

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY



WHAT IS THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY?

California's Climate Adaptation Strategy (Strategy) is California's overarching framework for building community, economic, and environmental resilience to climate impacts, such as fire, floods, heat, drought, and sea level rise. It reflects key pillars of sector or threat-specific efforts, showing how they fit together and drive us toward California's six climate resilience priorities.

These priorities are California's climate adaptation "north stars" – they guide our collective efforts, connect the dots between our work, and reflect the outcomes we are seeking to achieve. Progress toward these priorities is measured through time-bound success metrics, which are tracked over time and reported on annually.

The Strategy was called for in Assembly Bill 1482 (Gordon, 2015) and last updated in 2021.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE PRIORITIES

**Strengthen
Protections for
Climate Vulnerable
Communities**

**Bolster Public Health
and Safety to Protect
Against Increasing
Climate Risks**

**Build a Climate
Resilient
Economy**

**Accelerate Nature-
Based Climate Solutions
and Strengthen Climate
Resilience of Natural
Systems**

**Make Decisions
Based on the Best
Available Climate
Science**

**Partner and
Collaborate to
Leverage Resources**

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WHAT IS NEW?

Key updates to the latest strategy include:

- The addition of new actions from recent climate initiatives like the *2021 Extreme Heat Action Plan* and *California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future*.
- Greater focus on equity-centered success metrics, in line with Assembly Bill 1384.
- Updates to actions and success metrics to improve clarity and reduce redundancy.
- Increased consistency among success metrics and timeframes to improve implementation reporting.

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Strategy was developed with substantial input and public engagement from community members, partners, and organizations across California and in consultation with California Native American tribes.

Early input on the update of the Strategy was gathered during regional workshops in summer and fall 2023, coordinated with outreach on California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment. The draft Strategy was then released for an eight-week public comment period in May 2024.

In addition to soliciting written input, the state held in-person daytime workshops and evening community meetings in northern, central valley, and southern California to gather verbal feedback, as required by Assembly Bill 1384 (Gabriel, 2022). Input was also solicited through two online workshops, two tribal roundtables, and surveys. Whenever possible, the state joined existing meetings, workshops, or conferences where people were already gathered to get additional feedback on the draft Strategy.

All told, the Strategy was informed by feedback and recommendations from over 500 Californians during this period.

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