



We must ensure that California's budget actions are 100% aligned with our climate goals. That is why NextGen Policy is launching the Climate 100 Project.

Background

Every year our dependence on dirty, polluting energy makes the climate crisis worse, and California taxpayers foot the bill — we spend billions to fight wildfires, alleviate drought conditions, and rebuild damaged infrastructure, not to mention the economic and human costs from compounding disasters.

The state budget is a clear reflection of California's values and priorities. Protecting California from climate-related harms will require us to think long term and reconsider how our state invests each dollar. If we align our state government actions 100% with our climate goals, then our transportation networks, buildings, schools, energy and water systems, and infrastructure of every kind will be key assets in the fight against climate change and in our effort to create a more prosperous, equitable, and healthy California. Later is too late for California's

lawmakers to stop business-as-usual budgeting. This year, the Governor's January budget proposes a total of \$37B over 6 years to address the climate crisis. This bold and unprecedented spending plan far surpasses that of any other state. Enacting the Governor's Climate Budget would be a giant step towards re-establishing California as the global climate leader.

And lawmakers cannot not stop with just the Governor's Climate Budget. We must grow this investment, and also go further: lawmakers should consider how every single taxpayer dollar spent on everything from infrastructure to education as well as from healthcare to public safety, and beyond is connected to the climate crisis. We must commit to a bold, 100% integrated investment strategy to protect our state from climate disasters, meet our climate targets, foster equity and prosperity, and build more resilient communities.



In 2022, the NextGen Policy "Climate 100" project calls on California's leaders to:

- 1** Put 100% of our taxpayer dollars to work in a manner that is consistent with our climate goals, what science tells us is necessary and ensures that what we build, buy, drive, or operate is clean and ready to help us create a more prosperous, resilient, equitable and cleaner future California.
- 2** Enact the Governor's 2022-2023 Climate Budget and work with the Governor this Fall to develop a \$100B 3-year transformative climate budget proposal that scales up investments to cut greenhouse gases and protects our state from climate-related disasters.