



## California Wind Energy Association

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January 8, 2020

The Honorable Ben Hueso  
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications  
State Capitol Room 4305  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 386 (Caballero) – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Hueso:

On behalf of the California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA), a 19-year-old trade association representing wind energy and related companies focused on the California market, primarily including owners and operators of wind energy projects located in California, I write in opposition to Senate Bill 386.

SB 386 would erode the effectiveness of the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program by limiting the obligations for Turlock and Modesto Districts to the electricity demands that are unsatisfied by the Don Pedro Hydroelectric (DPH) Project. This exception for the DPH project, itself unwarranted, would establish a precedent that could be sought by other load serving entities owning large hydroelectric resources.

We also note that large hydropower is eligible to count towards the 100% zero-energy goal established under SB 100. For these reasons, we must oppose SB 386.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Members and Staff, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
Senator Anna Caballero