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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went out West, reporting that California's attorney general is commending EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's comments that the agency is not "currently" reviewing the state's Clean Air Act waiver allowing it to enforce its own vehicle greenhouse gas standards, while reiterating prior pledges to sue over any attempt to revoke that authority.

In business news, the massive investment firm BlackRock is underscoring its renewed push for energy companies to bolster their disclosure of climate change-related risks, publishing a series of "bulletins" explaining the firm's recent votes to urge several oil and gas companies to improve such disclosure.

In court, environmentalists are arguing EPA's recent submission of a draft proposed rule to repeal the Clean Power Plan (CPP) does not justify "indefinite abeyance" of pending litigation over the merits of the greenhouse gas rule for existing power plants – in part because a rulemaking process to undo the CPP could take years.

We also highlighted some of this week's must read stories, covering the CPP, the social cost of carbon, EPA's budget and state climate action.

And our daily news roundup looked at the hopes of free-market groups after President Donald Trump's decision to leave the Paris Agreement, with the groups now urging EPA to target its GHG endangerment finding.

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