What People Are Saying

Governor Gavin Newsom
State of California

"The Golden State is building the full suite of tools needed to meet our climate goals, and Carbon TerraVault I is proof that innovation and ambition are the California way. This first-of-its-kind project in Kern County will permanently store carbon pollution underground for the first time in California's history. These are the kind of climate solutions that spur the industries and infrastructure needed to power a cleaner future and create good-paying jobs right here in our communities."

Lauren Sanchez
Chair, California Air Resources Board

"Carbon capture, utilization, and storage is a critical piece of California's climate solutions puzzle and an important tool we're counting on to help achieve carbon neutrality. Reaching our climate goals requires both reducing and sequestering emissions, and this milestone demonstrates how we're moving every viable solution forward to get there."

Senator Anna Caballero
California State Senate

"California cannot reach its climate goals without solutions that reduce and capture carbon emissions from heavy industry. Carbon capture and underground storage can protect surrounding communities by significantly reducing industrial emissions while supporting economic growth in the region and creating high road green jobs. A win-win for communities looking for forward thinking solutions to challenges. Projects like Carbon TerraVault I demonstrate the leadership of companies such as California Resources Corporation in advancing the technologies needed to help California transition to a net-zero economy, clean the air, and provide good jobs."

Senator Shannon Grove
California State Senate

"California has too many policies that sacrifice the jobs and economic strength of the Central Valley. But, projects like CRC's Carbon TerraVault I will help provide innovative technology that captures and stores carbon underground, right here in Kern County, while keeping our responsible energy production strong and supporting good-paying opportunities for our local families. This practical innovation builds on our region's energy strengths, protects our economy, and helps meet emission goals without shutting down the industries that power our communities."

Senator Melissa Hurtado
California State Senate

"This project represents a major investment in the Central Valley and demonstrates why rural regions must be part of California's energy transition. Our communities understand the realities on the ground, which makes it critical that innovation and infrastructure are built here at home. We must ensure our region is helping shape the technologies that will power California's future."

Assemblymember Stan Ellis
California State Assembly

"Sound science and practical engineering must be at the center of how we address today's energy and environmental challenges. Carbon capture and storage is grounded in decades of research and real-world application, with the potential to significantly reduce emissions from essential industries. Carbon TerraVault I builds on Kern County's energy legacy, pairing technical expertise with responsible development to meet California's climate and economic goals."

Supervisor Chris Parlier
Kern County District 2

"Kern County understands energy better than most places in California, and that experience matters as new technologies come online. Carbon TerraVault I reflects the kind of practical approach our region is known for—building on what we already do well while continuing to reduce emissions. It's encouraging to see this investment happening here in Kern County, where innovation in energy has always started at the local level."

Supervisor Leticia Perez
Kern County District 5

"Kern County has never been afraid to be at the forefront of innovation, and Carbon TerraVault I reflects the kind of forward-looking investment our communities deserve. This project creates opportunity here at home while helping ensure our region continues to play an important role in California's evolving energy landscape."

Mayor Dave Noerr
City of Taft

"Kern County and the City of Taft have been the epicenter of California's energy for over a century, powering not just the entire state but its economy as well. Our future depends on the continuing development and integration of new technology and processes to maintain our leadership role. California Resources Corporation's Carbon Terravault I project now joins the list of firsts that provide energy security, economic opportunity and environmental stewardship for California's future generations."

Dr. Sarah D. Saltzer
Managing Director, Stanford Center for Carbon Storage

"By locking away CO2 at Elk Hills, Carbon TerraVault is setting the pace for commercial-scale carbon capture and sequestration not only in California but for the United States and the Americas. California Resources Corporation is to be commended not only for integrating a state of the art capture facility on a cryogenic gas plant with injection into a depleted reservoir, but doing so while insuring public and environmental safety in probably the western hemisphere's most rigorous regulatory setting, and is proof that American ingenuity and leadership knows no bounds."