

Stanford University



Pathways to Carbon Neutrality in California:

Virtual Workshop on Finding Climate Solutions that Work for People

June 24 - 25, 2021
9:30 am - 2:00 pm (Pacific Time)

California leads the nation and much of the world in policies to mitigate climate change with a long-term target of net zero emissions by 2045. New Executive Orders ban the sale of new gas-powered cars and trucks by 2035 and establish a goal of protecting 30% of California’s lands and waters by 2030. In addition, state agencies are now required to come up with a plan in the next year to “accelerate natural removal of carbon” and store more carbon in the state’s soils.

The School of Earth, Energy, and Environmental Sciences, the Precourt Institute for Energy and the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University are convening a group of experts and stakeholders to identify and discuss implications that decarbonizing will have on the major emitting sectors, the electricity grid, businesses, the private sector, and the people of California. The goal of the workshop is to identify the largest opportunities and roadblocks for implementing California’s ambitious decarbonization goals. The workshop will explore four themes over two days:

Session 1: June 24 (9:30 am – 11:30 am)	Pathways to Carbon Neutrality in California
Session 2: June 24 (12:00 noon – 2:00 pm)	The Carbon Neutral Grid
Session 3: June 25 (9:30 am – 11:30 am)	Business and the Private Sector in a Carbon Neutral California
Session 4: June 25 (12:00 noon – 2:00 pm)	Social Equity and Jobs in a Carbon Neutral California

For each session, the theme will be introduced with ~5-6 short presentation(s) which will be followed by a 55-minute Chatham House Rules group round table discussion involving all workshop participants.

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