

Inside Sacramento: 2025 Climate Policy Recap

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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.



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. As the United Nations recently warned, we are witnessing a **“code red” moment** for humanity.



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.



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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The Climate Center's 2025 Priorities



AB 740

accelerates the use of
virtual power plants



SB 279

expands composting
capacity for California
farms and communities

Tell Governor Newsom to Stand Up for Climate Action at COP30



The Climate Center

Carbon Drawdown

Community Energy Resilience

Fossil Fuels

SHARE



Governor Newsom at UN Climate Week in 2023. Photo Office of the California Governor.

This year's United Nations climate conference, COP30 in Belém, Brazil, will bring together world leaders to share how they're tackling climate change back home. With an anti-science, pro-oil president, the world is counting on California to step up on climate.

Factors that influenced policies

- Devastating LA fires
- New hostile federal administration
- Two refinery closure announcements
- Redistricting
- Cap and Trade (Invest) reauthorization and reform
- Regionalization
- Affordability

ALL happening in one year!



Today's Webinar

Hot topics that emerged during this legislative session:

- The future of refineries in California
- California's Cap and Invest program (formerly Cap and Trade)
- Scaling up nature-based solutions
- Accelerating distributed energy resources like rooftop solar and electric vehicles



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