

Additional Quotes

“Scientists and the United Nations have made it clear that to maintain a livable planet and prevent unthinkable suffering, policymakers have a matter of months left to mobilize on a plan to dramatically wind down fossil fuel use. The climate crisis is here and now, and later is too late for climate action. The California Air Resources Board cannot afford to fumble the ball this late in the game by moving forward with a risky, ineffective scoping plan that relies on a faulty pathway to neutrality, and that disregards Governor Newsom’s call to accelerate our ambition.”
Daniel Kammen, Chair, Energy and Resources Group, **UC Berkeley**; Senior Advisor for Energy, **US Agency for International Development (USAID)**

“California sets the bar for climate action in the United States. If the California Air Resources Board votes to adopt a blueprint for combating climate change that fails to deliver on our state’s ambitious targets it will be a step backwards. California is on the front lines of the climate crisis. We need to see greater ambition and leadership on climate from CARB.”
Leah Stokes, associate professor, **University of California, Santa Barbara**

“By heeding the calls to invest in unproven carbon capture technologies, this proposal from the California Air Resources Board risks foregoing urgently needed air quality gains in frontline communities. Instead of creating a pathway for the fossil fuel industry to continue to pollute, and then relying on technologies that may never materialize, we should invest in renewable energy technologies that cut air pollution and bring tangible benefits to communities that have too long been left behind and kept behind.”
Manuel Pastor, director, **University of Southern California Equity Research Institute**

“The California Air Resources Board’s draft Climate Change Scoping Plan is disastrous for climate and leaves working class Californians behind. At a time when California needs to be phasing out fossil fuels, our top air regulators are bowing to fossil fuel lobbyists at the expense of our health and future.”
Martha Dina Arguello, Executive Director, **Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles**; Co-Chair of the **CARB Environmental Justice Advisory Committee**.

““By pouring billions into the Big Oil scheme for carbon capture and storage at California’s oil refineries, the Air Resources Board’s draft climate plan extends the life of our otherwise defunct fossil fuel infrastructure. We need a full, coordinated phase out of fossil fuels by 2045. Communities need clear timelines and a real commitment to planning a just transition - to build a strong safety net for fossil fuel workers and communities, invest in developing healthy local economies with good family-supporting jobs, and clean up toxic sites. If we wait until the industry is on its deathbed and bankrupt, we’re too late. Workers and communities will be left behind.”
Connie Cho, attorney, **Communities for a Better Environment**.

“From the placement of freeways in working class communities of color in the mid-1900s to the concentration of diesel truck pollution around ports and warehouse hubs, working class

communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by transportation emissions. Now, with rising gas prices, our communities are feeling the pain at the pump. We need a climate plan that accelerates and scales up investment in clean vehicles, and mass transit for working class Californians.”

Kyle Heiskala, Climate Justice Policy Advocate with **Environmental Health Coalition**

“At a time when we need to be planning for a phaseout of fossil fuels, our top air regulators are instead planning for a massive expansion of dirty gas-fired power plants. Strategies like electrifying buildings and transitioning to electric vehicles only fulfill their potential for decarbonization if we ensure that our electricity is generated from clean, renewable energy sources.”

Ari Eisenstadt, Regenerate California Campaign Manager, **California Environmental Justice Alliance**.

“Fossil fuel executives are using carbon capture to dig up and burn more oil, fueling the flames of climate change. Most captured carbon dioxide is used to pressurize old, dead oil wells to suck up the dirtiest, stickiest crude oil at the bottom of the well and burn it. CARB’s climate plan paves the way for billions in public subsidies for ineffective, dangerous carbon capture projects that pad the profits of fossil fuel corporations.”

Dan Ress, staff attorney for the **Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment**.

“California has a wealth of proven strategies to cut emissions, protect our health, and stabilize our climate - increased electrification through clean renewable energy, decarbonizing the state’s aging housing stock, deepening energy efficiency upgrades, scaling up investments in mass transit. Winding down consumption of fossil fuels is only half of the equation. These strategies only work if we commit to phasing out production of fossil fuels and other dirty, polluting energy sources. Otherwise, we risk turning California into an export hub for dirty fuels.”

Amee Raval, Policy Director, **Asian Pacific Environmental Network**.

“As we transition away from fossil fuels, we cannot replace them with fuels like dairy biogas that pollute—and worse yet—call them “clean.” Rather than prop up factory farms with endless subsidies and credit schemes, the California Air Resources Board must regulate methane directly and support sustainable, equitable, and just alternatives.”

Phoebe Seaton, co-executive director, **Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability**

“2045 is simply too late — California can and must achieve carbon neutrality by at least 2035 in order to have a chance of securing a climate-safe future. We strongly urge CARB to heed the latest science and align with Governor Newsom’s calls to accelerate the state’s climate action timeline. CARB’s all-out reliance on engineered carbon removal technologies promoted by oil and gas corporations is foolhardy and dangerous. In order to secure a stable climate, California needs to rapidly phase out fossil fuels, accelerate the transition to renewable energy, and invest in proven, natural carbon sequestration solutions. As goes California, so goes the world.”

Ellie Cohen, CEO, **The Climate Center**

“Although CARB staff seem to recognize the urgency of the climate crisis in their presentations to the Board each month, the draft Scoping Plan does not have that same sense of urgency. Especially concerning is the plan’s reliance on technologies that haven’t been proven to provide the climate and health benefits Californian’s need. CARB must select a pathway to carbon neutrality that is faster and delivers significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and adverse health impacts. Additionally, the plan must not rely heavily or at all on carbon capture, use, and sequestration (CCUS) or biofuels. Californians deserve and demand better from our regulators.”

Brandon Dawson, Director, **Sierra Club California**

“CARB wants to slow-walk the transition to clean energy and add the equivalent of more than 30 new gas power plants to our power grid. Their proposed Scoping Plan relies on the fantasy that mythic levels of unproven technology can make up for over 100 million metric tons of continued pollution. It’s shocking to see California’s leading climate agency veer so far in the direction of the oil industry, and we can only hope that Governor Newsom will live up to his promises and get the agency back on track.”

Sasan Saadat, Policy Analyst, **Earthjustice**