

Pacific Coast Collaborative

In October, 2013, the leaders of British Columbia, California, Oregon and Washington signed the Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy committing their governments to a comprehensive and far-reaching strategic alignment to combat climate change and promote clean energy. The region of 53 million people represents the world's fifth largest economy. The jurisdictions will account for the costs of carbon pollution, adopt and maintain low carbon fuel standards, and where appropriate and feasible, link programs to create consistency and predictability.

8 State Zero-Emission Vehicle Agreement

Signed in October 2013 by eight states, this agreement is designed to facilitate zero-emission vehicle infrastructure development and market growth with a goal of putting 3.3 million on those states' roads by 2025. An Action Plan released in June 2014 charts a path to encourage national consistency in regulations, local codes and technology, as well developing further incentives to assist motorists in purchasing ZEVS. The eight states represent about 23 percent of the U.S auto market. They are California, Oregon, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Connecticut, Vermont and Rhode Island.

Quebec and California Cap-and-Trade Linkage

Following years of working together, Quebec and California officially linked their cap-and-trade programs on January 1, 2014, allowing carbon allowances from either jurisdiction to be used for both programs. This is the first cross-national linked emissions trading program between two subnational jurisdictions. It provides a working model for other states and provinces that are seeking cost-effective approaches for enhancing economic growth and innovation while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

California-China Agreements

In April, 2013, Governor Brown and CalEPA Secretary Matt Rodriguez signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with a variety of Chinese government entities, including the Ministry of Commerce, National Ministry of Environmental Protection, the provinces of Jiangsu and Guangdong, and the Beijing Ministry of Environmental Protection. Further agreements were signed in September, 2013, with China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) to cooperate on low carbon strategies and encourage trade and investment in clean energy technologies.

California-Mexico Agreements

In July, 2014, Governor Brown signed landmark MOUs with the Mexican federal government on a range of issues, notably including energy, climate change, air quality and transportation, forests, putting a price on carbon and cooperation on a range of other environmental issues, particularly at the shared California-Mexico border.

California's Major International and Regional Agreements on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment



"California as a 'nation state' is pivotal in the great struggle to transform the world economy ... What happens here doesn't stay here, it goes all around the country and all around the world."

Governor Jerry Brown



California Agreements with States and Regions throughout the World

