



*California Independent
Petroleum Association*
California's Small, Homegrown Oil Producers

Defend California's Oil Industry: Join CIPA Today

The California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) is California's only statewide advocacy group solely focused on protecting independent oil and natural gas producers, royalty owners, and service and supply companies.

With California consuming 1.8 million barrels of oil daily, our clean, regulated production remains vital. Yet lawmakers continue to push policies aimed at eliminating domestic production — making the state more dependent on foreign oil from countries that don't share our political or environmental values.

CIPA is fighting back and making a difference for California's independent crude oil and natural gas producers, royalty owners, and service and supply companies.

Join CIPA to safeguard your business and protect the future of California's oil production.



Recent CIPA Accomplishments Confronting 3,200-foot Setbacks

CIPA continues to oppose Senate Bill 1137, which imposes a 3,200-foot setback for oil operations, halts new well drilling and limits maintenance on existing wells. Two lawsuits, one from royalty and mineral rights owners and one from producers, have been filed against the state challenging Senate Bill 1137. CIPA remains confident in securing a decisive legal resolution that allows California's oil producers to continue supplying the world's only climate-compliant oil, meeting the energy demands of Californians while reducing our dependency on more expensive foreign oil that drives up California's already sky-high gasoline prices.

Lobbied for Domestic Production Policies

CIPA advocated and pressed lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 237 and Senate Bill 767, both of which represent years of work to ensure California oil production is not stifled by red tape and that pipelines delivering crude to refineries remain reliable, protecting drivers and businesses from supply shocks. Both bills were signed by the governor, signaling a critical step toward strengthening energy security and representing a rare display of foresight in Sacramento to craft policy that avoids future disasters rather than waiting for them to happen.

Defeated Harmful Industry Policies

Assembly Bill 1243 and Senate Bill 684 were activist-driven proposals aimed at gaining unlimited legal damages against California's energy producers for wildfires, floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, regardless of fault. CIPA defeated both bills and, in turn, stopped retroactive liability dating back to 1990 that would have imposed unworkable financial burdens on the industry.

Learn more about our membership at www.CIPA.org/Join



Opposed Anti-Industry Legislation

CIPA halted legislation that would have severely damaged California's energy industry:

- Assembly Bill 3136: A proposal that would have given a big advantage to environmental justice groups.
- Assembly Bill 3155: A proposal that would have unjustly held oil and gas operators liable for health conditions.
- Senate Bill 1497: An overreaching measure that would have arbitrarily deemed oil companies liable for all climate impacts in California.



Protected Producers Statewide

CIPA led the effort to amend AB 1866 which originally required 25% of an operator's idle wells to be plugged each year. CIPA's advocacy prevented provisions that would have shut down multiple producers statewide.



Suspended CalGEM's Flawed Drone Program

CIPA worked with CalGEM to end a methane drone surveillance initiative that delivered a 98% false-positive rate across 250 flights, saving operators from costly and unnecessary enforcement actions.



Reinforced Regulatory Authority Over City and County of Los Angeles Amortization Ordinances

Working with the Native Oil Producers and Employees of California (NOPEC), CIPA defeated the City of Los Angeles' amortization ordinance, protecting operator rights and reinforcing state regulatory authority.



Opposed LA City Council's Attempt to Halt Routine Oil Well Maintenance

When the Los Angeles City Council proposed banning acid-based oil well maintenance, CIPA raised legal, environmental, and policy concerns, opposing the politically motivated measure that jeopardized jobs, public safety, and energy reliability.



Partnered with Interior and BLM to Reinforce Federal Authority over Federal Land Permitting

CIPA worked with the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management to have the federal government reassert its primacy over permitting on federal land.

Additional Member Benefits

CIPA's primary focus is advocacy, and your membership supports our persistent engagement in state and local regulatory and legislative strategies every day. In addition to those ongoing efforts, your membership includes:

- **Weekly Updates** – Stay informed with our Monday Morning Report (MMR) e-newsletter.
- **Directory Access** – Get the 2025 print Membership Directory & Buyers' Guide and be listed in the 2026 edition.
- **Event Discounts** – Enjoy member pricing for all CIPA events, including our Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament.
- **Free and Discounted Advertising** – New members get a free ad in the MMR, plus discounts on future ads.

