

# Carbon Dioxide Removal & Communities: Benefits, Negotiations, Oversight, and Enforcement

Part 4 of a 6-part series on Carbon Dioxide Removal

Friday, January 24th, 10:00-11:30 am PT



# 6-Part Webinar Series

- 1<sup>st</sup> **The Science of Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Different approaches to CDR (such as Direct Air Capture, natural solutions, biomass, and more)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Communities and CDR: Health and Safety issues, community concerns**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **TODAY: Communities and CDR Part 2: Community Benefits, Community Oversight, Negotiations and Enforcement**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Save the date! Tues Feb 25 (10:00 PT) Responsible Accounting for CDR/ Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV)**
- 6<sup>th</sup> **CDR Policy Levers (March date coming soon)**

# *Los Angeles, California*





WE ARE THE PROTECTORS OF JUSTICE

CLIMATE NO JUSTICE

WE RESIST  
WE RESIST  
WE RESIST

NATIVE NATIONS RISE



THE SEA IS RISING AND SO ARE WE

YOU CAN'T

2 MILLION Clean Energy JOBS NOW



KEEP

WE EXIST  
WE RESIST  
WE RISE

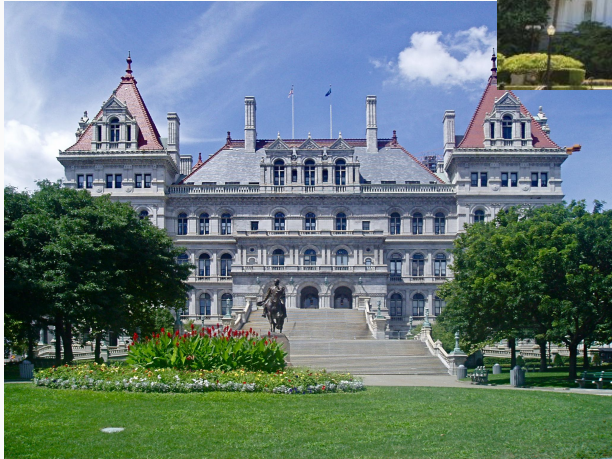
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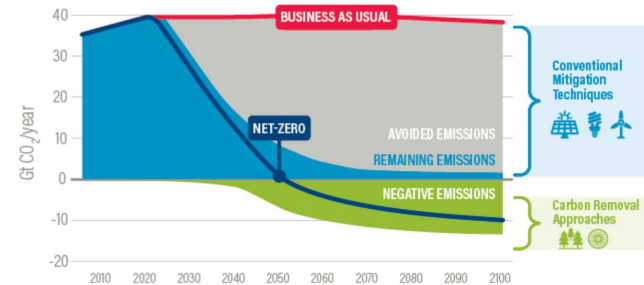
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# Carbon Dioxide Removal - What is it?

- Carbon Dioxide Removal refers to removing carbon that *is already in the atmosphere* and permanently sequestering it.
- Different from carbon capture and sequestration (CCS)
- IPCC: cut emissions in half by 2030 and removes 100-1,000 GtCO<sub>2</sub>;
- CDR “inevitable”



Staying Below 1.5 Degrees of Global Warming



<https://blog.cloudflare.com/historical-emissions-offsets-and-scope-3-sneak-preview/>

# Why Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)?

- **CA AB1279 (Muratsuchi, 2022) set a goal of carbon neutrality by 2045 - 85% emission reductions, 15% CDR**
- **California's 2022 Scoping Plan (Climate Plan):**  
*Target: 7 MMT of CDR/yr by 2030*  
*75 MMT/yr of CDR by 2045*
- **California has not yet created pathways to achieve these CDR targets**

# Does Everyone Love CDR?

**Well, no...**

**Some communities have questions and concerns about the safety of capturing, transporting and storing CO<sub>2</sub> that need to be acknowledged and addressed.**



# Today's webinar

## **Illustrate ways for communities to have:**

- **A real voice in projects**
- **Their health and safety concerns seriously addressed**
- **Some oversight over projects**
- **Substantive benefits from projects**



# What topic are you most interested in?

- **Examples of actual Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)**
- **Co-ownership and governance models from other sectors that carbon removal could adopt**
- **Best practices for community engagement from across other sectors**
- **Community perspectives on what needs to happen before, during, and after community benefit agreements**
- **Legal perspective on executing and enforcing CBAs**

# Agenda and Speakers



**Julian Gross**

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**Ingrid Brostrom**

*Sustainability and Jobs*

*Program Director*

UC Merced Community and  
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**Sara Nawaz**

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UC Berkeley, Center for Law,  
Energy, and the Environment

# Thank you for joining today's webinar

**Save the Date: February 25, 10:00-11:30 (PT)**

***Next CDR webinar: Responsible CDR Accounting and the  
Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of CDR***

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