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When it comes to combating climate change, we have no time to waste. The problem is worse than scientists thought, communities are suffering today from the dire impacts of extreme weather, ecosystems are bound to collapse.

That's why the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) family of organizations and our state affiliates invested over \$31 million in state and local races in the 2018 election cycle, almost triple what we've done in any previous cycle in our 50-year history.

Separately in 2018, LCV and our 30 state affiliates launched the Clean Energy for All campaign to transition our country to a clean energy economy by securing candidate commitments to 100 percent clean energy, pushing for policies and investments that reduce air pollution, winning ballot initiatives, and demonstrating grassroots demand for clean energy. While President Trump is actively undermining national efforts to address the climate crisis, Clean Energy for All is turning campaign commitments into concrete climate action.

**The results:** state and local leaders are taking action in 2019 that will keep our country's Paris Climate Agreement goals on track and create the safe, healthy and prosperous communities that everyone deserves.

**At the helm of this progress are ten clean energy governors who, in their first 100 days in 2019, have turned their Clean Energy for All campaign commitments into real-world policies.** They're using their authority on electricity production, vehicles and infrastructure to start a clean energy race to the top that will bring their states and our nation closer to pollution-free communities, especially for the communities of color and frontline communities who have disproportionately felt the impacts of pollution.

The good news is that these governors aren't alone—state legislatures and local leaders have spent their first weeks in office making clean energy progress, too. And, the new pro-environment majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, which includes 56 freshman members of Congress who took the Clean Energy for All commitment as candidates in 2018, is also trying to keep pace with state progress on climate action. To date, there have been more than 25 hearings dedicated to climate change since Speaker Pelosi took the gavel, the new Select Committee on the Climate Crisis will shine a badly-needed spotlight on the true costs of climate inaction and the solutions that will provide for cleaner, healthier communities in a more just and equitable way, and the Green New Deal has gained significant attention.

**Here's the bottom line:** In these governors' first 100 days in 2019, they have already set an ambitious tone and pace for clean energy action, one state legislatures and the U.S. House are intent on matching. These Clean Energy for All champions know that the climate crisis is a problem of epic proportions that requires a level of ambition just as big. And they are not alone. The majority of people in this country want climate action, which is why candidates who ran on clean energy and addressing climate change won big in 2018.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

The Conservation Voter Movement (CVM), which includes LCV and our 30 state partners, launched the Clean Energy For All campaign to move the U.S. to 100 percent clean energy. In the 2018 elections, over 600 successful local, state, and federal candidates made this commitment, including ten governors. Now, 100 days into these governors' terms, this commitment is becoming a clean energy reality in states across the country.



Governors Mills (ME), Polis (CO) and Pritzker (IL) are among the many leaders who are making clean energy progress in the states.

# Colorado



## Governor Jared Polis

### IN GOVERNOR POLIS' FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE HE HAS:

- 📢 Used his first executive order to create statewide electric vehicle standards.
- 📢 Championed major legislative reforms of the state's oil and gas industry.
- 📢 Appointed climate and clean energy champions to key roles in administration.
- 📢 Opposed Trump administration rollbacks that would harm Colorado, including eliminating fuel efficiency standards.
- 📢 Dropped Colorado's request to the EPA to delay compliance with ground-level ozone standards.



## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Last year, Conservation Colorado encouraged gubernatorial candidates to prioritize climate action—and now Colorado's new governor is championing climate action through an executive order and legislative reforms.

Governor Polis listened to parents, environmentalists, and health professionals who advocated for clean air when he used his first executive order to create statewide Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) standards. The executive order specifically requires that VW settlement funds be used to purchase electric school buses, which was in line with ProtégeTe's advocacy to ensure that communities have clean rides for kids.

