



SENATE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE GROWING CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND KEEP CALIFORNIANS SAFE FROM WILDFIRES

ACROSS THE PLANET AND THE GOLDEN STATE, we are experiencing the warmest weather on record. California's wildfires are the most destructive in history and the latest drought was the longest ever recorded. While the climate is changing around us, Californians are among the most resilient people in the world and this state has a track record of leading the way on climate change. However, we know that new tools and resources are needed to protect our quality of life as we continue to tackle this crisis.

Led by Senate President pro Tem Toni G. Atkins, the California Senate is developing one of the boldest action plans in America, one that advances innovative solutions to some of this century's biggest challenges: The climate crisis, wildfires, energy and insurance stability.

The Action plan includes a series of oversight hearings and bold policy recommendations that will be carried forward in the coming months.

SPRING 2020 SENATE OVERSIGHT HEARINGS:

1. Three hearings by the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee (*Hueso, Chair*):
 - a. Holding electric utilities accountable and avoiding another catastrophic year of Public Safety Power Shutoffs
 - b. Exploring future utility governance options
 - c. Ensuring the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is keeping Californians safe
2. Senate Budget Sub-Committee #2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation (*Wieckowski, Chair*):
 - a. Identify what resources are needed to hold utilities accountable for grid modernization, hardening and vegetation management, as well as other needed upstream fire prevention resources.
3. Three hearings by the Senate Insurance Committee (*Rubio, Chair*):
 - a. The availability and affordability of homeowners insurance in high fire risk areas.
4. Three hearings by the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee (*Stern, Chair*):
 - a. The cost of the climate emergency and potential solutions.

2020 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:

ENERGY AND INSURANCE STABILITY:

1. Fast-track electric grid hardening, modernization and reliability and vegetation management
2. Implement public safety power shutoff strategies to avoid another catastrophic year
3. Develop home and community hardening strategies to keep Californians safe
4. Address homeowner insurance non-renewals and help stabilize California's home insurance market

WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND RESILIENCY:

5. Reduce fire risks around neighborhoods to protect people and property
6. Improve community land use planning and emergency preparedness
7. Train and deploy a resiliency workforce
8. Pass the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Food Protection Bond Act of 2020 (*SB 45, Allen*)