

Unlocking the Potential of NextGen Geothermal Energy in California



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Our Mission

**We work to rapidly
reduce climate
pollution at scale,
starting in California.**

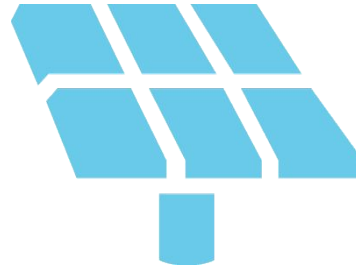
The Four Pillars of Climate-Safe CA



**Phase out
fossil fuels**



**Scale up carbon
drawdown**



**Build resilient,
affordable
energy for all**

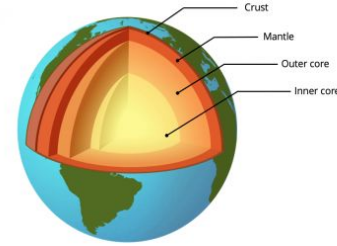


**Fund climate
solutions**

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 high road transition for fossil fuel workers and their families**
- 3. Prioritize climate justice with equitable access to true climate solutions**



Let's stop trampling fragile ecosystems and indigenous lands and sacred sites



Let's not repeat the wrongs of the past

The Climate Center's Special Relationship to Geothermal Energy

- Founded in Sonoma County, in close proximity to the largest geothermal electricity-generating site in the world – The Geysers
- Worked with Calpine to host several tours for elected officials of the Geysers between 2010 and 2014
- This was part of our advocacy of Community Choice Aggregation and the initiation of Sonoma Clean Power, the second CCA in California

Why TCC supports responsibly deployed geothermal energy systems

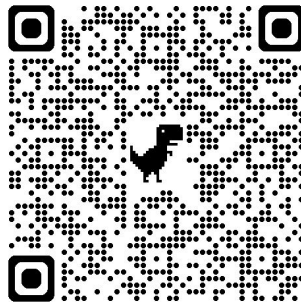
- Very low greenhouse gas emissions;
- Scalable: 10, 20, 50 megawatts and up
- 24/7/365 baseload electricity
- Small geographic footprint
- One-to-one skills transfer from oil and gas



Take Action!

Send a message to the CA Energy Commission

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Your Questions Please!



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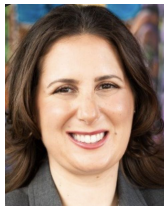
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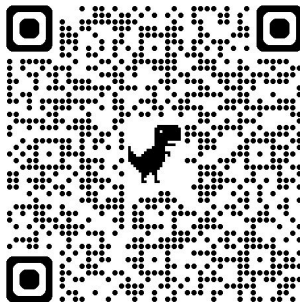


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Join us for our next webinar:

October Legislative Wrap-up

Wednesday, October 21, 10am

More details and registration [HERE](#)

Thank you!

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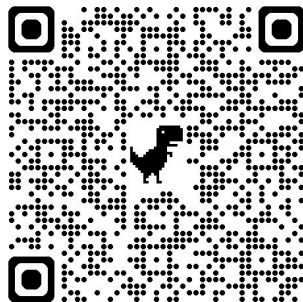
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Resources

- [12-minute video](#) describing various geothermal technologies (courtesy of [Eavor](#))
- SCP [GeoZone](#)
- Climate Center [Geothermal Webinar](#), August 2025
- [Pathways to Commercial Liftoff](#): NextGen Geothermal Power (US Dept. of Energy)
- [GeoVision](#) (US DoE)
- [Factsheet](#): Difference between geothermal and oil&gas fracking (The Climate Center)
- CEC [Geothermal Workshops](#)
- Clean Air Task Force [Reports](#)