Conservation Colorado worked with a coalition of advocates for the legislative reforms of Colorado's oil and gas industry, which passed the state legislature in March 2019. Together, the coalition produced a TV ad, ran digital ads, built a website called [healthandsafetyfirst.com](http://healthandsafetyfirst.com), and brought Coloradans impacted by drilling to the state Capitol to share their stories.



In the conservation coalition's TV ad that calls for legislative reforms of the oil and gas industry, Abbey, a parent from Adams County Colorado, explains that her family has been told to spend as much time as possible inside—drilling is putting their health and safety at risk.



# Connecticut



## Governor Ned Lamont

### IN GOVERNOR LAMONT'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE HE HAS:

- ▶ Committed to making Connecticut carbon-free and did so publicly at Connecticut LCV's (CTLCV) 2019 Environmental Summit.
- ▶ Championed offshore wind legislation and is pushing a major offshore wind development project.
- ▶ Upheld Connecticut's commitment to the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of 23 bipartisan governors, which aims to honor our nation's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.
- ▶ Appointed Katie Dykes as Department of Energy and Environmental Protection commissioner.
- ▶ Pledged greater support for energy efficiency and to protect the Green Bank and Energy Efficiency funds from being raided for unrelated projects.
- ▶ Pledged to reduce plastics, which are a contributor to climate emissions and toxic pollution.



Governor Lamont committed to making Connecticut carbon-free at CTLCV's 2019 Environmental Summit.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Following Governor Lamont's election in November, CTLCV Executive Director Lori Brown was appointed to the administration's transition team as a member of the Environment Policy Committee. There, Lori had a role in crafting the governor's environmental and clean energy priorities, and the team continues to meet to assess progress and identify goals and opportunities for the administration. One of their primary goals is to set a regional price on carbon, which CTLCV is working to push throughout the region.

Additionally, CTLCV is working with environmental and energy advocates, state legislators, and the administration to secure a plan that will ensure a fair and equitable transition to 100 percent clean energy in Connecticut.



CTLCV Executive Director Lori Brown served on Governor Lamont's transition team.

“ Everything I do for the next four years, I'm going to do looking through an environmental lens.”

—Governor Lamont, at CTLCV's 2019 Environmental Summit



# Illinois



## Governor J.B. Pritzker

### IN GOVERNOR PRITZKER'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE HE HAS:

- 📢 Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of 23 bipartisan governors, which aims to uphold our nation's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.
- 📢 Committed to move Illinois to 100 percent clean energy by 2050.
- 📢 Helped the Illinois EPA launch a new greenhouse gas emissions tracker for the state.



Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) Executive Director Jen Walling joined Governor Pritzker when he signed Illinois into the U.S. Climate Alliance.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

In 2018, the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) and their partners engaged people from southern Illinois to north of Chicago, seeking input in and public support for clean energy policies. IEC then asked candidates to support 100 percent renewable energy in Illinois by 2050, and many did.

Now, newly-elected Governor Pritzker—who committed to 100 percent renewable energy when he was a candidate—has made Illinois a part of the U.S. Climate Alliance, has begun taking executive action on clean energy, and is working with the legislature to put Illinois on the path to a clean energy future.



Advocates from the IEC shared their personal passion for conserving natural resources with elected leaders during the 2019 Conservation Lobby Day.

“ While the president is intent on taking us backward, I will work hard every day to move this state forward.”

—Governor Pritzker, after joining the U.S. Climate Alliance



# Maine



## Governor Janet Mills

### IN GOVERNOR MILLS' FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE SHE HAS:

- ▶ Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of 23 bipartisan governors, which aims to uphold our nation's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.
- ▶ Pledged to get 100 percent of Maine's electricity from renewable sources by 2050 and to eliminate 80 percent of Maine's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- ▶ Ended former Governor Paul LePage's moratorium on new wind power.
- ▶ Created the Maine Climate Council, which will be responsible for developing an action plan and a timetable to meet emission reduction goals and to ensure that Maine's communities and economy are resilient to the effects of climate change.
- ▶ Formed the Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future, which will prepare a climate agenda for the state.
- ▶ Launched a set of initiatives that will expand the use of electric vehicles across Maine in an effort to reduce the state's carbon footprint and reliance on fossil fuels.
- ▶ Committed to putting solar panels on the governor's mansion.



