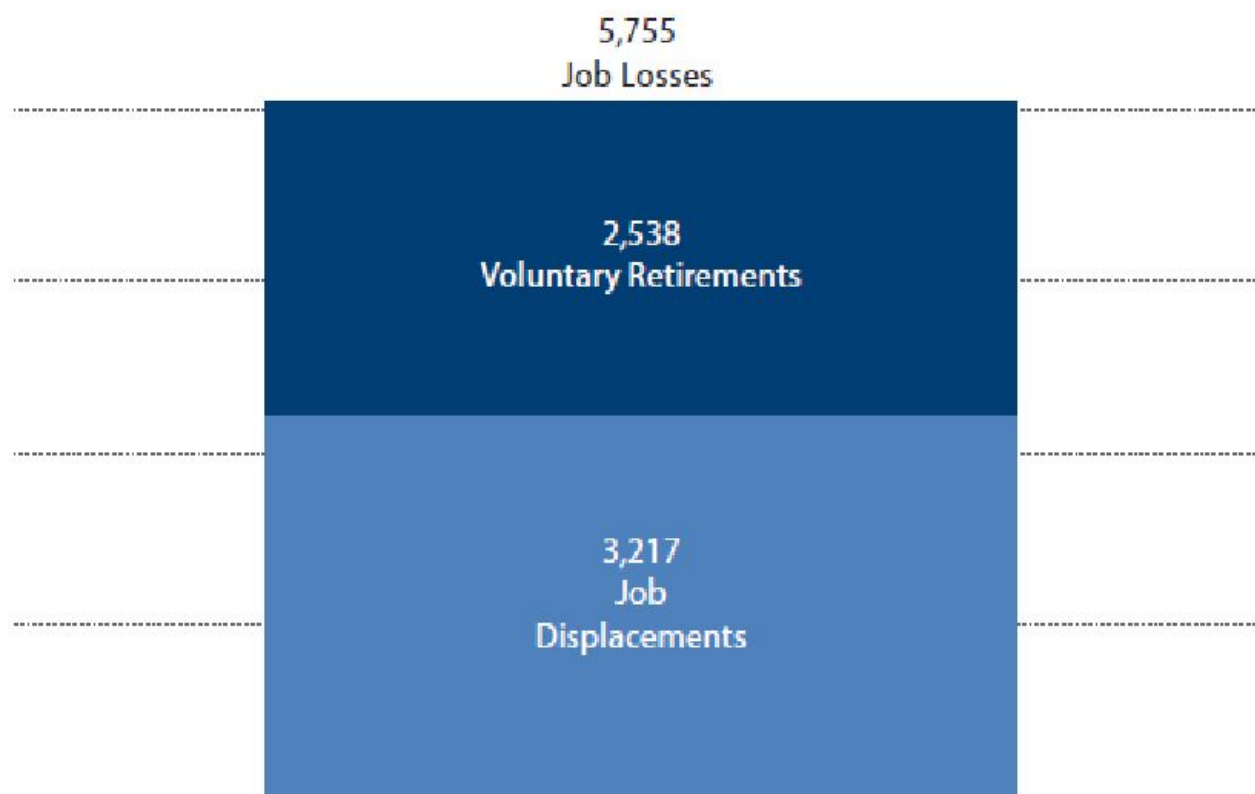
TABLE 6.4

Policy Package for Displaced Workers In California's Fossil Fuel-Based Industries

| | |
|---|---|
| Pension guarantees for workers (65+) voluntarily retiring | – Legal pension guarantees |
| Employment guarantee | – Jobs provided through clean energy and public infrastructure investment expansions |
| Wage insurance | – Displaced workers guaranteed 3 years of total compensation at levels of fossil fuel-based industry jobs |
| Retraining support | – 2 years of retraining, as needed |
| Relocation support | – \$75,000 for one-half of displaced workers |

Source: Assumptions described in text.

FIGURE 1: Estimated Annual Job Losses, Voluntary Retirements and Workers Displaced In California's Fossil Fuel-Based Industries, 2021–2030



Source: Table 6.5.

