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Combined Heat And Power: Policy Analysis and 2011 - 2030 Market Assessment - Consultant Report, Revised. Online: June 19, 2012. (PDF File, 204 pages, 5 mb)

This report was prepared in response to AB 32. One wonders what the intent was. It has limited value. I wonder how many people will study it. The general public, tax and rate payers are very unlikely to see or read it. As a tax and rate payer I have the following comment.

Here is another great boondoggle thought up by the legislature.. As I read this report, all I see are extra costs for the taxpayer and ratepayer. Taxpayer money is ladled out to those who purchase and operate combined heat and power(CHP) plants Ratepayers will be charged for the extra cost of CHP electricity that the IPO's are forced to buy by the state. It is interesting that the latest statute dealing with CHP was promoted by the CHP vendors and owners. As usual, the tax and ratepayers were ignored by the legislature.

The real problem here is the special interests domination in the legislature. They have convinced a gullible legislature that electricity produced by a bunch of small-distributed sources is a better way to reduce GHG than a few large central stations. This simply is not true. The best way to reduce GHG by meaningful amounts is to replace base load fossil plants that produce GHG 24/7 with nuclear base load plants that produce electricity 24/7 with no GHG. Unfortunately, the governor, legislature and state Commissions refuse to acknowledge this fact and the tax and ratepayers are screwed again paying for programs with marginal effects on GHG production..