Maine Conservation Voters (MCV) joined Governor Mills to celebrate her leadership prioritizing the protection of the state's air, land, and water.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Maine Conservation Voters (MCV) made climate change a top campaign issue in the 2018 election cycle. Mills' policy agenda aligns with MCV's top clean energy and climate priorities.

MCV gave Mills an "A" on their assessment of her first 100 days in office. To read more, go to their full report: [www.maineconservation.org/assets/reports/MCV-Mills-100-Days-Report.pdf](http://www.maineconservation.org/assets/reports/MCV-Mills-100-Days-Report.pdf).



MCV stood with Governor Mills when she signed a bill ending a policy that required solar panel owners to purchase an extra meter to measure excess energy generated through solar.

“ By joining the U.S. Climate Alliance, and setting ambitious—but achievable—goals for reducing carbon pollution and increasing renewable energy, Mills is showing the state-level leadership our country needs.”

—MCV Executive Director Maureen Drouin



Maine Conservation Voters

# Michigan



## Governor Gretchen Whitmer

### IN GOVERNOR WHITMER'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE SHE HAS:

- 📢 Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of 23 bipartisan governors, which aims to uphold our nation's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.
- 📢 Signed an Executive Order that reorganizes the government and, among many things, creates a first-ever Office on Climate & Energy.
- 📢 Appointed a clean energy champion to the three-member Michigan Public Service Commission, and another to head the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
- 📢 Created an Interagency Environmental Justice Action Response Team, Office of Environmental Justice, and Office of the Clean Water Public Advocate to assure that all Michigan residents benefit from the same protections from environmental hazards.



Governor Whitmer signed executive orders and directives to protect the Great Lakes, clean up Michigan's drinking water and combat the impacts of climate change.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Michigan LCV worked with over 30 environmental partners to create an “Environmental Roadmap”—a set of 100-day executive actions and pivotal first-term policies on water, clean energy, climate, good government and more. Many 100-Day actions in the Roadmap have already been acted upon or are in the early stages of being acted upon.



“ We know that recent years have brought forth new challenges that necessitate bold, ambitious thinking by our elected leaders and state officials.”

—Michigan LCV Executive Director Lisa Wozinak and Michigan Environmental Council Policy Director James Clift in the introduction of the Environmental Roadmap



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VOTERS**

# Minnesota



## Governor Tim Walz

### IN GOVERNOR WALZ'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE HE HAS:

- ▶ Announced a plan to move Minnesota to 100 percent clean energy by 2050.
- ▶ Committed to continuing the 2007 Next Generation Energy Act, which calls for an 80 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors in Minnesota.
- ▶ Required utilities to prioritize efficient, clean energy sources over fossil fuels any time they propose new power generation.
- ▶ Pledged to raise efficiency standards for investor-owned electric utilities and help for low-income households to make their homes more energy-efficient.



As a part of Governor Walz's announcement that Minnesota would reach 100 percent clean energy by 2050, he made the above video.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Conservation Minnesota worked with a broad coalition of hundreds of advocates for a Clean Energy and Climate Action Lobby Day in early February. In his April State-of-the-State speech, Governor Walz said that Conservation Minnesota's priority legislation, Clean Energy First, is the best path to a clean energy economy for the state's municipal and cooperative utilities, as well as the investor-owned utilities.



Conservation Minnesota Executive Director Paul Austin attended Governor Walz's announcement of a plan to put Minnesota on a path to 100 percent clean energy by 2050.

