



NO on Proposition 7

Measure Opposed by Key Environmental and Renewable Energy Providers in the State

An unprecedented coalition of solar, wind and renewable energy companies and environmental organizations all oppose Proposition 7 and warn the measure is so poorly drafted it will slam the brakes on renewable energy development in California. Prop. 7:

- **Forces small wind and solar companies out of the market.** Prop. 7 contains a “competition elimination” provision that forces smaller renewable energy companies out of California’s market. It excludes power from renewable plants smaller than 30 megawatts from counting toward the new requirements. Today, nearly 60% of contracts under California’s renewable requirements are with these small providers. The California Solar Energy Industries Association warns: *“Proposition 7 would devastate California’s small solar businesses by forcing us out of the market – eliminating a major source of clean power and thousands of jobs.”*
- **Does nothing to address current barriers to renewable energy and instead creates new roadblocks that will stall renewable energy development.** Prop. 7 locks into law many flaws that are currently stifling renewable power development in California and creates new roadblocks to renewable development. For example, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) have identified transmission line development to be one of the greatest barriers to more renewable energy and this initiative does nothing to address this challenge. Instead, Prop. 7 would make matters worse by shifting a number of key responsibilities from the CPUC to the CEC, including transmission line approval, adding to more bureaucracy and delays.
- **Significantly reduces public input and comment on power plant and transmission line approvals.** Prop. 7 authorizes the state to cut down the time to 100 days in which local, regional and state agencies can file comments on certain proposed power plant projects. This would severely limit public participation and feedback from the scientific community, the public and local governments. And by giving the CEC exclusive jurisdiction over the siting of certain plants, it’s unclear whether they will have to consider local comments at all. Also, Prop. 7 strips local governments of certain land-use authority relating to power plant siting and approval and hands it to the California Energy Commission (CEC).

California Needs To Maintain Leadership in Renewable Energy, Not Start Taking Steps Backward Under Prop. 7.

California is one of the top in the nation with tough, clean energy standards that require utilities to use significantly more renewable power. Prop. 7 will jeopardize our leadership position, hinder progress and disrupt renewable power development. What’s worse, if passed by voters, no changes can be made to this law without another vote of the people or 2/3 of the legislature. In order to move to more clean sources of energy in the state we need to implement sound policy that encourages more renewable development, not less as Prop. 7 clearly will.