



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