“ The policies in the Walz Administration’s *One Minnesota Path to Clean Energy* are bold and pragmatic at the same time. They put Minnesota on a clear path to clean energy while providing the flexibility for both large and small utilities to succeed.” —Conservation Minnesota Executive Director Paul Austin



# Nevada



## Governor Steve Sisolak

### IN GOVERNOR SISOLAK'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE HE HAS:

- 📢 Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of 23 bipartisan governors, which aims to uphold our nation's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.
- 📢 Used his State-of-the-State speech to commit to legislation that will strengthen Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 50 percent by 2030.
- 📢 Appointed clean energy champion David Bobzien to head Nevada's Department of Energy.



Governor Sisolak announced that Nevada would join the U.S. Climate Alliance surrounded by advocates from all around the state.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Nevada Conservation League, Climate Action Nevada and Chispa Nevada joined volunteers from across the state for the 2019 Conservation Lobby Day in Carson City. After a nearly nine-hour journey from southern Nevada, the teams launched the lobby day with Governor Sisolak, who, as a part of the lobby day press conference, announced that Nevada would join the U.S. Climate Alliance, committing Nevada to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. When lobby day attendees met with members of the Nevada Assembly and Senate, they advocated for an increased RPS and community solar gardens.



Advocates took a nine-hour bus ride in order to share their desires for clean energy with lawmakers.

“ With the continued growth and development of renewable energy projects and #greencollarjobs they create, Nevada has been a leader in solar development and has the resources to lead in geothermal energy.”

—Governor Sisolak, in a tweet after joining the Conservation Lobby Day



# New Mexico



## Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

### IN GOVERNOR LUJAN GRISHAM'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE SHE HAS:

- ▶ Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of 23 bipartisan governors, which aims to uphold our nation's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.
- ▶ Championed and signed the Energy Transition Act, which increases the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets to 50 percent by 2030, 80 percent by 2040, and 100 percent by 2045.
- ▶ Created the New Mexico Climate Change Task Force, which calls on all state agencies to contribute to a statewide climate strategy and incorporate climate mitigation and adaptation practices into their programs and operations.
- ▶ Appointed clean energy champions to both of the major environmental regulatory cabinet posts: Sarah Cottrell-Propst is the secretary of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), and former EPA expert, James Kenney, is leading the Environment Department.



After Governor Lujan Grisham signed the Energy Transition Act into law, she tweeted: It's official. New Mexico's energy framework will never be the same...Starting now, we are leading.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM) made clean energy a priority in the 2018 election cycle and Governor Lujan Grisham has made it a priority for her administration. Passing the RPS was the top priority for CVNM, and they worked closely with the governor's office and state legislators, as well as led a coalition of advocates, to pass this bill.



CVNM Executive Director Demis Foster attended the signing of the Energy Transition Act.

“ New Mexicans sent a strong message in the 2018 election that they support action on the climate crisis and environmental protection—and in her first legislative session, Governor Lujan Grisham has made good on her promise to put our state on a path toward a fairer, more sustainable economy by signing the Energy Transition Act.”

—CVNM Executive Director Demis Foster



# Oregon



## Governor Kate Brown

### IN GOVERNOR BROWN'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN THIS TERM SHE HAS:

- ▶ Signed a law that repeals the sunset on Oregon's offshore drilling moratorium.
- ▶ Continued to champion and actively engage with advocates and the legislature on the Clean Energy Jobs Act, which will help Oregon reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to a clean energy economy.
- ▶ Introduced a bill that would create the Oregon Climate Authority, a new state agency dedicated to driving forward Oregon's commitment to fighting climate change.
- ▶ Created and appointed members to a new Wildfire Response Council, a group of statewide leaders tasked with reviewing Oregon's current methods of preventing, preparing for, and putting out wildfires, in light of increasing wildfire risks in the face of climate change.
- ▶ Supported a bill that would require Oregon's state agencies to regularly assess changes to the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act in an effort to counteract Trump rollbacks.



