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Please see attached comment letter, Docket No. 15-IEPR-05

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

April 21, 2015

California Energy Commission
Media and Public Communications Office
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Subject: California Energy Commission Draft Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan, Docket No. 15-IEPR-05

To Whom It May Concern:

The San Diego Unified Port District (District) supports the California Energy Commission's Draft Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan (Action Plan).

The District serves as an economic engine and environmental steward for the region, overseeing waterfront property adjoining five member cities. The District's jurisdiction is made up of cargo and cruise ship terminals, as well as commercial properties with close to 200 primary businesses in operation. Since 2010, the District has recognized energy efficiency as a key component of its Green Port program, driving efforts both internally as well as for the businesses within its jurisdiction.

Leasing is a keystone of how the District does business. Currently, the District is working to develop a sustainable leasing policy. Preliminary policy considerations include benchmarking of commercial properties as well as regular energy audits (or performance assessments). The District recognizes the need for education and complete, straightforward datasets on energy performance in order to make data-driven decisions. The goals and initiatives in the draft Action Plan align with and further support this emerging effort.

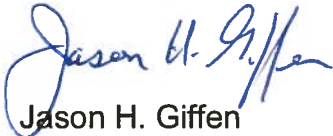
Local governments have unique access to their communities in order to affect increases in energy efficiency and sustainability. The District, like other local governments in the region and state, has been able to leverage ratepayer funds in order to achieve significant energy efficiency progress to-date. Without external funds, these programs would not be viable. Expanding access to energy efficiency funding through the Local Government Challenge proposed in the Action Plan would allow the District and other agencies to further leverage local government and private capital investments in energy efficiency projects, education, and policy.

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Part of the success of the District's energy and sustainability efforts to-date can be attributed to regional collaboration and sharing of resources, best practices, and lessons learned. The District is a founding member of the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative (Climate Collaborative). We support the draft Action Plan goals of increasing collaboration among state agencies and encourage the Energy Commission and others to reach out to the Climate Collaborative for additional support, coordination, and input as the Action Plan is finalized and implemented.

The District looks forward to the final Action Plan and working with the Energy Commission, the Climate Collaborative, and others to achieve increased energy efficiency in our region and the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason H. Giffen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" being the most prominent.

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