



# ENERGY, WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

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The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce believes in **“A Thriving Region for All”** and a **“Balanced Approach”** to decision-making and that **“Business is a Force for Good.”**

We design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is balanced, inclusive, and globally competitive.

## ENERGY, WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability Council focuses on advancing cost-effective policies and programs to ensure reliable and affordable water and energy delivery, improve air quality, promote economic growth, and address climate change in the Los Angeles region through the local development of technologies, businesses and jobs.

### Advocate for Technology-neutral, Cost-effective, Reliable and Diverse Energy Supply

The Chamber recognizes that businesses must have an affordable, diverse and reliable energy supply for the regional economy to remain productive and competitive.

- Advocate for policies and funding that are inclusive of all energy sources, modernize our electric grid system to ensure reliability, and increase affordability.
- Work with members and policymakers to understand the options, feasibility and costs for investments in an alternative energy supply, including the related costs of integrating alternatives into the existing power systems.
- Support domestic energy production and further maintenance of the region’s existing energy systems and supplies, including the integrity of our regional pipeline infrastructure.
- Support expediting infrastructure projects that support our diverse energy supply.
- Support modernization of wildfire response and liability as the state confronts a “new normal” given increased climate impacts.

### Responsibly Implement Air Quality and Climate Regulations

The Chamber will work with local, state and federal environmental agencies and the Chamber’s Transportation & Goods Movement Council to understand the availability, cost-effectiveness and feasibility of alternative fuels for the transportation sector to meet anticipated air quality standards in the region.

- Advocate for reasonable, cost-effective, and technology-neutral environmental policies at the local, state, and federal levels that achieve air quality goals while ensuring compliance and implementation of the South Coast AQMDs 2022 Air Quality Management Plan, CARB’s 2022 Scoping Plan, and U.S. EPA environmental standards.
- Work with policymakers to ensure California receives sufficient funding from recent federal climate and infrastructure investments to adequately address air quality concerns in our region.
- Quantify and educate policymakers on the ongoing impacts of Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 32 on the economy while furthering our commitment to address climate change and improve the environment and support our natural resources.



## Secure Safe, Reliable and Affordable Water Supplies for Southern California

Securing a safe, reliable and affordable water supply is critical to the continued success of the region's economy. The Chamber supports the state's co-equal goals of providing a more reliable water supply and storage for California and restoring the delta ecosystem.

- Advocate for policies that protect California's long-term water security and are inclusive of all water sources — increased storage, groundwater recharge, desalination, stormwater capture, etc. — as outlined in Governor Gavin Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio.
- Support an appropriately sized Delta Conveyance project and work with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and other stakeholders to ensure the project meets milestones for its subsequent construction.
- Identify feasible and cost-effective augmentations to imported water and secure the long-term water quality and supply of the region.
- Support key drivers for local water security such as existing infrastructure investments as well as Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and MWD shared objectives of maintaining existing infrastructure and enhancing the diversity of the region's water supply resources (recycled water, stormwater, conservation, mitigation and remediation efforts).

- Advocate for federal and state funding and work with policymakers to streamline permitting so that water infrastructure projects can reach the construction phase quickly.
- Monitor water quality regulations at local and state levels to ensure compliance.

## Strengthen Los Angeles' Position as a Global Leader of Clean Technology Innovation

California is a global leader in clean technology innovation and sustainable business practices. The Chamber will advocate for economic strategies to grow the region's clean technology sector.

- Pursue state and federal funding opportunities, streamline government processes to foster innovation, and work in conjunction with local organizations.
- Continue to advocate for funding opportunities for the region from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Increase collaboration among private, public and academic sectors, including with the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator and PortTechLA.

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