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March 23, 2017

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Commissioner Andrew McAllister
Commissioner Janea A. Scott

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Commissioners,

We the undersigned hold leadership positions for California's largest publicly-owned utilities. It is our fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of our community-owners as we work towards achieving a more sustainable future for California. This includes efforts to help the State reach its goal of achieving a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and a 50% Renewables Portfolio Standard by the year 2030 to combat the effects of climate change – while also maintaining affordable and reliable electricity for our local communities.

We understand that, under Senate Bill 350, the Energy Commission may adopt guidelines to support your staff's review of our Integrated Resource Plans. It is important to note at the outset of this process that IRPs are *not* detailed roadmaps for long-term utility operations, but rather wide-ranging *planning* analyses that lead to policy direction for our utilities. This is especially true as our industry undergoes changes of an unprecedented magnitude and speed. Our IRPs must therefore provide local governing authorities the flexibility to adapt policies to each unique system, location, socioeconomic conditions, and the myriad of other needs of distinct local communities.

As representative local officials we must also assess rate impacts for millions of residents and businesses that have entrusted us with that obligation. We do not, cannot, and must not take this responsibility lightly. Our electricity rates are designed and set locally in open public meetings where our communities *directly* influence energy policies and priorities. We must be prepared to provide a detailed examination of core electric operations, infrastructure needs, budget priorities, sustainable planning policies, and mandatory actions required to maintain electric reliability *at affordable prices*. Our customers, governing boards, mayors and city councils would demand no less.

As we share our IRPs with you for informational review and to aid in state-wide modeling, they should not be used as a tool to assert oversight or enforcement over our local planning activities. To do so would undermine local accountability and public input processes that are fundamental for communities served by public power utilities.

Sincerely,



Mel Levine
LADWP Board of Water & Power
Commissioners, President



Bruce Kuhn
Board of Directors, President
Imperial Irrigation District



Arlen Orchard
Chief Executive Officer and
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Mayor
City of Glendale

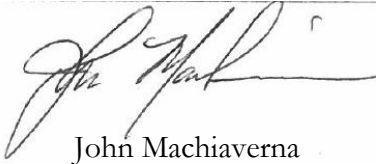


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Mayor
City of Palo Alto

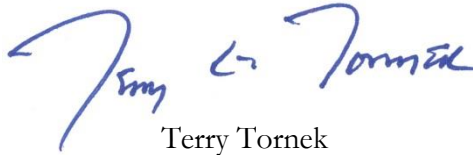


Nick Blom
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Modesto Irrigation District

California Publicly-Owned Utilities IRP Leaders Letter to California Energy Commission
March 23, 2017



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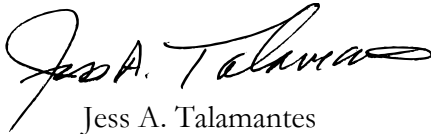
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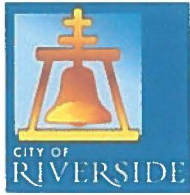


Jess A. Talamantes
Mayor
City of Burbank



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Council Member
City of Santa Clara

City of Riverside
*See attached letter from
Mayor William R. Bailey, III*



City of Arts & Innovation

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller
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March 17, 2017

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Commissioners,

As a representative of one of California's largest publicly-owned utilities, I take seriously the fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of our community/owners as we work towards achieving a more sustainable future for California. This includes efforts to help the State reach its goal of achieving a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and a 50% Renewables Portfolio Standard by the year 2030 to combat the effects of climate change – while also maintaining affordable and reliable electricity for our local communities.

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Sincerely,

William R. Bailey, III
Mayor
City of Riverside

March 15, 2017



Powering The Center of What's Possible

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

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We, the undersigned, hold local governing board leadership positions for California's largest publicly-owned utilities. It is our fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of our community-owners as we work towards achieving a more sustainable future for California. This includes efforts to help the State reach its goal of achieving a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and a 50% Renewables Portfolio Standard by the year 2030 to combat the effects of climate change – while also maintaining affordable and reliable electricity for our local communities.

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Sincerely,

Teresa O'Neill
Council Member
City of Santa Clara

Rajeev Batra
Interim City Manager
City of Santa Clara