Climate tech Venture Capital Sub-sector focus framework

		5 Critical Criteria for Venture Capital						
Energy Transition Venture Capital Sub- sector	Description	Capital Light	End Market Needs no Policy Support	Returns match high cost of capital	Large Corporates are not better suited to develop	Unicorn Potential (large TAM)	Overall Attractive- ness	Exceptions in which we will invest
Renewable Energy Infrastructure	Develops solar, wind, and hydropower sources to replace fossil fuels.							"first 10%" of the dev't phase: siting, permits, EPC agreement, interconnect, with offtakes.
Renewable Infrastructure supplies, services and software	Critical components, services and software for wind and solar							
Energy Efficiency	Focuses on reducing energy use in buildings, transportation, and industry							
Transportation	Includes electric vehicles and sustainable transport to cut emissions.							Software and services to charging network
Energy Storage	Li-ion battery enhancements or longer discharge technologies (eg, iron-air)							Tech that enhances Li-ion battery life or efficiency
Smart Grid Tech	Software and hardware to enhance grid efficiency (including plants, transmission and distribution)							
E-fuels	Clean hydrogen, biofuels, RNG, SAF, etc							Select RNG, biofuels opportunities where LT PPAs are in place
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	Captures CO2 from industries and stores it underground.							Specific high carbon density capture where regulations mandate
Circular Economy	Promotes recycling and waste reduction for sustainable production.							True tech breakthroughs
Agriculture and Food Systems	Alternative proteins (vs livestock), green H2 in fertilizers, reduce or use food waste.							Cost reduction apps; (not necessarily decarbonization)
Buildings and Construction	Electrification of heating and cooling, energy efficient construction and energy-efficiency							Building energy efficiency software and services
Climate Data and Analytics	Collects and analyzes climate data for informed decision-making and regulatory reporting							

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Colour Coding Key: Traffic lights = red means the criteria is not met, yellow means partially met, and green means fully met criteria.