TABLE 6.8
Total and Annual Average Costs for Just Transition Support for Displaced Fossil
Fuel-Based Workers in California, 2021 – 2032
 STEADY TRANSITION

| Year | Income support <i>(3 years of support for 3,217 workers)</i> | Retraining support <i>(2 years of support for 3,217 workers)</i> | Relocation support <i>(1 year of support for 1,609 workers)</i> | Total <i>(cols. 1+2+3)</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 2021 | \$143.2 million (1 cohort) | \$6.4 million (1 cohort) | \$120.7 million | \$270.3 million |
| 2022 | \$286.3 million (2 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$419.9 million |
| 2023 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2024 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2025 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2026 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2027 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2028 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2029 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2030 | \$429.5 million (3 cohorts) | \$12.8 million (2 cohorts) | \$120.7 million | \$563.0 million |
| 2031 | \$286.3 million (2 cohorts) | \$6.4 million (1 cohort) | | \$292.8 million |
| 2032 | \$143.2 million (1 cohort) | | | \$143.2 million |
| Total | \$4.3 billion | \$128.4 million | \$1.2 billion | \$5.6 billion |
| Average annual costs | \$357.9 million <i>(12 years of support)</i> | \$11.7 million <i>(11 years of support)</i> | \$120.7 million <i>(10 years of support)</i> | \$469.2 million <i>(12 years of support)</i> |

Sources: Tables 6.4, 6.5 and 6.7.

Steady vs. Episodic Transition

- **Transition program costs double under episodic transition**
 - \$833 million/year vs. \$469 million/year
 - Not benefiting as much from voluntary retirements under episodic transition
- **Still costs are low as share of California GDP, 2021 - 2030**
 - *Steady transition:* 0.01% of GDP
 - *Episodic transition:* 0.02% of GDP

TABLE 7.1

Fossil Fuel-Based Employment in Kern, Contra Costa and Los Angeles Counties, 2018

| | Fossil fuel-based employment | Share of statewide fossil fuel employment <i>(total fossil fuel-based employment = 112,482)</i> | Share of total county employment |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Kern County | 13,651 | 12.1% | 3.2% |
| Contra Costa County | 12,972 | 11.5% | 2.2% |
| Los Angeles County | 29,003 | 25.8% | 0.4% |
| TOTALS | 55,626 | 49.5% | --- |

Source: IMPLAN 3.1.

Note: County employment levels are as follows: Kern County: 427,257; Contra Costa County: 584,726; and Los Angeles County: 6,515,598.

TABLE 7.2

**Kern County 1: Job Creation Summary through Clean Energy, Manufacturing/
Infrastructure and Land Restoration/Agriculture Investment Programs**

- Kern County share of California population = 2.3%
- Kern County share of overall \$137.6 billion investment budget = 4.6%

Average Annual Job Creation, 2021 – 2030

| | Annual investment budget | Annual total job creation: <i>direct, indirect and induced jobs</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Energy efficiency | \$330 million | 1,992 |
| Clean renewable energy | \$3.8 billion | 12,416 |
| Manufacturing/infrastructure | \$1.4 billion | 7,760 |
| Land restoration/agriculture | \$770 million | 5,543 |
| TOTALS | \$6.3 billion | 29,711 |

Source: Table 5.1. U.S. Census.

TABLE 7.3
Kern County 2: Job Losses through Fossil Fuel-Based Industry Contraction

| A) Steady Contraction | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| | Fossil fuel workers |
| 1) Total workforce as of 2018 | 13,651 |
| 2) Job losses over 10-year transition, 2021 – 2030 | 6,963 |
| 3) Average annual job loss over 10-year production decline (= row 2/10) | 696 |
| 4) Number of workers reaching 65 over 2021 – 2030 (= row 1 x % of workers 54 and over in 2019) | 3,850 (28.2% of all workers) |
| 5) Number of workers per year reaching 65 during 10-year transition period (= row 4/10) | 385 |
| 6) Number of workers per year retiring voluntarily | 308 (80% of 65+ workers) |
| 7) Number of workers requiring re-employment (= row 3 – row 6) | 388 |

How to Pay for Full Program?

One example

- Total program at ~ \$140 billion per year = 3.8% of California GDP
- Assume public/private sectors split total investment equally
 - Public investment at \$70 billion/year
- If federal government provides \$30 billion annually, state budget is at \$40 billion
 - Roughly equal to current state budget surplus
 - With 2% borrowing rate, annual interest payments = \$800 million
 - 0.4% of state's 2022 general revenues
 - 0.02 percent of state's average GDP