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**Governor's May Revision Funds Powerful Tool for  
Addressing Climate Change**

SACRAMENTO--Governor Gavin Newsom's first "May Revision" budget proposal released this week breaks new ground in the effort to effectively address climate change.

The budget revision notes that it "recognizes the need for careful study and planning to decrease demand and supply of fossil fuels, while managing the decline in a way that is economically responsible and sustainable." And the revision includes a one-time funding for a study that would lay out key actions for the state to transition away from fossil fuels while remaining economically robust.

**Statement from Sierra Club California Director Kathryn Phillips:**

"Californians understand the urgency of cutting climate pollution and have demonstrated that by supporting renewable energy for electricity generation and zero-emission vehicles.

"But one of the toughest challenges has been unhooking the state from its economic dependence on fossil fuel production. How do we keep oil and gas in the ground and still have a robust economy?

"By funding this study, Governor Newsom has taken a critical step for answering that question and helping find a pathway to healthy air, cleaner family-supporting jobs, and a more livable planet."

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