Not Just for Producers

CIPA's advocacy supports every company who provides goods and services such as drilling, chemicals, transportation, environmental services, accounting or legal expertise to California producers.

Our Events

Member participation plays a vital role in enhancing our association's efforts. You will support your industry and get more value from your membership by taking part in CIPA's events.



Annual Meeting: CIPA's annual meeting is the largest gathering of oil and natural gas producers west of the Rockies. It offers a blend of networking opportunities and presentations on political, economic, regulatory, and other relevant issues.



Board Meetings (Quarterly): We hold one Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento, one in Bakersfield, one in the Los Angeles area, and one in conjunction with the Annual Meeting (location varies) each year.



Monthly Meetings with CalGEM: CIPA meets with the State Oil and Gas Supervisor and CalGEM staff every month to work on issues such as bonding, permitting, and emissions detection. CIPA members are welcome to attend in person or virtually.



Monthly Lobby Days: CIPA works with member companies to bring small groups of oil workers to Sacramento. We train them on CIPA issues and arrange face-to-face meetings with legislators, allowing each worker to share their story of how California's oil industry has benefited them, their families, and their communities.



State Lobby Day: CIPA members and staff deliver group presentations to legislators and have smaller, more intimate meetings in legislative offices. These sessions educate lawmakers about our issues and help dispel myths about our industry.



Federal Lobby Days: Our annual trip to Washington, DC, includes meetings and presentations with federal legislators and regulators, condensed into two highly effective days.



Oil Symposium: Each year, we bring together about 20 key legislators with 20 CIPA members in an intimate setting over two days. This creates a unique opportunity to educate and build relationships with legislators who make decisions impacting our industry.



Fall Classic Golf Tournament: Join us every October for a full day of networking and golf at the Bakersfield Country Club.



The Oil and Gas Regulatory Summit: This annual summit in Bakersfield brings together local, state, and federal regulators with operators to explore ways to improve the regulatory environment in California.



ENERGY ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Energy Academy offers a six-week paid summer internship in oil & gas for recent high school graduates from inner-city areas. CIPA members provide on-the-job experience in various positions. To recruit, CIPA representatives make presentations in high schools, creating a new generation of energy ambassadors who understand the value of California oil. The program inspires a new pool of workers for member companies and provides powerful talking points when meeting with legislators in underserved communities.

Our Committees

Stay informed and provide input on CIPA strategies by joining a CIPA committee. Your involvement is crucial to our effectiveness as an association. Your insights and contributions play a vital role in shaping industry policies and building relationships with policymakers throughout the year.

Bonding: Explores solutions for operators subject to CalGEM's indemnity bond requirements.

CalRoyalty Network: Focused on outreach and engagement of royalty owners.

CIPAC: Supports CIPA's Political Action Committees to elect pro-industry legislators.

CROWN: California Oil Workers Network is a coalition of oil and natural gas industry workers throughout California.

Economic Policy and Taxation: Provides analysis on income tax and economic policy affecting members.

Federal Affairs: Coordinates CIPA priorities and issues with stakeholders in Washington D.C.

IPEX: The Independent Producers Exchange provides crude marketing to a cooperative of small producers to maximize contracts and ensure access to refining markets.

Legal: Explores legal avenues to protect industry assets in California.

Legislative: Engages in advocacy to protect the industry's future.

Los Angeles and San Joaquin Valley Environmental Affairs: Shares updates on environmental challenges in their respective area.

Los Angeles Operators: Committee of LA-based CIPA members to focus on LA basin issues.

Membership: Provides strategy and outreach to attract and retain new association members.

Permitting: Improves permitting processes for CIPA members.

Plugging and Abandonment Standards: Reviews standards to reduce costs and improve regulations.

Property Tax: Studies changes to the taxable value of mineral rights in California.

Public Affairs: Develops strategies for positive messaging on CIPA issues.

Regulatory: Meets monthly with CalGEM to discuss regulations and practices affecting the oil patch.

Witnessing: Explores and monitors CalGEM witnessing requirements to ensure inspections are timely and available after hours.

**JOIN
NOW**

You're an essential part of this industry, and your voice matters.

Join us to ensure your interests are represented and protected.

An investment in CIPA is an investment in the longevity of California's petroleum industry.

Apply for membership at www.CIPA.org/Join