



San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO CREATES A 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM SUPPORTING UNION JOBS, WORKING FAMILIES AND THE LOCAL CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego has adopted a Climate Action Plan with a requirement to reach 100% renewable energy by 2035; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the California Legislature passed and Governor Gray Davis signed AB 117 creating the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) concept which permits the procurement of electricity by local governments for its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), first established in 2002, and then accelerated in 2006 and expanded in 2011 and extended further in 2015, is one of the most ambitious and effective renewable energy standards in the country; and

WHEREAS, under California law, electric utilities, electric service providers and community choice aggregators must increase procurement from eligible renewable energy resources to 50% of total procurement by 2030; and

WHEREAS, under California Law, designated State Agencies must implement rules to direct electric utilities, community choice aggregators, public agencies and private builders to increase the energy efficiency in the residential, commercial and industrial sector by 50% by 2030. This means California must double the energy efficiency in homes, businesses and factories by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jerry Brown has issued an executive order calling for 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles on the road in California by 2025 and stating that by 2050, virtually all personal transportation in the State will be based on zero-emission vehicles, and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector will be reduced by 80 percent below 1990 levels and SB 350 The Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act calls for the acceleration of widespread transportation electrification, thereby increasing demand for electricity; and

WHEREAS, the continued high demand for renewable energy is creating opportunities for work in the development of new renewable energy through the building of renewable energy generation facilities throughout California and rooftop solar locally in San Diego and we are united in providing as much of this work to union members as is possible; and

WHEREAS, State policy is to generate as much renewable energy as possible. Existing CCA agencies and CCA proponents have made extensive use of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to misrepresent the actual content of renewable energy. REC's are not energy – they are financial instruments and they do not create renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions or promote green jobs. Even past proponents of RECs, such as the City and County of San Francisco have acknowledged that RECs are not desirable as part of a true clean energy program; and

WHEREAS, energy that is truly renewable and green is generated from California solar, wind, geothermal, small hydro-electric or other state-certified green power sources; and

WHEREAS, current CCA's seek to attract customers by promising construction of local renewable energy projects, jobs to local workers and advertising the source of their energy. Currently, energy can be marketed to consumers by CCAs as "green" or "clean" even if that power comes from out of state and is not actually renewable or greenhouse gas emission free; and

WHEREAS, current CCA's have implemented Joint Powers Agreements without any commitments to local jobs, local renewable energy projects or generating and procuring real, clean power; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to promoting the increased procurement and production of truly renewable energy by local union workers; and

WHEREAS, rapid advancements in energy storage technologies are advancing our ability to achieve 100% renewable energy while creating opportunity for high-quality jobs and skilled training.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we hereby urge the City of San Diego to adopt the attached principles for inclusion in the City of San Diego's 100% renewable energy program, whether it is through a utility, municipal program, CCA or another provider or program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge any government jurisdictions in San Diego County to adopt the attached principals for any energy marketed as "clean" or "green" by the City of San Diego 100% renewable energy provider, whether a utility, municipal program, CCA or another provider or program, that plans to market to their residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we will oppose the efforts of any existing or proposed 100% renewable energy provider, whether a utility, municipal program, CCA or another provider or program, unless these principles are adopted and integrated into the 100% renewable energy program because going green should benefit local communities by creating good local jobs and promoting real clean energy.

Resolution passed through the Environmental Caucus of the Labor Council, the Executive Board and the full delegates meeting on June 28th, 2017. The San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council proudly represents over 130,000 union families.

Principles for Worker Friendly Implementation of a 100% Renewable Energy Program in City of San Diego

Include the language below in the 100% Renewable Energy Program Implementation Plan.

Whether a utility, municipal program, CCA or another provider or program, providers and subcontractors shall:

- 1. Energy Identification:** Inform customers of the percentage of renewable, greenhouse-gas-free electricity offered. Power may be labeled as “clean” or “green” if it comes from renewable energy generated from solar, wind, geothermal and other eligible renewable energy resources in California and defined by California law in the Public Utilities Code as Category 1.
- 2. Exclude RECs:** Provide renewable energy from actual renewable sources customers can trust while creating union jobs in the community for local workers. Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) undermine these goals. There is no guarantee power content that includes voluntary RECs is clean or green therefore it must not be marketed as “clean” or “green” so as not to mislead the public.
- 3. Communication to Consumers:** Send at least three written notices to potential customers, and each notice will include a description of the percentage of the power mix that comes from California solar, wind, geothermal, small hydro-electric or other state certified green power sources.
- 4. Creating Union Jobs:** Procure power from union-generated sources; employ unionized customer service representatives; sign Project Labor Agreements on each Power Generation Project; sign Project Labor Agreements on Energy Efficiency Projects/Programs; agree in writing to neutrality in the event employees or subcontractor employees wish to unionize.
- 5. Community Benefits:** Sign Community Benefits Agreements to include local projects and local hiring and prioritizing projects, programs and actions to reduce emissions in disadvantaged communities that rank in the top 25 percent of CalEnviroScreen’s ranking for San Diego region communities.
- 6. Local Project Build-Out:** Emphasize development of new renewable resources from proven developers in San Diego and adjacent counties and strictly limit the use of non-renewable energy sources that are recognized under the California RPS to the amount permitted as “Qualified Renewable Resource.”
- 7. Energy Efficiency:** Develop a resource plan that integrates supply-side resources with programs that will help customers reduce their energy costs through improved energy efficiency and other demand-side measures. As part of this integrated resource plan, actively pursue, promote and ultimately administer a variety of customer energy efficiency programs that can cost-effectively displace supply-side resources.
- 8. Workforce Impacts:** Determine if the program will 1) result in negative impacts for employees of the incumbent utility (including layoffs, work hour reductions, etc.) and 2) if the wages, fringe benefits and job protections are similar to those offered by the utility to employees in comparable job classifications.