



# HOLLISTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 7, 2014

Ms. Marcia Smith  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Smith:

Founded in 1872, the Hollister School District has been traditionally a small town school district. The District currently has ten (10) elementary and middle schools that serve approximately 5,400 students.

The future will continue to bring growth to the Hollister School District. The General Plan for the City of Hollister and County of San Benito reflects the addition of 3,400 dwelling units over the next ten (10) years. The challenge of how to develop facilities for the District while meeting the needs of growth comes at a time when the State is playing a smaller role in helping districts with financial resources.

In 2010, the Hollister School District entered into a Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement with ClearSpot Hollister II, LLC to install solar powered structures at various sites throughout the District and provide the District with energy at a reduced cost.

As you know, due to the economy and budget constraints in recent years, the Hollister School District had been experiencing challenges with finding funding to upgrade or properly maintain our facilities. The District is very excited and thankful for our \$1.34M allocation of Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act – 2013 funds, because it provides us with opportunities to address some facility needs and improvements.

R.O. Hardin Elementary School was built in 1948 and is the oldest school in the District. This school site is in desperate need of a new roof for all fixed buildings, new windows to replace the original single pane window system and new doors to help tighten the building envelope as well as meet current ADA access requirements and improve school site safety and security.

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Currently, the Proposition 39 Requirements do not allow for the funds to pay for the needed improvements, such as roofs, windows or doors at R.O. Hardin. Each of these items would improve energy efficiency and greatly improve the learning environment for the students and staff at the school site.

The Hollister School District would respectfully request that the California Energy Commission (CEC) consider the following changes to the Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act - 2013 guidelines/requirements:

1. The CEC consider the concept of prescriptive measures for items such as roofing or window systems. If the Commission could set a prescriptive standard describing the minimum standard of equipment/material that could be used for replacement, this would allow the school district to replace those items using the prescribed standard of equipment/material or better.
2. The CEC consider extending the years of useful life for such items as roofing or window systems. For example, the calculations would increase the expected or useful lifespan of a new window system over a 30 year period, rather than a 20 year.
3. The CEC consider a lower SIR for school districts that have already implemented large energy efficient projects, such as solar power. Achieving an SIR of 1.05 is very difficult for districts that currently have solar power and trying to package many different energy efficient projects is sometimes not possible to meet the requirement.
4. The CEC consider school districts to use 0% On-Bill Financing provided by local utility companies in combination with Proposition 39 funding to reduce the SIR of 1.05.

If the CEC would approve the requests as mentioned above, the Hollister School District would like to utilize the Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act - 2013 funds to replace the existing roof system with a new roof insulation in combination with a white, Durolast Cool Zone PVC "Energy Star" roof system or equal, replace leaking, wood framed single pane window system with 1" Low E glazing in high performance aluminum framing and replace wooden doors with insulated hollow metal doors and frames at R.O. Hardin Elementary School. The improvements may not achieve the SIR

of 1.05, but would reduce energy consumption and also create local jobs in our community.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak with you regarding our needs and plan to address them in greater detail. Please let me know if you should have any questions and thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Teliha". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John J. Teliha  
Director of Facilities

cc: Gary L. McIntire, Ed. D., Superintendent  
Kathy Cunnane, Director of Business Services