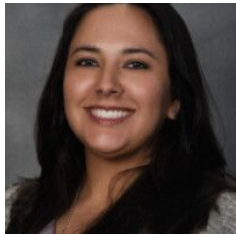


California's Community Choice Agencies Celebrate Success



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The Climate Center Mission

**We're working to rapidly
reduce polluting fuels at
scale, starting in
California.**



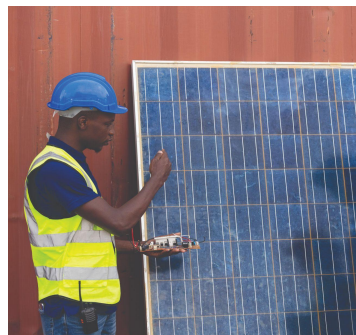
We believe in thriving, healthy communities. We envision a future where everyone in California enjoys clean air and water, renewable and reliable energy, healthy food, thriving nature, and more.

Our Role

Since 2001, The Climate Center has been a leader in making climate solutions a reality in California at speed and scale. We are a think-tank, do-tank working to turn bold ideas into action for a climate-safe future.

Photo: The Climate Center CEO Ellie Cohen speaking in LA. Image by Hannah Benet | Survival Media Agency





Climate-Safe California

Together, we can make California the first state in the nation to become carbon negative.

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The Four Pillars of Climate-Safe CA



**Phase out
fossil fuels**



**Scale up natural
carbon removal**



**Invest in resilient
communities for all**



**Fund climate
action now**

Guiding Principles

1. Follow the latest science
2. Prioritize climate justice with equitable access to true climate solutions that do not repeat the mistakes of the past
3. Secure a just transition for workers and their families



RAISING THE ALARM

Evidence that tipping points are under way has mounted in the past decade. Domino effects have also been proposed.



A. Amazon rainforest
Frequent droughts

B. Arctic sea ice
Reduction in area

C. Atlantic circulation
In slowdown since 1950s

D. Boreal forest
Fires and pests changing

F. Coral reefs
Large-scale die-offs

G. Greenland ice sheet
Ice loss accelerating

H. Permafrost
Thawing

I. West Antarctic ice sheet
Ice loss accelerating

J. Wilkes Basin, East Antarctica
Ice loss accelerating

The Challenge

The climate crisis is hitting harder and faster than scientists predicted even a few years ago. The UN has warned: we are witnessing a “code red” moment for humanity.

Weather Whiplash

Devastating wildfires, toxic smoke, extreme heat, and flooding disproportionately harm people of color and lower-income communities.



Photos: Top: Fighting California wildfire by David McNew | Greenpeace;
Bottom: Guerneville, CA flooding by US Army Corps of Engineers

Oil and gas influence

- Oil and gas lobbyists spent a record \$27 million lobbying in CA in 2023
- Fossil fuel companies spent \$77.5 million to lobby lawmakers in California between 2018 and 2022
- Oil and gas lobbyists are pushing Carbon Capture and Storage and fighting public health and safety setbacks on neighborhood drilling

Photo by Tara Pixley / Earthjustice



California Must Step Up

California's goals (48% reduction of greenhouse gases by 2030) are behind other states and nations:

- ✓ **European Union:** Cut GHGs by at least 55% by 2030 ... from 1990 levels to reach net zero emissions by 2050
- ✓ **Denmark:** 70% GHG cut below 1990 by 2030
- ✓ **Rhode Island:** 100% GHG free electricity by 2030
- ✓ **United Kingdom:** Cut GHGs 68% by 2030 from 1990 levels; 100% ZEV sales by 2030; 100% clean electricity by 2035