Governor Brown supported a bill to protect Oregon from the Trump administration's attacks on clean air and water.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

The Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) held a lobby day with hundreds of their members across the state. Together, they advocated for clean air and climate protection, including OLCV's top legislative issue, the Clean Energy Jobs Act. This bill is also a priority for Governor Brown and many legislators and will create a strong local clean energy economy.



Participants in OLCV's lobby day

“ As states working together, we can take a leadership role in preventing the erosion of core laws that protect our environment.” —Governor Brown testified in support of legislation protecting Oregon from the Trump administration's attacks on the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.



# Wisconsin



## Governor Tony Evers

### IN GOVERNOR EVERS' FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE HE HAS:

- 📢 Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of 23 bipartisan governors, which aims to uphold our nation's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.
- 📢 Proposed an Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy and grants for renewable energy.
- 📢 Proposed a state budget, which included a goal for 100 percent carbon-free in-state electricity generation by 2050.



After speaking at Wisconsin Conservation Voters' lobby day, Governor Evers tweeted the following: Climate Change is real and we need to take action now to reverse its effects. Great to be at @WIConservation's Lobby Day to talk about our plans to generate 100% clean energy by 2050.

## CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL: THE CVM DIFFERENCE

Governor Evers gave the keynote address at Wisconsin Conservation Voters' (WCV) Conservation Lobby Day. The governor's commitment to make Wisconsin 100 percent carbon-free by 2050 was met with excitement from the crowd.

### “ Creating a clean economy...

is about having families and businesses save money on electricity, reducing the impact of severe weather events by transitioning to an economy that is based on science, and that is renewable energy. It's a huge issue for us. And that's why we're setting a goal of having all energy produced in Wisconsin to be 100 percent carbon free by 2050, and we're creating an office of sustainability and clean energy to find Wisconsin-based solutions to these problems. The bottom line is that economic development and protecting our environment are not mutually exclusive.”

—Governor Evers, at the WCV's  
Conservation Lobby Day



Governor Evers spoke at WCV's lobby day.



# Across the country, state legislatures and other entities are also leading on clean energy.

## IDAHO

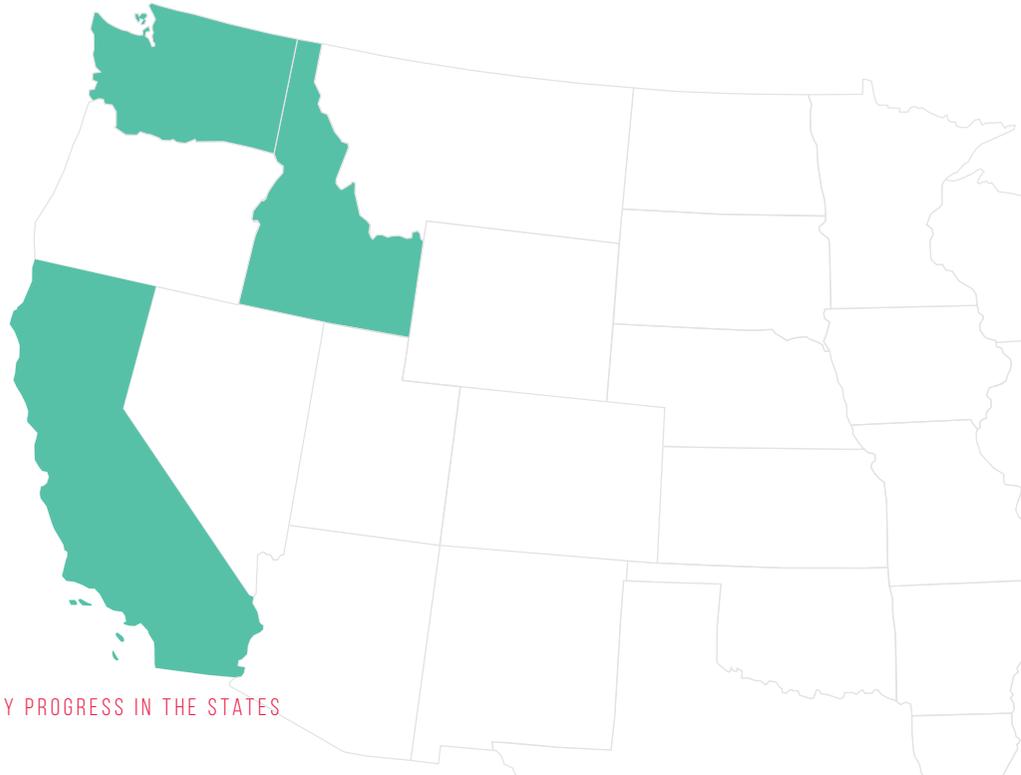
- ▶ Idaho Power, the state's largest utility, committed to 100 percent clean energy by 2045, thus setting the most ambitious investor-owned utility goal in the country.
- ▶ Governor Brad Little signed a bill that prohibits homeowners associations from banning solar panels on private property, a big win for clean energy.

