



# Climate-Safe California: Accelerated, Equitable Climate Action

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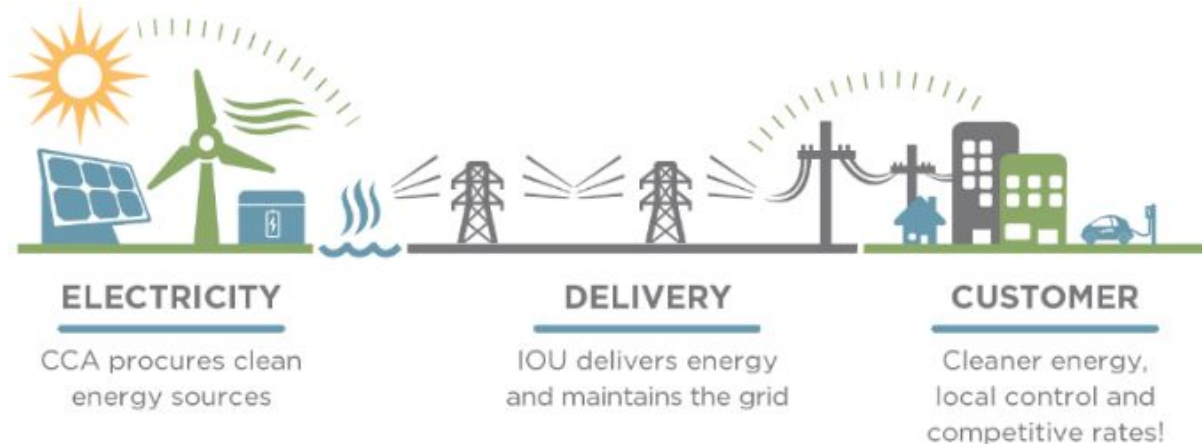
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# A think tank/do tank nonprofit working collaboratively for equitable speed and scale greenhouse gas reductions



**Key role in growing Community Choice Energy:  
25 CCAs serving 80-90% GHG-free electricity to  
11 million Californians - ¼ of state!**

# Current global climate goals bold but inadequate

## UN IPCC 1.5C Report- Oct 2018

- Cut emissions by 45% by 2030

AND

- remove up to 1000 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e from atmosphere

to achieve **net-zero emissions** by **2050** and **stay under the 1.5C** dangerous warming threshold agreed to in 2015 Paris accord



**Current pledges = 14% increase in emissions!**

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**The climate reality  
is outpacing policy.**

**Some leaders are  
now stepping up.**

# New International, National & Local Climate Targets....

- ✓ **EUROPEAN UNION:** Cut GHGs by at least 57% by 2030 from 1990
- ✓ **UK:** Cut GHGs 68% by 2030 from 1990 levels; 100% ZEV sales by 2030; 100% clean electricity by 2035
- ✓ **DENMARK:** 70% GHG cut below 1990 by 2030; **Copenhagen-** carbon neutral by 2025
- ✓ **RHODE ISLAND:** 100% GHG free electricity by 2030
- ✓ **WASHINGTON STATE:** 100% ZEV car sales by 2030
- ✓ **CITY of LOS ANGELES:** 97% GHG free electricity by 2030, 100% by 2035
- ✓ **PRESIDENT BIDEN**
  - Cut GHGs 50% below 2005 by 2030
  - 100% GHG free electricity by 2035

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



**But California is behind:**  
Must accelerate state goals for a  
**Carbon Negative, Equity-Positive**  
**2045 is too late for carbon neutrality**



**Need more aggressive, equitable policies  
& accelerated timelines in CA now!**



## **Climate-Safe California**

### **Campaign for Rapid Decarbonization**

[www.theclimatecenter.org](http://www.theclimatecenter.org)

Endorse here: [www.climatesafeca.org](http://www.climatesafeca.org)

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





# 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 equal access to climate solutions



# WE HAVE THE SOLUTIONS, JUST NEED THE POLITICAL WILL FOR CARBON NEGATIVE, EQUITY POSITIVE

- **Accelerate the phase-out of fossil fuel development, production, refinement and use**
  - 3x deployment of renewables; increase storage 8x
  - [The Climate Center Hydrogen Policy Brief](#)
- **Scale-up protection/conservation of nature and natural carbon sequestration**
- **Invest in community resilience engaging with communities, prioritizing frontline communities**
- **Fund climate action with \$12-20 billion/year and leverage much more in private sector investments**

# CA first state to reach net-negative emissions

Kickstarts nation & world into equitable climate action

December  
2030



# Thank you!



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