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Thanks! Comments below:

Thanks for all the effort into the Plan Bay Area. It could be much stronger and much more in line with the latest science and climate reality by starting with a commitment to dramatic GHG emissions reductions much sooner—with specific dates/goals-- both through emissions reductions and sequestration. This will be critical for getting to 2050 in any sort of climate-safe way per new efforts nationally (see info below) as climate change rapidly worsens.

New Proposed National Climate Targets:

BIDEN-SANDERS UNITY TASK FORCE

- Eliminate carbon pollution from power plants by 2035
- Net-zero new buildings by 2030
- Get agriculture to net-zero

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- Net-zero emissions by 2050
- Net-zero emissions in power sector by 2040
- 100% ZEVs- cars and light trucks- by 2035

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- Near-zero emissions by 2040
- 100% clean renewable energy by 2030 in electricity generation, buildings, and transportation
- 100% zero-carbon new buildings by 2025
- \$10-\$16 trillion in federal expenditures over the next decade

Plan Bay Area should adopt more aggressive targets in line with the science and new national efforts:

Climate-Safe CA 2030 targets (basically doubling current state goals):

- 80% below 1990 GHG levels
- Net-negative emissions (*sequestration greater than emissions, CA becomes net carbon sink*)
- Resilient communities for all

Also, here are some great recent quotes endorsing **Climate-Safe CA** that help make the point:

I strongly endorse the goal of Climate-Safe California to achieve net-negative emissions by 2030; 2050 is too late. The campaign’s focus on science, urgency, and policy is exactly what’s needed – and California must lead the way.”

-Terry Tamminen, former CAL EPA Secretary under Governor Schwarzenegger, former CEO of the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, President of Seventh Generation Advisors

“*[The Climate Center]* has emerged as a force this year in our public policy discussions. We know that this has been a long time coming, but this campaign for a Climate-Safe California is not only crucial but it is scalable. The goal for a 2030 near term net negative emissions target is not just something we should be striving for in California, but should be pushing the next administration

[in Washington] to embrace as well."

– State Senator Henry Stern (Santa Monica) speaking at The Climate Center’s virtual Summit August 5, 2020

Some visionary efforts—that still need to do more but would be helpful to emulate in the Bay Area-- include LA’s 2028 transportation plan [here](#) which goes beyond current state mandates, and Santa Monica’s 2030 plan [here](#) which has a big focus on climate-friendly water management and landscaping.

In addition, we should learn from San Luis Obispo’s climate action and community recovery goals to reach carbon neutrality by 2035 [here](#) --and specifically enviro issues [here](#). The current proposal is missing nature-based carbon sequestration which is urgently needed for mitigation and adaptation. The SLO plan states this that should be included in the Bay Area pln: “6. Natural Solutions - Increase carbon sequestration on the San Luis Obispo Greenbelt and Urban Forest through compost application-based carbon farming activities and tree planting; ongoing through 2035” I would add to this other habitat/lands management strategies - including agricultural lands, creek habitat, urban parks and backyards that could all contribute to not only carbon sequestration but also buffering our communities against the increasing impacts of climate change from extreme heat to flooding and drought. Disturbed lands have the most potential for increased sequestration.

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Dear colleagues,

I understand the deadline was extended until Friday for feedback on Plan Bay Area 2050. I tried to give input through the website today and was not allowed in. How else can I share my input?

Thank you,

Ellie

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