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# CLEAN COALITION

Making Clean Local Energy Accessible Now

Community Update | October 3, 2012

Dear Friends,

The Clean Coalition is thrilled to announce that Senate Bill (SB) 1332 was signed into law by Governor Brown on September 27, representing a significant legislative victory for clean local energy in California. SB 1332 — introduced by Gloria Negrete McLeod of Chino, CA and sponsored by the Clean Coalition — requires California's larger Publicly Owned Utilities (POUs) to launch SB 32 Clean Local Energy Accessible Now (CLEAN) Programs by July 1, 2013, and the law ensures that an additional 100-250 megawatts (MW) of local renewable energy will soon come online in California.



Importantly, SB 1332 also recognizes the benefits of generating energy close to load. The law directs POUs to consider locational and environmental benefits in their SB 32 pricing, much like Palo Alto CLEAN has done, where clean local energy is shown to avoid more than 3 cents/kWh in transmission-related costs.

SB 1332 will build upon the success of existing CLEAN Programs, like the one at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). SMUD has clearly demonstrated that a well-designed program brings local renewable generation online quickly and cost-effectively. SMUD's CLEAN Program has resulted in 100 MW of local solar deployments, which is equivalent to *2.5 gigawatts of local solar if extended across the State of California*. Additionally, SMUD is procuring this local solar energy at prices that do not raise the rates of its customers.

To help utilities be efficient in assessing, designing, and implementing CLEAN Programs, the Clean Coalition developed the Local CLEAN Program Guide, which can be [freely downloaded from the Clean Coalition website](#). Extended support is also available to help California's POUs develop effective CLEAN Programs over the coming months.

The Clean Coalition is pleased to report a second legislative success in the passage of SB 1122, which requires the three major investor owned utilities to create an additional 250 MW of capacity for biopower projects in their SB 32 CLEAN Programs. Biopower has been drastically hampered by poor policy design across the United States, including in California, and the Clean Coalition was part of the core alliance that crafted and supported this promising legislation. Policy innovation is the pathway to jump-starting biopower, and SB 1122, in concert with interconnection reform, has the potential to finally unleash biopower in California.

SB 1332 and SB 1122 both mark important victories in the ongoing transition towards clean local energy in California. As the state continues to struggle with the huge costs and enormous risks posed by the San Onofre nuclear plant, and transmission-dependent, central generation in general, clean local energy provides a superior path forward. A [recent Huffington Post op-ed](#) — authored by Bill Ritter Jr., Governor of Colorado from 2007 to 2011, and Craig Lewis, Executive Director of the Clean Coalition — lays out a strong plan to solve California's ongoing nuclear dilemma.

In addition to reducing reliance on expensive and dangerous nuclear power plants,

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## In the News

[Rule 21 Enhances Renewable Energy Distribution in California | Renewable Energy World | September 24, 2012](#)

The California Public Utilities Commission made important revisions to Rule 21, which governs interconnection procedures.

[Solving California's Nuclear Dilemma | Huffington Post | September 13, 2012](#)

Bill Ritter Jr., Governor of Colorado from 2007 to 2011, and Craig Lewis, Executive Director of the Clean Coalition, argue for a swift transition to clean local energy in California.

[CPUC to Vote on Settlement Tied to Renewables | Platts | September 11, 2012](#)

An account of the proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission to change Rule 21, which included 14 parties representing various interests.

## Upcoming Events

[October 10, 2012 | Biogas USA West | San Francisco, CA](#)

Craig Lewis, Executive Director of the Clean Coalition, will speak on the "Market Overview: Legislation and Policy" panel at the Biogas West conference in San Francisco on October 10 at 9:10 am.

[October 17, 2012 | Solar Sonoma County Forum | Rohnert Park, CA](#)

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transitioning to clean local energy will also enhance the security and reliability of the grid. R. James Woolsey, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Craig Lewis have explained how the Clean Coalition's initiative to integrate clean local energy with intelligent grid solutions will help [secure the nation's power grid](#).

As always, thank you for supporting the Clean Coalition and its pursuit of making clean local energy accessible now.

Sincerely,  
Craig Lewis

of the Clean Coalition, will be participating in the Solar Sonoma County Forum. The event will take place from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on October 17, 2012 in the PG&E and Wells Fargo Conference rooms in Rohnert Park.

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