



California Wind Energy Association

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2625 (Ting): Subdivision Map Act – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Aguiar-Curry:

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) wishes to express support for AB 2625, which would grant an exemption to the Subdivision Map Act for energy storage. This bill will help California meet its clean energy goals by better allowing smart energy storage development, such as by locating storage projects at existing wind project sites.

CalWEA is a 22-year-old trade association. Our wind energy industry members are focused on developing wind energy resources within and directly interconnected to California and off the coast of California, as well as capturing the related economic and workforce development benefits for California.

AB 2625 provides a Subdivision Map Act exemption for stand-alone energy storage, which will align energy storage development with existing rules for solar, wind, and biogas while reducing costs and increasing the speed of energy storage development. AB 2625 leaves local oversight and other permitting processes in place and so causes no harm since AB 2625 only authorizes a Subdivision Map Act exemption when the project is subject to review by a local or state agency.

Currently, energy storage systems that seek to use a portion of a parcel for storage development must formally subdivide that parcel and receive a city or county-approved “final map.” This process is slower, differs from that of other clean resources, and can burden local authorities with potentially duplicative oversight duties that may neither be needed nor wanted.

Developing energy storage quickly is key to meeting state clean energy goals and to promoting safe and reliable grid operations. California will require massive deployments of energy storage, in excess of 11,500 MW of energy storage by 2026 and 40,000 MW by 2045, according to the California Public Utilities Commission.

For all of the above reasons, we strongly support AB 2625 and respectfully request your support.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Members of the Assembly Committee on Local Government