## MARYLAND

- ▶ The Maryland General Assembly passed the Clean Energy Jobs Act, which sets a goal of having the state run on 50 percent renewable energy by 2030.
- ▶ The Maryland General Assembly passed a bill that would create a grant program to help school districts move to a zero-emission bus fleet.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- ▶ A comprehensive clean energy bill that eliminates caps on rooftop solar and allows more large-scale solar unanimously passed the South Carolina House.



## WASHINGTON

📣 A package of clean energy legislation is moving through the state legislature: 100 percent clean energy, a Clean Fuels Standards and more efficient buildings. The clean energy and clean buildings legislation have passed the state Senate, while the clean fuels legislation has passed out of the House.

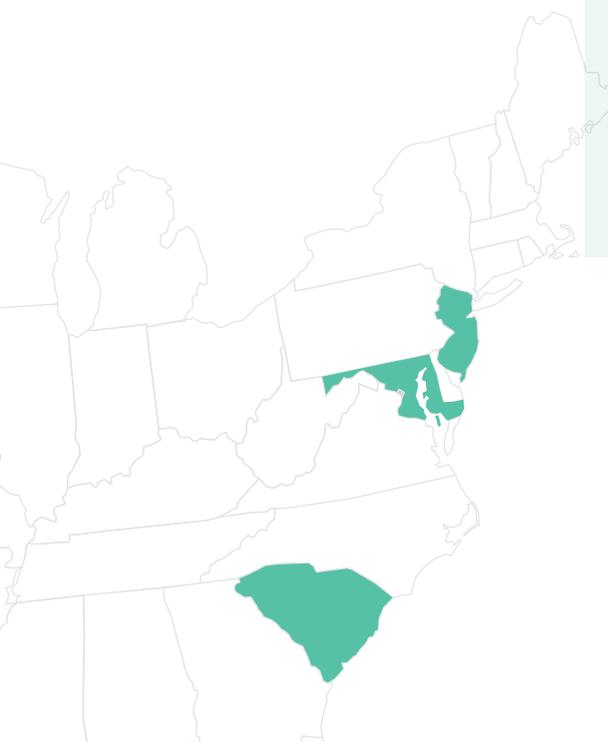
## CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS FROM 2018

### NEW JERSEY

- 📣 Governor Phil Murphy, the first governor to commit to our Clean Energy for All goal of 100 percent clean energy by 2050, signed the landmark Clean Renewable Energy bill, that, among many things, requires the state to get 50 percent of its energy from clean renewable sources by 2030.
- 📣 Governor Murphy re-entered New Jersey in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and the U.S. Climate Alliance.
- 📣 Committed to a nation-leading offshore wind goal of 3,500MW and opened a record-breaking solicitation of 1,100MW in the US.

### CALIFORNIA

- 📣 Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a standard of 100% carbon-free electricity by 2045.





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