



# California Methane Symposium:

*A Scientific Assessment of Methane Pollution in Southern California and Strategies to Address Emissions*

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**THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2015, 1:30 - 4:30 PM**

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**Methane is a potent greenhouse gas that plays a significant role in California's changing climate:** pound for pound, methane traps 84 times more heat than carbon dioxide in the first 20 years after it is emitted. But the methane tide may soon turn. More scientific research and technology are being dedicated to better understanding the array of sources of this powerful air pollutant. At the same time, state and local policies and strategies to control it are being developed in California and beyond.

At this symposium, climate change and methane experts from leading academic and research institutions will discuss the science behind methane as a major climate

change agent and announce newly funded research. Scientists and government representatives will detail what is both known and unknown about sources and concentrations of methane in California, such as landfill emissions, oil extraction and refinement and aging gas transmission infrastructure. Finally, representatives from local and state agencies, utilities, and leading organizations will describe the steps being taken to limit methane pollution and strategies for increasing their benefits.

## Draft Agenda

### 1:30 | Registration and Sign-in

1:50 | **Introduction** - Paul Koretz, Los Angeles City Council, District 5

### 2:00 | Opening Addresses

- Sofia Menemenlis, Alliance for Climate Education

### 2:20 | Panel # 1 – Science Panel:

This panel will focus on the importance of (and science behind) methane as a climate change pollutant and what we know about emissions sources in LA and California more broadly.

- Paul Wennberg, California Institute of Technology
- Riley Duren, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Abhilash Vijayan, California Air Resources Board
- Guido Franco, California Energy Commission

### 3:30 | Panel # 2 – Policy Panel:

This panel will focus on the public policy options for controlling methane pollution in California and beyond.

- Ryan McCarthy, California Air Resources Board
- Rob McCulloch, Blue Green Alliance
- Omar Moghaddam, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation
- Tim O'Connor, Environmental Defense Fund
- Deanna Haines, Southern California Gas Company
- Rachel Tornek, Climate Action Reserve

**Moderator:** | Jonathan Parfrey, Climate Resolve

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: An interpreter will translate the conference live into Spanish \*\***