November 5, 2014

Governor Jerry Brown
State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA

Dear Governor Brown,

We write in support of a statewide policy that would recognize and appropriately count distributed solar generation systems in California as renewable resources. Doing so would complement your Administration’s efforts to advance localized renewable resources – which avoid impacts associated with new transmission lines – to support the growing demand by utility customers, and would support California’s Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS).

More should be done to incentivize the installation of locally-sited distributed generation in California. Unfortunately, current state regulatory policy discourages utilities from facilitating development of “behind the meter” distributed renewable generation resources located at customers’ facilities. Indeed, some public power utilities may be faced with rejecting such “behind the meter” renewable distributed generation projects because, under current RPS accounting policies, generation from such resources does not count toward RPS compliance. This is wrong. The State should amend applicable regulations to encourage utilities to work with customers to increase development of local distributed generation systems at the customer site. Distributed solar generation is amongst the State’s most valuable renewable resources and should be accounted for accordingly.
As California begins to work towards meeting the federal government’s proposed rules to further reduce carbon emissions from the power sector, now is the ideal time to revisit existing rules to remove roadblocks that would hinder the achievement of those targets as efficiently and effectively as possible. The utility sector will play a critical role in this process. We urge your leadership to further enhance the outreach and collaboration between the State’s utilities and customers by ensuring that distributed generation is appropriately counted to reflect California’s true progress towards meeting the RPS. Failure to do so would result in undercounting California’s progress towards achieving its RPS and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Chuck Reed  
Eric Garcetti  
Ed Lee  
Bill Bogaard
Mayor, San Jose  
Mayor, Los Angeles  
Mayor, San Francisco  
Mayor, Pasadena

Miguel Pulido  
Tom Tait  
Ken Weir  
Robert Garcia
Mayor, Santa Ana  
Mayor, Anaheim  
Vice Mayor, Bakersfield  
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Kevin Johnson  
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Mayor, Sacramento  
Mayor, Banning

/S/ Deborah Franklin
October 24, 2014

Governor Jerry Brown
State of California
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Sacramento, CA

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Sincerely,

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Mayor Rusty Bailey
October 27, 2014

The Honorable Governor Jerry Brown
State of California
State Capitol Building, Room 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

The City of Colton supports a statewide policy that would recognize and appropriately count distributed solar generation systems in California as renewable resources. As such, this would complement your Administration’s efforts to advance localized renewable resources—which prevent impacts associated with new transmission lines. Further supporting the growing demands by utility customers and California’s Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS).

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Distributed solar generation is amongst the State’s most valuable renewable resources and should be accounted for accordingly. As a result, the State should amend applicable regulations that encourage public power utilities to work with customers to increase development of local distributed generation systems at the customer site.

It is my understanding that California has begun work to fulfill the federal governments proposed rules to further reduce carbon emissions from the power sector. We must be as efficient and effective as possible. As we work to achieve targeted goals, the utility sector will inevitably play a critical role in this process. Given this, Colton believes now is the ideal time to review and amend existing rules and remove road blocks that hinder our progress.

On behalf of the Colton City Council and the constituents we all serve, I urge your leadership to further enhance the outreach and collaboration between the State’s utilities and customers by ensuring that distributed generation is appropriately counted to reflect California’s true progress towards meeting the RPS. Failure to do so would result in undercounting California’s progress towards achieving its RPS and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sarah S. Zamora

cc: Members of the Colton City Council
Colton Acting City Manager Amer Jakher
Colton Public Utilities Director David Kolk
October 29, 2014

Governor Jerry Brown
State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA

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Sincerely,

Dave Roberts
Supervisor, Third District
San Diego County Board of Supervisors

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