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The Honorable Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia  
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**AB 893 (Eduardo Garcia, Henry Stern, Ben Hueso) – OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Garcia,

An element harmful to Community Choice agencies (CCAs) has been recently introduced into AB 893.

Specifically, the following language, in blue, would impinge on any CCA's statutory authority to determine their own energy portfolios:

"The bill would require, no later than ~~December 31, 2020~~, *May 31, 2019*, each retail seller to file with the PUC a plan for complying with this procurement requirement, as specified. *If a community choice aggregator or electric service provider, by June 1, 2019, fails to demonstrate it has secured sufficient enforceable and financeable procurement commitments to meet its proportionate share, the bill would require the applicable electrical corporation to procure the amount of any shortfall on behalf of the end-use customers of the community choice aggregator or direct access provider.*"

We are also concerned that AB 893 allows IOUs to impose non-bypassable charges on "all benefitting customers." So CCA customers are likely going to have to pay twice if the IOUs can justify that there are some "grid benefits" to these resources. Grid benefits will only be assessed for IOU-owned resources instead of also for CCA-owned resources. This would result in CCA customers paying twice for procurement under this mandate while IOU customers benefit from CCA resources with no cost responsibility. Therefore, there should be no non-bypassable charges for IOUs, or there should be non-bypassable charges for all load serving entities"

Public and Investor Owned Utilities, Community Choice Agencies, and Electrical Cooperatives oppose AB 893. While the bill aims to add more clean renewable resources onto our statewide portfolio, it would significantly increase costs for customers by billions of dollars and may compromise system reliability.

AB 893 also undermines the recently-enacted Integrated Resource Planning process which is designed to ensure that the electric sector is on track to help the state achieve its statewide 2030 GHG reduction target, at least cost,

while maintaining electric service reliability and meeting other state goals. There is no evidence that a sweeping technology-specific or tax credit-related procurement mandate would meet either the least-cost or best-fit requirements.

For these reasons, we OPPOSE AB 893 and respectfully ask for your “NO” vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Hancock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ann Hancock, Executive Director

Background:

The Center for Climate Protection has been working for many years now to advance local clean energy. We spearheaded the early community education about and formation of California’s second Community Choice agency, Sonoma Clean Power, which launched service in 2014. Since then, we have been engaged in sharing the success of Sonoma Clean Power throughout the State. I write on behalf of the hundreds of North Bay and statewide friends and supporters of the Center for Climate Protection.

