Ambitious Climate Action: The How Matters

*California needs big action on climate, but we need to do it right.*

- **Setbacks must be a cornerstone of any climate action**
- **CCUS is a climate dead end. However, if projects go ahead anyway, any CCUS projects must:**
  - Improve local air quality and reduce GHG, Criteria Air Pollutants, and Toxic Air Contaminants at the source
  - Not move forward unless and until state and federal rules are in place ensuring robust and assured pipeline safety
  - Not be used for enhanced oil recovery
- **Any policy updating GHG emissions targets or setting carbon neutrality, clean energy, or clean electricity targets must ensure that programs and policies designed to meet those targets:**
  - Do not extend or exacerbate air or water pollution in environmentally burdened, low-income communities and communities of color
  - Do not allow for the use of offsets, early action measures, or market mechanisms that allow for continued or increased air or water pollution in environmentally burdened, low-income communities, and communities of color
  - Prioritize direct emission reductions in environmentally burdened, low-income communities, and communities of color
- **No carbon neutrality policy without a direct emission reduction target that:**
  - Does not count CCUS reductions as a “direct” emission reduction
  - Directly contributes to the phase out of fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure, beginning in frontline environmental justice communities
- **No extension of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Instead, prioritize:**
  - Clean and non-polluting energy, energy storage, and transmission projects sited strategically in locations that will allow for the retirement of gas plants in EJ communities
  - Deep investments in community solar and storage, community resilience centers, equitable building decarbonization, demand response, and ratepayer relief