

Climate Policy Update

July 18, 2022

Good evening! This is Akin Gump's weekly policy newsletter on all things **climate change**. Below are the major federal and California climate policy headlines of the past week:

- [DC Circuit Says FERC Can Consider Gas Exports for Some Pipelines](#) (*E&E News*)
The U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. ruled that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) may consider natural gas exports in an effort to condemn land for some interstate projects.
- [Dems Grapple with Climate Defeat, Search for Path Forward](#) (*E&E News*)
After Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) said he would not pursue a budget reconciliation plan that included climate change spending prior to reviewing upcoming inflation and interest rate reports, President Biden called on Congress to pass a narrow bill that solely focused on drug pricing and Affordable Care Act subsidies.
- [EVgo Selected by California Energy Commission for Proposed Awards of \\$3.36M in Grant Funding to Build More Fast Charging](#) (*Bloomberg*)
The California Energy Commission selected EVgo to receive a \$3.36 million grant to develop “fast charging for multi-family housing residents.”
- [California Climate Disclosure Legislation Clears Critical Hurdles](#) (*Speaking Sustainability*)
California’s SB 260, the Climate Corporate Accountability Act, passed out of both the Assembly Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Natural Resources. If enacted, the legislation would require certain U.S.-based entities that do business in California to disclose “all of the reporting entity’s scope 1 and scope 2 emissions for the prior calendar year, and its scope 3 emissions for the current calendar year.”

Check out below for key quotes, federal agency news and a look at the week ahead in congressional hearings and think tank events:

Quotes of the Week

“To my friend Joe Manchin West Virginia, whose vote is going to be necessary for [the reconciliation package], I would remind him that Joe Biden’s popularity in that state is as low as it is in Wyoming [...] Joe shouldn’t walk the plank for Joe Biden.”

-Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) *discussing budget reconciliation talks*

(Politico – July 10, 2022)

“We have an opportunity to address the climate crisis right now. Senator Manchin’s refusal to act is infuriating. It makes me question why he’s Chair of [Energy and Natural Resources.]”

-Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) *reacting to reports that Sen. Manchin does not support climate provisions in the reconciliation package*

(E&E News – July 15, 2022)

Upcoming Congressional Hearings (July 18-22, 2022)

Senate

[Examining Federal Regulatory Authorities Governing the Development of Interstate Hydrogen Pipelines, Storage, Import, and Export Facilities](#)

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 10:00 AM ET
366 Dirksen Senate Office Building

House of Representatives

[Regenerative Agriculture: How Farmers and Ranchers Are Essential to Solving Climate Change and Increasing Food Production](#)

House Oversight and Reform Hearing
Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 2:00 PM ET
2154 Rayburn House Office Building

[Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#)

House Transportation & Infrastructure
Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 10:00 AM ET
2167 Rayburn House Office Building

Federal Agency Climate News

The White House

[The United States Strengthens Cooperation with Middle East Partners to Address 21st Century Challenges](#) (July 16)

U.S. Department of the Interior

[Biden-Harris Administration Approves Clean Energy Transmission Project in Arizona and California with Potential to Lower Costs for Consumers](#) (July 14)

[Mining Reform Interagency Group to Hold Public Listening Sessions, Extends Comment Period to Gather Feedback for Reforming Mining Laws](#) (July 13)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

[EPA Provides \\$5.5 Million in Infrastructure Funds to Clean Up Bucks and Montgomery County Superfund Sites](#) (July 15)

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

[Biden-Harris Administration Launches \\$2.6 Billion Funding Programs to Slash Carbon Emissions](#) (July 13)

[DOE Announces \\$18 Million to Streamline Commercialization of Clean Energy Technologies](#) (July 14)

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$56 Million to Advance U.S. Solar Manufacturing and Lower Energy Costs](#) (July 14)

Upcoming D.C. Climate Events (Registration)

[An Opportunity to Facilitate Resilient Domestic Critical Material Supply Chains – Discussions on the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act](#)

United States Energy Association

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 9:00 AM CT

[Indian Energy Minerals Forum 2022: Tribal Environmental, Social, and Governance](#)

United States Energy Association

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 1:00 PM ET

[Carbon Border Adjustment Fireside Chat with Senator Whitehouse](#)

Center for Strategic & International Studies

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 9:00 AM ET

