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Center Project**

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



August 20, 2025

Commissioner Andrew McAllister, Presiding Member
Commissioner Noemí Gallardo, Associate Member
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Hydrostor Willow Rock Energy Storage Center Project

Dear Commissioners McAllister and Gallardo:

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and our over 37,000 members in California, I write to express our strong support for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center project proposed by Hydrostor.

NPCA's mission is to protect and enhance our National Park System for present and future generations. As part of that work, NPCA has participated in legislative and land-use planning efforts regarding renewable energy policy in California, with a focus on long-duration energy storage (LDES) policy. This work has included shaping legislation (SB 149, AB 1373, AB 205, etc.) and leading a large coalition¹ to defend the California Public Utilities Commission's procurement decisions – all towards protecting ratepayers, our scarce water resources, and the environment.

Willow Rock fits precisely within California's procurement needs and supports deployment of necessary energy storage resources without compromising our environmental values. Hydrostor's work through your process has demonstrated it is an environmentally and economically responsible LDES effort.

We respectfully request your swift approval of this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Neal Desai
Senior Pacific Regional Director
National Parks Conservation Association

¹ Coalition Letter re Clean Energy Package, 8-19-21

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