Our Work

CEC builds on-the-ground momentum to reverse the threat of the climate crisis. We transform the systems that fuel it. We safeguard the community from its impacts. We lead, we partner, we act. And every day, we inspire people to create a more resilient California Central Coast.

As the modern environmental movement broadens to better reflect the racial, economic, political, and age diversity of our region, we are building networks of diverse, engaged activists who champion rigorous climate action.

By focusing our efforts, together we are making progress to:

- **REVERSE** the trajectory of climate change by propelling a rapid, equitable transition to zero emissions and zero waste in the Central Coast's energy, transportation, food, agriculture, construction, and waste sectors.

- **REPAIR** the disrupted carbon cycle by accelerating and bringing to scale climate-smart agriculture practices that draw down excess carbon from the atmosphere.

- **PROTECT** vulnerable populations from extreme weather and other climate impacts by deploying bold, community-led solutions rooted in climate justice.
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- **4** Jurisdictions passed energy codes on the Central Coast (with 3 more not far behind) that ensure new construction is built all-electric with no natural gas, accelerating progress toward California’s climate goals.

- **27,000+** Community members were informed, activated, and guided on climate action by CEC through webinars, meetings, events, and roundtable discussions.

- **15,000+** EV curious community members learned about and test drove electric vehicles and e-bikes at outreach events put on by CEC and our Electric Drive 805 collaborative.

- **100+** Community members were certified as CEC Climate Stewards, equipping them to play an active role in the statewide effort to advance rapid and equitable solutions to the climate crisis.

- **1.4 million** Residents in 22 cities and counties across San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties have access to 100% renewable and clean electricity sooner because of CEC’s advocacy for community choice energy programs.

- **5** Air quality monitors were installed in Northern Santa Barbara County to track wildfire smoke, pesticides, and other airborne toxins so impacted communities can better understand air pollution and its health effects.

- **7 million** Single-use water bottles were not used because 121 community water refill stations installed as a direct result of CEC’s Waste Reduction program.

- **122** Units of multifamily housing in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties received energy upgrades through CEC’s partnership with 3C-REN’s Multifamily Home Energy Upgrade Program.