Our Impact

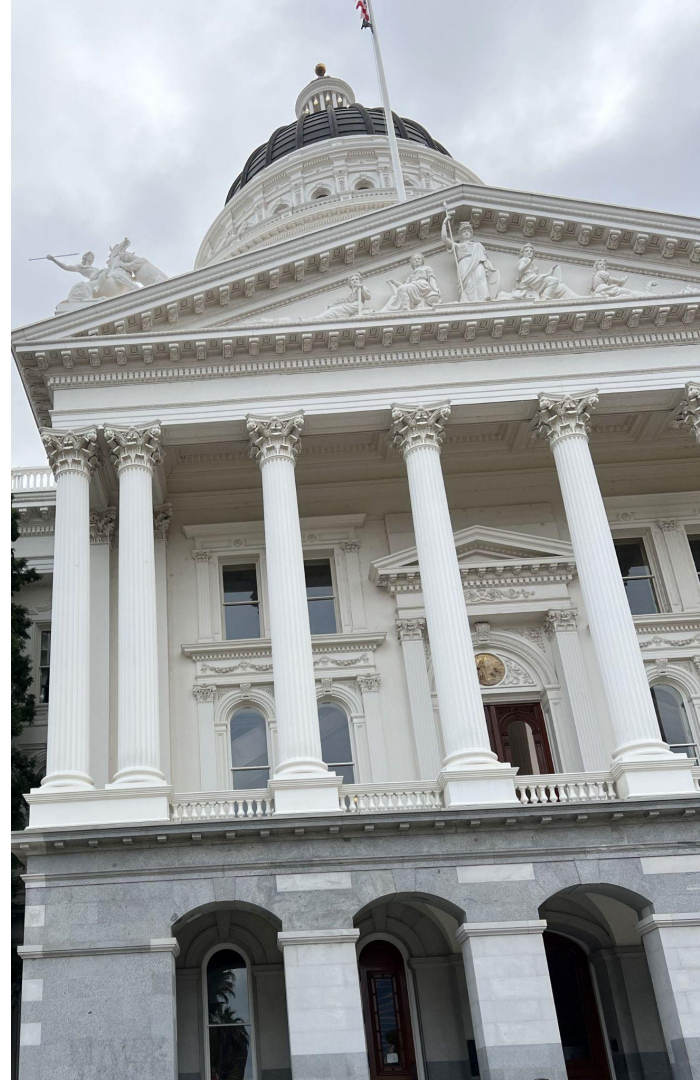
- Nature-based sequestration
- Clean energy microgrids and vehicle-grid integration
- Managed decline of and transition away from fossil and other polluting fuels



When California leads others follow

- **AB 1493 (2002) tailpipe emissions cuts:** Later adopted by 13 other states, became the basis for 2010 national clean car standards
- **SB 100 (2017) 100% carbon-free electricity by 2045:** Already adopted by 10 other states and Biden Administration with earlier deadlines
- **Gov. Newsom Executive Order 100% ZEV car sales by 2035 (Sept 2020):** GM announced it will sell only 100% ZEV cars by 2035 (Jan 2021); Volvo by 2030 (Mar 2021)

Photo: California State Capitol. Image by The Climate Center.





Climate-Safe California

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

A set of policies that would allow California to remove more climate pollution from the atmosphere than we emit while creating thousands of family-sustaining jobs and building a more equitable clean energy economy.

The Climate Center's 2024 Priorities

- End state subsidies and tax breaks to oil and gas interests
- Divest state employee and teacher retirement funds from fossil fuels
- Mandate bidirectional charging in electric passenger vehicles and school buses
- Fund (budget and/or bond) regional hubs to help farmers and ranchers implement climate-friendly soil and habitat management at speed and scale
- Defend historic climate investments in a time of significant state budget shortfall



California Must Lead

California has the tools and know-how to lead on climate. When our elected officials accelerate the transition to clean energy, all of us will benefit.

California must lead on climate once again at the speed and scale required. Our communities deserve accelerated, equitable solutions.

Photo: Climate rally in Sacramento. Image by Tessa Richardson.

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**For thriving communities,
California must accelerate
equitable climate action now!**



**Endorse the campaign:
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Call-to-Action!

**Tell Governor Newsom and state
leaders: Eliminate fossil fuel
subsidies and prioritize climate
investments**

<https://theclimatecenter.org/subsidies>

What is a CCA?



source



CCA

buying and building
electricity supply

delivery



UTILITY

delivering energy,
maintaining lines,
billing customers

customer



YOU

benefitting from
affordable rates,
local control,
cleaner energy

The Climate Center role with CCAs



The CCA 101 Video

POWERED BY COMMUNITY

CALIFORNIA'S CCA STORY

Narrated by Peter Coyote

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loBSjlYxwck&t=1s>