



Board of Directors

September 8, 2023

Bapu Vaitla
Davis City Council

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Richard Casavecchia
Winters City Council

Will Arnold
Davis City Council

Re: AB 1373 (Garcia) – NEUTRAL

Jesse Loren
Winters City Council

Dear Senator Portantino,

Lucas Frerichs
*Yolo County Board of
Supervisors*

On behalf of Valley Clean Energy (VCE), a community choice aggregation (CCA) program serving Yolo County, I write to convey our neutral position on AB 1373 based on the amendments adopted on September 7, 2024.

Tom Stallard
*Chair
Woodland City Council*

VCE is the not-for-profit public electricity provider serving over 120,000 customers in unincorporated Yolo County and the cities of Woodland, Davis, and Winters. As a locally governed public entity we are focused on providing cost effective clean electricity while improving the communities we serve through local reinvestment of our revenues.

Mayra Vega
Woodland City Council

VCE appreciates AB 1373's tailored approach to central procurement of strategic resources by placing the responsibility solely with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). AB 1373 also establishes important guardrails around DWR as a central procurement entity (CPE) that will mitigate the risk of market disruption and protect ratepayers while providing additional tools to address the forecasted temporary grid reliability issues that will be present as the renewable energy and associated electricity storage sectors mature. We also appreciate the recent amendment to preserve the existing right of CCA's to self-procure diverse resources that are not otherwise procured by the DWR in their central procurement capacity.

VCE recognizes the hard work that went into finding a policy that works for CCAs, the many other stakeholders, and Californians at large and we appreciate Assemblymember Garcia's efforts to this end.

Sincerely,

Mitch Sears
Executive Officer
Valley Clean Energy

cc: The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
The Honorable Bill Dodd