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350 Draft Recommendations**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

## **Member Organizations**

### **Amador Tuolumne CAA**

Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne Counties

### **Campesinos Unidos, Inc.**

San Diego and Imperial Counties

### **Central Coast Energy Services**

Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

### **Central Valley Opportunity Center**

Stanislaus County

### **Community Action Commission of Santa**

#### **Barbara County**

Santa Barbara County

### **Community Action Marin**

Marin County

### **Community Action of Kern County**

Kern County

### **Community Action Partnership of Orange**

#### **County**

Orange County

### **Community Action Partnership of San**

#### **Bernardino County**

San Bernardino County

### **Community Resource Project, Inc.**

Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, San Mateo Counties

### **Community Services and Employment**

#### **Training**

Tulare County

### **Economic Opportunity Council of San**

#### **Francisco**

San Francisco County

### **Fresno Economic Opportunity Commission**

Fresno County

### **Great Northern Corporation**

Siskiyou County

### **Inyo Mono for Community Action, Inc.**

#### **(IMACA)**

Inyo and Mono Counties

### **Kings Community Action Organization, Inc.**

#### **Kings County**

### **Maravilla Foundation**

Los Angeles County

### **MAAC (Metropolitan Area Advisory**

#### **Committee) Project**

San Diego County

### **North Coast Energy Services**

Mendocino, Solano, Yolo, Marin, Napa,  
Sonoma and Lake Counties

### **Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment**

Los Angeles County

### **Project Go**

Placer County

### **Redwood Community Action Agency**

Humboldt, Del Norte, Modoc Counties

### **Self Help Home Improvement, Inc.**

Shasta and Tehama Counties

### **Spectrum Community Services, Inc.**

Alameda County

### **TELACU (The East Los Angeles Community**

#### **Union)**

Los Angeles County



## **Association of California Community and Energy Services**

### **Mission Statement**

To Promote a Statewide agenda to assist low-income families by strengthening our member organizations that provide services to their communities.

October 28, 2016

## **ACCES Comments on SB 350 Low-Income Barriers Study Draft Staff Recommendations**

Thank you for allowing us to make comment on the Draft Recommendations for the SB 350 Low-Income Barriers Study Recommendations.

The Association of California Community and Energy Services, is the statewide association for the current Weatherization providers who are funded by the Department of Energy Weatherization Program, Health and Human Services Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the CPUC Energy Saving Assistance Program (ESAP) and the State of California's Community Services and Development Low Income Weatherization Program (LIWP).

One important issue we see that we feel must be reiterated within this conversation is the lack of rehabilitation funds for the housing stock.

Often times, many households who are eligible for the current low income solar programs and weatherization programs have to be passed up because there is no budget for home repair, in addition to the budgets for energy efficiency, and alternative energy measures. Many times, these households do not have the funds to make such repairs to participate in the programs.

Unless we allot money for roof repair, so a household can receive solar, there will always be a barrier. Unless we allot money for home rehab to fix a sub-floor, so a house can receive new low-flow toilets, there will always be a barrier. Unless we can allot money to fix and update knob and tube wiring and electrical panels, so a household can receive updated appliances, new HVAC systems, and lighting there will always be a barrier. Unless we allot money to catastrophic leaks, so a household can receive proper insulation and air sealing measures, there will always be a barrier.

We are happy to see in section 2 that financing has been thought of for the cost of health and safety measures required to accomplish energy efficiency upgrades. We also urge you to look at ways beyond financing, as many households may not be able to make repayments, or have a lack of credit to receive such financing. Often times you are looking at households, you have a choice between Heat, food and medicine. By making them repay financing back, they are still in the predicament of choosing basic necessities, using the money saved from upgrades to repay the loan.

We also applaud recommendation six in establishing a pilot program for a one-stop shop to support building owners, tenants, and small businesses in low income and disadvantaged communities. We understand that there are so many programs currently in place that it can be hard to navigate the waters, without some help.

Thank you for allowing us to make comment. We look forward to seeing where these recommendations take us as a state in serving or low-income populations located within and outside of the Disadvantaged Communities.

Thank You,

Association of California Community and Energy Services