



Climate Storytelling Contest

Climate change, primarily caused through the burning of fossil fuels like oil and gas, is impacting communities in California and across the globe. Many feelings can come up when thinking about climate change and it's easy to get lost in the data, graphs, and scientific literature. What if storytelling can help us understand those feelings and teach us something about climate change? The California Coastal Commission invites middle and high school students to answer the prompt below through a podcast, photo essay, or narrative essay.

**What are your feelings about climate change?
How could those feelings lead to action?**

Choose a medium

- **Podcast**
Record voice audio that answers the prompt (up to 7 minutes).
- **Photo Essay**
Take 8-10 original photos to answer the prompt and compile a photo essay.
- **Narrative essay**
Write a personal narrative essay answering the prompt (up to 650 words).

Submit entries from **September 15, 2025** through **May 28, 2026**

