



California: World Leader in  
Climate Law



## CA Landmark Laws

- **AB 32 – 20% reduction in GHG by 2020 (2006)**
- **SB 32 – 40% reduction in GHG by 2030 (2016)**
- **Challenged by US EPA under Bush**
  - **GHG not pollutant under Clean Air Act**
  - **States can't regulate**
  - **CA won both issues in SC**
  - **Similar Court battles today**

# Implementing Laws

SB 375

SB 100

Cap and Trade

Low Carbon Fuel Standard

Short-Lived Carbon (Methane)

Focus on Environmental Justice Communities

Executive Order – Carbon Neutrality

# Enforcement



**Attorney General of CA**



**CEQA**

Private citizens  
can sue  
government to  
enforce  
environmental  
laws



**Other tools:**

Politics  
Money – Carrot  
and Stick

# How's CA Doing?

- Overall, not on track
  - 3 decades behind
  - Projected to hit 2030 goal in 2061.
- Electricity emissions going down
- Car/truck emissions going up
- Sprawl rampant
- No phase out of oil/gas production
- Is Pandemic possible turning point?