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**RE: Comments on Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act- 2013 Program Implementation Draft Guidelines**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC), and the 14 certified local conservation corps we represent, I am writing to comment on the Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act- 2013 Program Implementation Draft Guidelines (guidelines).

CALCC is an association of 14 certified local (or community) conservation corps across the state that work with young men and women to preserve and protect the environment while providing job skills training and educational opportunities to our members. The mission of each certified local conservation corps is to provide job skills training, energy efficiency and conservation work, education and community service to underserved young women and men.

The California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39) made available funding for projects that create jobs in California improving energy efficiency and expanding clean energy generation, and specifically included job training and workforce development funding for the Certified Community Conservation Corps, among others, to train and employ disadvantaged youth on energy efficiency and clean energy projects. We would like to thank the Energy Commission for developing these guidelines and allowing the opportunity for the public to comment on this document. We respectfully request that the Commission consider making the following changes in order to more accurately reflect the ability of the local conservation corps to contribute towards the implementation of Proposition 39:

- On page 11 of the guidelines, under the Leveraging Award Funding section, include “certified local conservation corps” after California Conservation Corps. The revised sentence would read:
  - California Conservation Corps and certified local conservation corps, “no-cost” and “low-cost” energy efficiency data collection and energy efficiency surveys.
- On page 17 of the guidelines, under the Option 1: Energy Survey section, include mention of the ability of the California Conservation Corps and certified local conservation corps to carry out the energy surveys described in this section.

- On page 31 of the guidelines, under the California Workforce Investment Board Grant Program section, include “certified local conservation corps” after California Conservation Corps. The revised sentence would read:
  - Regional partnerships, resource and program alignment among local Workforce Investment Boards, employers, organized labor, K-12, community colleges, California Conservation Corps, certified local conservation corps, and community-based stakeholders.
- On page 32 of the guidelines, under the California Conservation Corps section, include contact information for CALCC. The revised sentence would read:
  - To learn more about the CCC’s Proposition 39 program call (916) 341-xxxx or email [energycorps@ccc.ca.gov](mailto:energycorps@ccc.ca.gov). To learn more about the certified local conservation corps call (916) 558-1516, email [calocalcorps@gmail.com](mailto:calocalcorps@gmail.com) or visit [www.calcc.org](http://www.calcc.org).
- On page 53 of the guidelines, under the Exhibit H: Definitions section, include a definition of the certified local conservation corps. The following definition could be used:
  - ***Certified local conservation corps***- as defined by Public Resources Code section 14507.5, are individual, local organizations that work to develop young women and men, primarily ages 18-25, through a program of energy and conservation work, education and community service.

In addition to the comments above, we would like to note our appreciation for the inclusion of tree planting as an eligible project type for funding under Prop 39. On page 40 of the guidelines, planting shade trees on the south side of buildings is listed as a project example. Numerous studies have shown that strategically planting trees around buildings can significantly reduce energy use, and we encourage the Energy Commission to continue to include these types of projects as an eligible project type for funding in the guidelines.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these guidelines and are happy to answer any questions related to the local conservation corps and the ability of local conservation corps to assist in the implementation of Proposition 39.

Sincerely,



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