

Brown seeks green regulations in historic fourth term

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In an inaugural address drawing on his family's deep roots in California, Gov. Jerry Brown called for expansive new environmental regulations that would protect the state for future generations.

The governor also pledged not to stray from promises he has made to strengthen California's finances, invest in the \$68-billion high-speed rail system and major water infrastructure projects.

"While we have not reached the Promised Land, we have much to be proud of," Brown told the California Legislature in the Capitol.

Brown's speech hewed mostly to familiar themes of fiscal restraint and increasing local control over schools and criminal justice. But he announced an ambitious new proposal to reduce carbon emissions for years to come.

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