



Board of Directors

July 6, 2021

Dan Carson
Chair
Davis City Council

The Honorable Ben Hueso
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
State Capitol, Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

Wade Cowan
Winters City Council

Lucas Frerichs
Davis City Council

Re: AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) – Support

Jesse Loren
Vice Chair
Winters City Council

Dear Senator Hueso,

Gary Sandy
Yolo County Board of
Supervisors

On behalf of Valley Clean Energy (VCE), a community choice aggregation (CCA) program serving Yolo County, I write to express our support for AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry), a narrow bill that would allow CCAs to access the BioMAT program - an existing state program that supports the development of renewable bioenergy electricity projects.

Don Saylor
Yolo County Board of
Supervisors

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.

Tom Stallard
Woodland City Council

Mayra Vega
Woodland City Council

The BioMAT program was created by SB 1122 (2012, Rubio) to support procurement from small-scale bioenergy projects, including wastewater treatment, agricultural bioenergy, and generation from byproducts of sustainable forest management. The program was only made available to investor-owned utilities because at the time, there was only one CCA serving customers. In the decade since, 23 new CCAs have launched and now serve more than 11 million customers across California.

Yolo County enjoys a vibrant agricultural economy and heritage that produces a number of commodities for California and beyond. Accordingly, Yolo County has an abundance of organic waste from agriculture that contribute to short-lived climate pollutants and could be repurposed or diverted to better uses. Allowing VCE access to the BioMAT program can help VCE potentially take advantage of this organic waste stream to create local bioenergy projects that provide renewable baseload power.

For these reasons, VCE is pleased to support AB 843 and we thank Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry for her leadership in bringing this measure forward. We respectfully request your "Aye" vote.

Sincerely,

Dan Carson
Board of Directors Chair
Valley Clean Energy

cc: The Honorable Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry