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## **CFEE SEMINAR**

# ***The Biden Climate Agenda: How Does a New Dawn in D.C. Shine for California?***

**Tuesday, March 9**

**11:00am - 12:15pm**

**Our distinguished guest speakers:**

- ***Congressman Alan Lowenthal***, 47th District of California, Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives
  - ***Cathy Reheis-Boyd***, President and CEO, Western States Petroleum Association
  - ***Heidi Sanborn***, Executive Director, National Stewardship Action Council
  - ***Jay Ziegler***, Director of External Affairs and Policy, The Nature Conservancy
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# AGENDA

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With the stroke of a pen, President Biden executed a dramatic shift on climate change policy at the federal level, elevating it as a foreign policy and national security issue requiring a whole-of-government response. As his executive order reshapes the priorities of our federal agencies and is paired with corresponding congressional actions, where does this place California, a state regarded globally as a pioneer in tackling the climate crisis? This Seminar will explore what new funding, infrastructural, and workforce development opportunities may now exist for California, and what we can do to smartly harness the Biden Administration's climate engagement to advance our state's unique and evolving interests.

- What are the key pillars of the Biden Administration's climate strategy?
  - Where do we expect alignment between California and national goals?
  - On what issues should California push the federal government for more attention, funding, and support? And where should we push for greater autonomy and independence?
  - Are there emerging congressional opportunities that may be to California's benefit and/or detriment?
  - How can the Administration be most helpful in developing a skilled workforce earning good wages in an increasingly "green" energy economy?
  - With the Administration embracing offshore wind energy, is California ready for wind resources in our coastal waters?
  - How might the management of our waste streams become a more prominent feature of our climate strategy?
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This CFEE Seminar is an invitation-only event focusing on our traditional audience of State Legislators, Legislative staff, and the Foundation's broad coalition of labor, environmental, business, and local government leaders. Please register with CFEE to receive the invitation link.

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