

Climate Change Committee

7/23/2026



Oxnard Battery Storage Facility Beedy St just west of E. Vineyard Ave

Agenda

Last meeting review

Elections: Candidate questions

Public Policy Institute of California survey

News

Events

Presentations

Books

Disinformation

Other

Last Meeting Review

Jim

- Forward the letter and resources from the Ventura Land Trust about maintaining open space to reduce fire risk to Wayne for distribution to the group. ([Local Link](#))

Susan

- Look up and contact Firewise (Ventura Firewise) to have her home and possibly her neighborhood assessed for wildfire hardening.

Wayne

- Email Heather Allen to inquire about the status of Ventura County's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and to address the broken links on the county's sustainability resources page.
- Check for recordings of the invasive species week events and share any available resources with the group. **Not yet. Previous years are available.** <https://ucanr.edu/>
- Settle on a date for the desalter tour between August 25th and 27th, and coordinate with Susan who will provide the available dates

Elections: Candidate Questions

- What is the government's role in responding to the changing climate?
- Which issues should be addressed immediately, and which require longer term efforts?
- What do you know about which actions have been taken by government agencies and the outcomes of those actions?
- Where would you go to collect information on a topic with which you are not familiar, particularly related to science and climate?
- What kinds of metrics are important in addressing climate change?
- How do you anticipate collaborating across governmental scales (national, state, local) regarding climate change concerns?
- What priority would you give to addressing climate change?
- What effects of climate change have you seen in your community?

Link to Google Doc [LINK](#)

Public Policy Institute of California - Environmental survey

<https://www.ppic.org/publication/ppic-statewide-survey-californians-and-the-environment-july-2026/>

Event Planning?

Ideas for events:

Desalination Plant – Camarillo Pick a date

Tour of Harrison Waste facilities

Tour of Agromin

Tour of Port Hueneme

Other ideas?

Disinformation

Climate Communications by the LWVC: [LINK](#)

Spreadsheet of resources: [LINK](#)

Good ones for conversations:

"9 Ways to Respond to Political Misinformation" [LINK](#)

"The Secret to Talking about Climate Change" (Must view!) [LINK](#)

Webinar put on by the Sierra Club, [sc.org/Truth](https://www.sierraclub.org/sc.org/Truth)

[Link to the recording](#)

[Link to the slides](#)

[Difficult Conversations Guide](#)

Disinformation (cont.)

From HEATED:

The gas industry is sneaking into kids' science classes

the [Switch Energy Alliance](#), a group that provides free energy and environment lesson plans to teachers and students across North America. The presentation's content seemed innocent enough... You decide.

Switch Energy Alliance video about Natural Gas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peRIEyF6j1E>

HOW TO TALK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT CLIMATE DISRUPTION

- 1. Make it personal*
- 2. Find out what the person's priorities are and appeal to those priorities*
- 3. Connect on values*
- 4. Find common ground*
- 5. Address the here and now*
- 6. Focus on extreme weathers*
- 7. Promote clean energy*
- 8. Emphasize cost savings*
- 9. Stress the urgency of action*
- 10. Show where action is working*
- 11. Highlight our choice of futures*

Research published in 2018 in *Science* suggests that large-scale social changes require the active engagement of about 25 percent of the population. Researchers at Yale and George Mason found that as of late 2021, one third of Americans were alarmed about the climate crisis and most of them were willing to act.

Climate Change

The League's Position

Statement of Position on Climate Change Policy, as announced by the national board, January 2019:

The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet.

The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change — including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources — is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League support climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best-available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision at all levels — local, state, regional, national, and global.

League History

In the later 2000s, LWVUS significantly increased its advocacy concerning global climate change. LWVUS believes that climate change is a serious problem that requires immediate domestic and international action. The League believes the US government should move ahead immediately, without waiting for other nations, on initiatives to reduce emissions of heat-trapping gases like carbon, methane, and other toxic air pollutants. Such actions will reduce the threat of global climate change, combat air pollution, increase energy security, and create new jobs.

In late 2006, the League joined other groups in issuing a statement of principles on the importance of reducing climate change. The League also created a Climate Change Task Force to provide information and assistance to the national board and staff on issues pertaining to climate change. The Task Force also works to develop materials for use by League members at the local, state, and national levels.

In 2008, the League called on Congress to enact legislation to significantly cut the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global climate change and supported increased energy efficiency and a shift to clean, renewable energy. The League called for a moratorium on the building of new coal-fired electric power plants and supported requirements for utilities to produce a significant percentage of electricity from renewable resources.

The League supported the *Climate Security Act of 2008*, as well as amendments to strengthen the bill. This legislation provided for a cap-and-trade system, which would have cut greenhouse gas emission from electric power, transportation, and manufacturing sources. The emissions cap would be reduced over time to meet pollution-reduction goals based on the best-available scientific information. These emissions reductions could be

Other

Next meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2026