

# Creating an Energy Democracy

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# The Governor Keeps Letting PG&E off the hook

PG&E

PG&E quietly declared 'safe company' by Gov. Newsom's administration after sparking CA wildfires

ABC10 ORIGINALS

## Newsom's office crafted law protecting PG&E after company's crimes killed 84 people | FIRE - POWER - MONEY Investigation

Documents reveal how California Gov. Gavin Newsom protected PG&E after the company caused deadly fires and pleaded guilty to the felony killing of 84 people.

**2019** - Governor Newsom rams through AB 1054, PG&E's bailout legislation

**2020** - Newsom promises to end "PG&E as we know it" - then enables PG&E to exit bankruptcy

**2021** - PG&E's "wildfire plan" approved by Newsom and CPUC, despite 60 documented failures

**2022** - Newsom declares PG&E "safe", grants safety certificate to keep company in operation

# Where We're At Today

- Wildfire mitigation plan - utilities required to submit plan, approved by CPUC
- Safety certificate - utilities must have an approved plan to receive a safety certificate, which allows them to use ratepayer funding to pay for damages from a wildfire they have caused
- Oversight - CPUC and OEIS - However, a state audit found the Office does not require utilities to outline in their plans where mitigations activities will occur

# State Takeover: Golden State Energy

- SB 350 (2020) by State Senator Jerry Hill created Golden State Energy (GSE)
- GSE was created as a “Plan B” if PG&E failed to emerge from bankruptcy or if the utility fails to operate its gas and electricity services in a safe and reliable manner
- GSE has no funding, staff, or structure, and therefore is not able to succeed in the event that PG&E fails

# Make Golden State Energy a Reality

## Reclaim Our Power is requesting Newsom allocate \$1m in 2022-23 state budget to initiate Golden State Energy

*“California must begin planning now to ensure that workers, environmental justice communities, people with disabilities, and other impacted communities are at the center of this transition to a renewable, safe, reliable, affordable, energy provider.”*

- *Reclaim Our Power, 2022 budget request*



Questions?