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Accelerate timeframe for decarbonization implementation

I congratulate the California Energy Commission for initiating an investigation three years ago to transition California's natural gas system to one with extremely low GHG emissions. Decarbonization is essential for our survival. Period.

As a California resident, mother, and grandmother, I beg you to allocate significant funds to accelerate this process. This is a huge, worthy undertaking that our lives depend on. The traditional processes that take decades will be too late. Already, the climate fluctuations in our present climate emergency are wreaking havoc on my Sacramento neighborhood. We have witnessed dry day flooding, with water pouring out of manhole covers on our neighborhood street. The increased volume of rainfall - when it rains at all - causes neighborhood flooding. These are localized signs of the greater issue that you are rightfully prioritizing.

I urge you to speed up the process. Additional funds invested now will reap big financial benefits in property saved, human health expenses, and equally importantly, quality of human life.

In the early 2000s, the data was in: California's vehicle emissions reduction action led to a nationwide reduction in air pollution. We are at another historic crossroad. The CEC has the historic opportunity to enact critical decarbonization efforts, too, on an unprecedentedly short timeframe. We simply do not have decades to implement if we want to keep our recognizable natural world.

On behalf of my family, my neighborhood, my city, and my fellow Californians, I urge the CEC to shorten the timelines on this process to achievement of the plan by 2020, with full implementation by 2021.

2050 will be too late for all of us.

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