



JOINT STATEMENT in Support of Governor Newsom's April 12, 2019 Strike Team Report

Renewable generators and our trade organizations wish to express our support for the critical and time sensitive findings in Governor Newsom's Strike Team Report issued today. We pledge to continue to work alongside the administration, the legislature and public agencies to forge solutions to the unprecedented and comprehensive risks associated with growing climate emergencies.

As the report outlines, the State can and must do more, and urgently. The administration and legislative leaders will craft solutions that:

- Address damages experienced by victims of climate disasters through alternative mechanisms that are fair, equitable and timely;
- Further strengthen and modernize fire prevention, soil health and vegetation and forest management practices to prevent future catastrophic fires;
- Improve and enhance the design, construction, operation and maintenance of public infrastructure to maximize resiliency to extreme climate events and other natural disasters;
- Improve and enhance the emergency response system, including emergency alert systems, telecommunications, 911 systems, and community needs, particularly in vulnerable communities; and
- Continue California's leadership to decarbonize the economy and accelerate action to address all the emissions that are the root cause of this climate emergency.

The report also acknowledges that we must also manage the economic fallout of the climate crisis, including the impact on energy utilities and providers. The PG&E bankruptcy underscores the intensity of the problem and the need for immediate action. The problems and solutions identified can help to ensure that the bankruptcy does not negatively impact our

local and state economies nor interrupt our commitment to mitigating the existential threat of climate change.

We endorse changes and improvements at the CPUC to better allow it to exercise its authority with regard to safety and financial stability. We also encourage the CPUC, in conjunction with any bankruptcy-related proceedings, to ensure that energy supply contracts are upheld to maintain California's electric system reliability and ensure continued progress toward the state's renewable energy and zero-carbon statutory requirements. Commission-approved contracts in support of these critical goals remain in the public interest and stability in this process is needed for California to continue to attract private investment in energy infrastructure.

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