Taking on a Global Role
Working in Collaboration to Address Climate Change
in California and across the United States

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday August 7th 2018
10:15am – 4:30pm

Los Angeles

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Overview

On the issue of climate change, California has undoubtedly challenged President Trump since his withdrawal from the Paris Agreement in June 2017. Significantly, according to the New York Times (May 2017), “California is emerging as the nation’s de facto negotiator with the world on the environment.” Under the leadership of Governor Jerry Brown, the state has recently (June 2017) signed agreements with both China and Germany, which expresses their continued commitment to working collaboratively with other countries to reduce the effects of climate change for future generations.

Moreover, in recent years California has recognised the importance of tackling climate change, although under the leadership of Governor Brown, California has been at the forefront of policies on pollution control and conservation. The state has enacted legislation, regulations and executive orders, all of which aim to respond to climate change. Most recently, in October 2015, the Senate passed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act (SB 350), which established targets now contained within the Governor’s six key climate change strategies. These strategies are designed to achieve the vision of “reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030:”

- Increase renewable electricity production by 50%
- Reduce petroleum use by 50% in vehicles
- Double energy efficiency savings at existing buildings
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from natural and working lands
- Reduce short-lived climate pollutants
- Safeguard California

In addition, in February 2015, the California Environmental Protection Agency produced the Climate Change Research Plan for California, which illustrates the centrality of research to achieving the state’s targets and vision in response to climate change. The plan sets out the state’s climate-related research priorities, including monitoring, climate projections, GHG accounting, reducing GHG emissions, preparing for a changing climate, socio-economic effects and synergies.

This symposium will offer all those working towards reducing climate change, whether at the local, state or national level, the opportunity to assess California’s progress in achieving their strategies towards their vision to reduce greenhouse gases. Moreover, it will discuss California’s role as an important collaborator with both other states and countries following the United States’ withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. The event will focus on development, shared experiences, lessons learned, challenges ahead, as well as the importance of partnership, research and innovation in reducing emissions and securing a sustainable future for all across the globe.

Why Attend?

- Evaluate the potential for California to play an important role on the international stage through agreements, collaboration and innovation
- Explore ways other states can learn from California’s climate change policies and strategies
- Gain insights into the value of research in responding to and reducing the effects of climate change
- Assess the role of businesses in building a clean energy economy, promoting renewable energy use and committing to reducing emissions
- Assess the social vulnerability to climate change across California and the needs of vulnerable communities
- Consider ways to increase the awareness and engagement of young people in preparing for climate change and securing a sustainable future
- Understand the role of community groups in tackling climate change at the local level
- Have the opportunity to interact with colleagues, share best practice and discuss lessons learned in overcoming challenges and looking towards the future in tackling climate change

Who Should Attend

- California Environmental Protection Agency
- California Energy Commission
- California Department of Public Health
- California Department of Conservation
- California Department of Water Resources
- Climate Change Specialists
- Directors of Sustainability
- Climate Change Consultants
- Environmental Scientists
- Environmental Planners
- Environmental Compliance Officers
- Ecosystem Specialists
- Energy Providers
- Energy Services Representatives
- Climate Change Engineers
- Sustainability Officers
- Air Quality Specialists
- Climate Data Policy Managers
- Community Outreach Leads
- Directors of Water Resources

Accommodation

Details to be available shortly

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| 10:30 | **Session One:** Promoting Partnership, Collaboration and Learning Lessons at the National and International Levels  
  • Evaluating California’s position in tackling climate change – exploring ways the state can take on an international role in engaging with other countries through agreements, collaboration and innovation  
  • Learning lessons based on shared commitments and goals at a national level – discussing how other states can work with and learn from California  
  • Working collaboratively to realize targets – understanding the importance of effective leadership and multi-agency communication to developing achievable strategies  
  • Gaining insights into the value of research – promoting increased coordination and integration to develop California’s climate-related research priorities in other areas  
  • Building a clean energy economy – understanding the role of businesses in promoting renewable energy use and committing to reducing emissions |
| 11:15 | Morning Refreshments                                                 |
| 11:30 | Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One                     |
| 12:30 | Networking Lunch                                                     |
| 13:30 | **Session Two:** Tackling Climate Change at the Local Level: Increasing Awareness, Engagement and Preparation  
  • Preparing for a changing climate – reviewing the implementation and impact of legislation and regulations at the state level  
  • Tackling climate change at the local level – ensuring a role for every community in reducing emissions and decreasing pollution  
  • Increasing awareness and engagement – developing strategies to educate and engage young people in preparing for climate change  
  • Understanding the social vulnerability to climate change across California – assessing the needs of vulnerable communities and the provision for targeted support, planning and adaptation  
  • Sharing best practice – assessing progress, success, challenges and next steps for the future of tackling climate change locally, statewide and across the nation |
| 14:15 | Afternoon Refreshments                                               |
| 14:30 | Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two                     |
| 15:30 | Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments                                 |
| 15:40 | Networking Reception                                                 |
| 16:30 | Close                                                                |

*Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice*

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### Forthcoming Events

- **Nondisclosure Agreements – Tackling Workplace Sexual Misconduct**  
  **15th August 2018**

- **Leading Change through Collaboration: Digital Transformation and Technological Innovation in California**  
  **13th September 2018**

- **Marijuana in California - Navigating the Potential and Pitfalls in a Newly Legalized Industry**  
  **18th September 2018**

- **Investing in a Brighter Future: Tackling the National Teacher Shortage and Education Reform**  
  **26th September 2018**

- **Annual Symposium on Tackling Homelessness in California: Implementing Housing First**  
  **24th October 2018**

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