Planning for Refinery Closures that Benefit Workers, Communities, and the Environment

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Our Mission

We're working to rapidly reduce climate pollution 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.



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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.

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Guiding Principles

Climate-Safe California and all of The Climate Center's work is guided by these core principles:

- 1. Follow the latest science
- 2. Secure a just transition for fossil fuel workers and their families
- 3. Prioritize climate justice with equitable access to true climate solutions



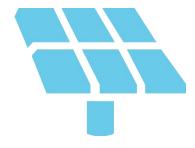
The Four Pillars of Climate-Safe CA







Scale up carbon drawdown



Clean, resilient, affordable energy for all

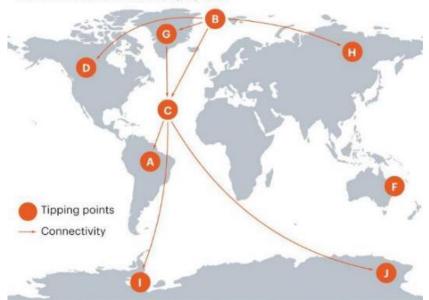


Fund climate solutions



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. Devastating wildfires, toxic smoke, extreme heat, and flooding are harming communities in California and beyond.



Increasing health impacts, especially to frontline communities



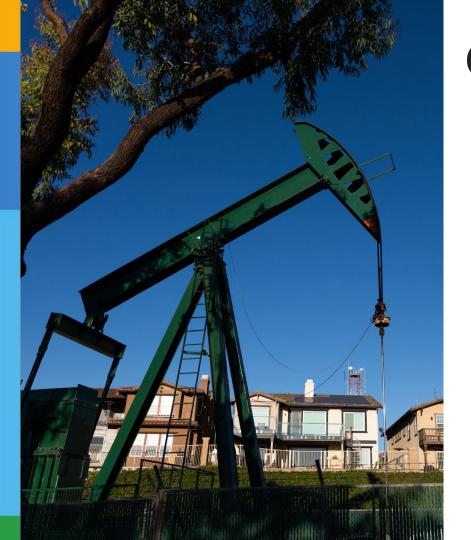


Left: Wildfire smoke over Hollywood. Image by Lawrence | Flickr Right: Neighborhood drilling. Image by Tara Pixley.

- Fossil fuel air pollution causes one in five deaths globally
- Extreme heat kills more people in the U.S. than any other type of hazardous weather
- 2020 CA smoke storm: Three weeks of heavy smoke across California indirectly caused 1,200 deaths
- 7.3 million Californians live within
 1 mile of oil or gas well

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Oil and gas influence

- Big Oil spent a record \$38 million lobbying in CA in 2024 amid record profits
- Oil and gas lobbyists are using massive profits to fight climate action and spread misinformation while benefiting from taxpayer subsidies





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.

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

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Presentations



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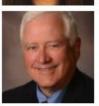




Your Questions! Please pose your questions in the Q&A or chat.



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Next Webinar: August 28, 10am

Advancing NextGen Geothermal in California: Prospects for long lasting, large scale clean energy that benefits all



Thank you!

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