

Plenary

Grounded in People Panel

Given a year of turbulence at the federal and state levels, what's hard at local and state level and what's still advancing, despite the challenges?

- Leadership in climate brings us all together and keeps us strong.
- We've been building for years through policy and enactment. It has been in the works for many years and keeps us going,
- Energy storage is being advanced every year, and the same goes for electrification through various formats.
- Local jurisdictions are always struggling; they cannot borrow like the state and federal institutions can.
- There isn't enough incentive to invest in clean energy, housing, economic development, etc.
- Politics is very difficult to estimate. New leadership can be a great opportunity, and how can we support them to aid the areas of need in our state?
- Bringing costs down for communities is the most important.

How are local energy efficiency and electrification initiatives important in moving us towards our state decarbonization goals, and what do state and local leaders need to do to continue our progress?

- We need to implement in our communities what we want to see.
- We don't need to focus on conservation and lowering usage; we can also focus on generation in sustainable and profitable ways.
- One-size-fits-all mentalities are not very effective; region-specific issues exist.
- Looking for ways to leverage local gov and community-based partnerships. Local knowledge is important when addressing issues with incentives that are attractive to local residents.
- It's not just the costs of electricity, it's also housing, child care, commuting to work, it's costs all across the board.
- Resilience districts are essential and should be controlled by the local community

We are the people who will come to save and improve California. Coming together in events like these are important, attend meetings online or in person.

Succession planning has to be happen now. They are here and need to be coached by the previous generation.
