



Board of Directors

April 14, 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: SB 99 (Dodd) – 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 SB 99 (Dodd), a bill that seeks to help local governments develop clean energy resilience plans.

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

California homeowners, businesses and utilities have been rapidly investing in new fossil-fuel generators, primarily diesel generators, to prepare for planned and unplanned power outages. Relying on fossil-fuel generators to power homes and businesses for any reason runs counter to California's clean energy and climate goals. However, distributed energy resources (DERs), generation and storage resources, can provide the type of energy resilience that diesel generators provide without the associated emissions. To realize the potential clean energy resilience of DERs, a coordinated plan between utilities and local governments is needed to expedite development of DERs and locate them in a way to maximize their benefits.

This bill requires the CEC to develop and implement a technical assistance and grant program to support development of clean community energy resilience plans led by local governments, including CCAs. VCE is well positioned to work with our member jurisdictions and incumbent-owned utility, PG&E, to develop an energy resilience plan for Yolo County and its cities, but we need financial and technical support from the California Energy Commission as well as the cooperation of PG&E and SB 99 will deliver on those needs.

For these reasons, we support SB 99 and thank Senator Dodd for his leadership. We respectfully request your "Aye" vote when the bill is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

Mitch Sears
Interim General Manager
Valley Clean Energy

cc: The Honorable Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
The Honorable Bill Dodd