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Today

**What the California Legislature Did to Hold Polluters
Accountable**

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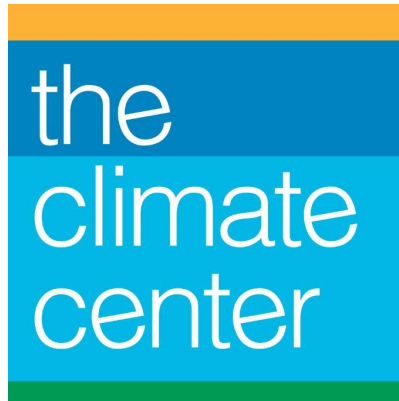


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Today's Agenda

- **Jerilyn López Mendoza**, Regional Organizer, The Climate Center
- **Barry Vesser**, Chief Operating Officer, The Climate Center
- **Henry Stern**, California State Senator
- **Senator Stern Q and A**
- **Travis Legault**, Office of Assemblywoman Wendy Carrillo
- **Melissa Romero**, Senior Legislative Affairs Manager, California Environmental Voters
- **Q and A**
- **Take Action!**



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Our Vision

We believe in thriving, healthy communities.

The Climate Center envisions a future where everyone in California benefits from equitable access to climate solutions, from clean air to renewable energy, healthy food, and more.





Climate-Safe California

Climate-Safe California is The Climate Center's unique and comprehensive campaign to make California the first state in the nation to become carbon negative.

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



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**Endorsed by hundreds of businesses, elected officials,
and nonprofits and more than 2,000 individuals.**

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2023 Legislative Session Overview

Corporate Accountability - this webinar!

- SB 253 (Wiener)
- SB 261 (Stern)
- AB 1167 (Carrillo)

Transportation Movement

- AB 579 (Ting) requires all new school buses to be zero-emission starting in 2035.
- AB 126 (Reyes) devote more than \$1 billion to clean transportation [controversially](#) including hydrogen fueling stations
- SB 233 (Skinner) bidirectional charging for clean energy back up and a more reliable grid
- CARB Advance Clean Fleets and Advance Clean Trucks - these are a big deal

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Implementation

- SB 49 (Becker) - direct state agencies to evaluate potential for solar and storage alongside highways
- AB 1373 (Garcia) - empowers the Department of Water Resources to purchase offshore wind energy at scale through a mechanism called “central procurement.”
- SB 410 (Becker) - directs the CPUC to set average and target time periods for grid connections and upgrades to help improve grid interconnections.
- Governor’s budget trailer bills - streamlining permitting for transmission and other infrastructure

Budget and Bond Battles

- The historic \$54.3B state climate budget was cut by \$2.9B instead of \$6B
- Climate Bond was not passed
- State expects another deficit year

Coming Attractions - 2024

- Transmission, Distribution and Interconnection
- Hydrogen
- Cap & Trade Reform
- Climate Bond Curtailment
- Cost of climate change impacts to insurance industry;
the affordability of and the development of housing
- The Climate Center's priorities

Priorities for 2024

The Climate Center is still refining the work we will embark on at the legislature in 2024. In alignment with our recent strategic plan, here are our priorities for the next year:

- **Rapidly cut greenhouse gas emissions:** By developing a statewide implementation plan for the managed transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy; and ending state subsidies to oil and gas interests.
- **Build a Grid for the Future that is clean, reliable, affordable, decentralized, and safe:** Advocate for legislative and regulatory incentives that support local, clean energy (such as rooftop solar and microgrids) and value their benefits for resilience, reliability, and job creation. Pass a bidirectional electric vehicle charging bill that will provide clean backup power and make for a more reliable grid as a foundation to the grid for the future.
- **Scale up natural carbon sequestration:** Ensure that California sets ambitious, science-based targets for drawing down existing climate pollution through nature-based strategies. Enact policies that grow the workforce, and infrastructure, and find the funding for the technical assistance to support farmers and ranchers to move toward regenerative agriculture at scale.