



## California Wind Energy Association

September 12, 2009

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Please Sign RPS Legislation - SB 14 / AB 64**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Wind Energy Association strongly supports SB 14 and AB 64 which, together, would expand California's Renewables Portfolio Standard Program to 33% by 2020. CalWEA has expended substantial efforts over the past two years working with the legislature and stakeholders to craft these bills. We believe it is an excellent product, reflecting reasonable compromises on all sides. We urge you to sign the bill, and secure your legacy as California's Green Governor.

CalWEA's 20 member companies, mostly project development companies, are actively pursuing projects in 10 California Counties and outside California for delivery to California. CalWEA member companies run the gamut from small companies that pioneered wind development in California to national and multinational renewable energy development companies. CalWEA members collectively developed or own over 40% of California's operating wind energy projects, have won RPS contracts totaling almost 3,000 MW, and have additional projects under development for California totaling many thousands of megawatts.

**It is crucial to California's renewable energy future that these bills become law this year for several reasons.** Among them:

- State agencies need clear guidance on whether and how to expand the RPS. Without that guidance, chaos will reign for an indefinite period of time given current state law that bars the CPUC from raising the RPS above 20% and that does not provide clear authority to the Air Resources Board to adopt and implement an expanded RPS;
- Without the state's clear commitment to a 33% RPS goal, transmission planners will have no clear guidance to plan and upgrade the grid as necessary to achieve that goal, further dragging out an already very lengthy process;
- For the above reasons, investors will have no clear signals about the size of the renewable energy market and when the infrastructure will be in place to supply that market.

- Without a clear path to achieve the 33% renewable energy goal -- as the Air Resources Board has said is necessary to achieve the state's AB 32 goals, achievement of the state's greenhouse gas goals will be very difficult, if not impossible.

California's member companies are committed to developing projects in California -- creating jobs, taxes and environmental benefits for Californians, as well as out-of-state projects as permitted by the bills. But we need a clear commitment from the state that a market will exist to support those projects in order to continue investing millions of dollars in the development process for each project.

We strongly encourage you to sign the 33% RPS legislation into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Rader". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Rader  
Executive Director

