

WORKFORCE & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STANDARDS FOR ENERGY PROCUREMENT

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ISSUE BRIEF

- Community Choice Agencies (CCAs) are and will be responsible for most of CA's current and future clean energy projects. California needs to build 175 gigawatts of clean energy to meet our SB 100 goal by 2050. If we are going to do these projects, we should do them right.
- PG&E and the other Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) have an impeccable track record of strong workforce standards for nearly all utility-owned and contracted energy projects.
- On the other hand, California's CCAs generally lack consistent policies and practices with respect to project Workforce and Environmental Justice (EJ) standards.
- More importantly, CCAs have an opportunity and obligation to ensure that workers and communities, particularly Environmental Justice workers and communities, are protected and supported throughout this energy transition.
- We must ensure the Green Economy doesn't perpetuate poverty, but uplifts communities. Our alliance is committed to fostering a Just Economy within the Green Economy.

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BOTTOM-UP SOLUTIONS

Our vision of community-driven energy: bottom-up solutions to the climate crisis.

CLEAR SIGNALING

To make these projects successful the CCA sends a clear signal to the market about what great projects look like and have developers respond with projects that uplift workers, minimize environmental impacts and have meaningful engagement with communities.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

We have an obligation to the workers and communities that are hosting our clean energy projects.



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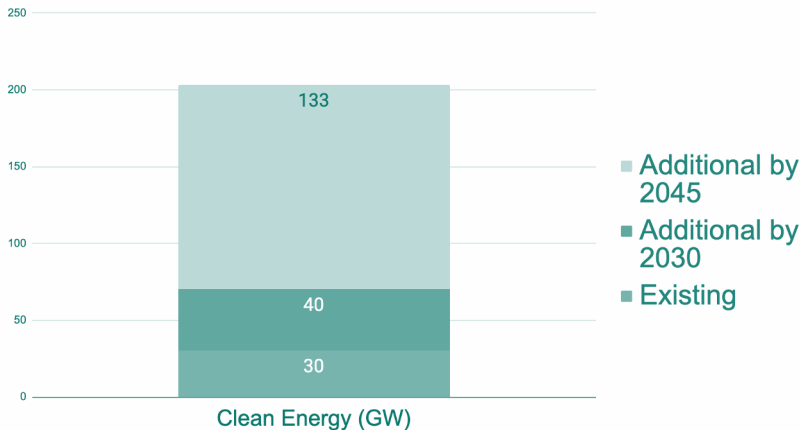
POLITICAL

- Leaving workers and communities behind results in political opposition to clean energy projects and climate leadership.
- CCAs have an opportunity to build a strong political coalition, slow/stop the continuous attacks, and help restore California to its position as a global Climate Leader.

HISTORY OF RELENTLESS ATTACKS ON CCAS

- **2010:** Prop 16 - $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote to form CCA
- **2011:** AB976 - Restrictions on CCA
- **2014:** AB2145 - Opt-out to Opt-in
- **2015:** SB286 - Reopen Direct Access
- **2018:** CPUC PCIA Alternate Decision
- **2020:** Equitable Energy Choice Astroturf
- **2022:** SB1287 CCA Bonding Requirements

Clean Energy Needed for CA to Achieve 2045 Target



To Achieve Clean Energy

Development Needs To Rapidly Accelerate



Solar & Wind

3X

Solar and wind build rates need to nearly triple*



Battery

8X

Battery storage build rates need to increase by nearly eightfold**

*Based on 10-year average | **Based on 2020

PRACTICAL

- Energy procurement is a CCA's primary responsibility.
- CCAs will likely be responsible for most of the future energy procurement in CA.
- We need:
 - lots more clean energy;
 - a scalable skilled workforce to build it;
 - partnerships with the communities that host these projects.

Source: 2021 SB100 Joint Agency Report.

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2021-23 VICTORIES

- CleanPowerSF (San Francisco PUC)
- Peninsula Clean Energy (Phase I)
- Central Coast Community Energy
- Ava Community Energy



2024 CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

- Sonoma Clean Power
- Peninsula Clean Energy (Phase II)
- San Jose Clean Energy
- Silicon Valley Clean Energy

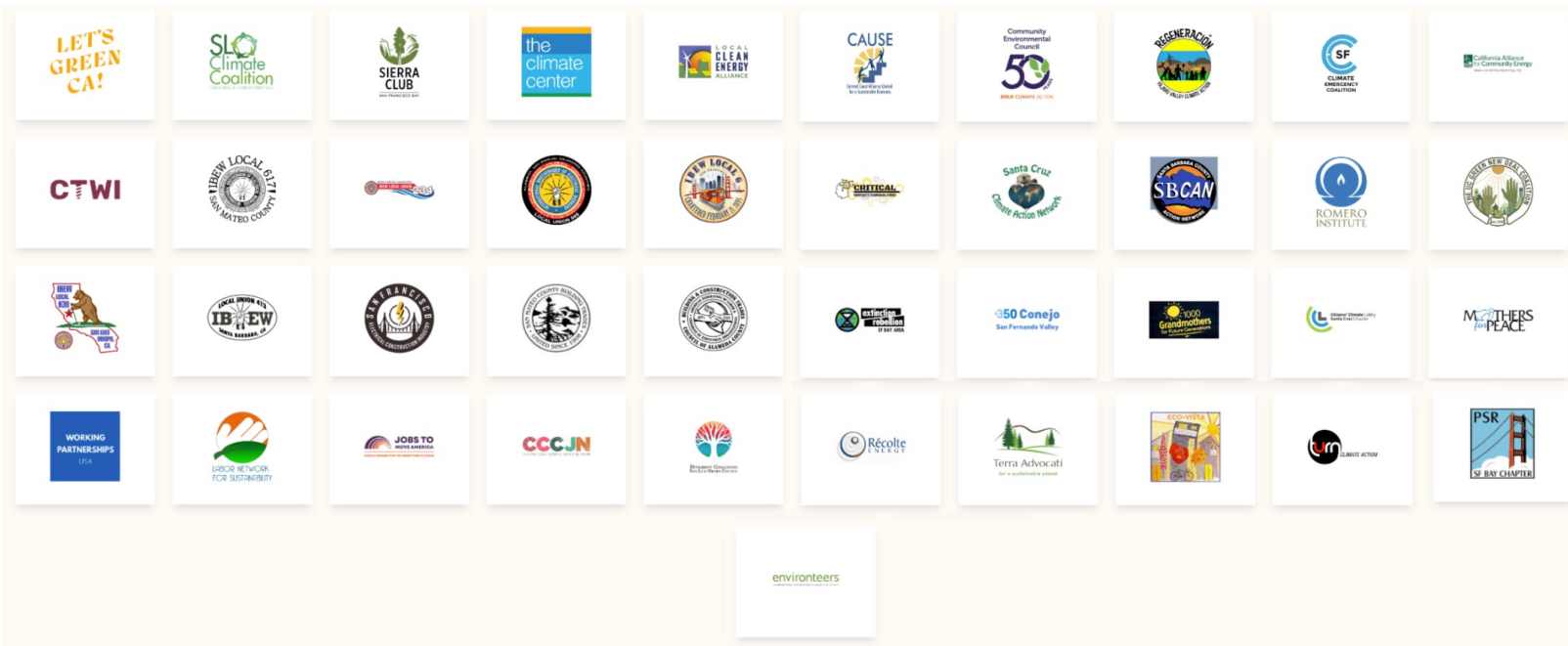


2025 FUTURE CAMPAIGNS

- Valley Clean Energy
- Redwood Coast Energy Authority



MORE THAN 40 ALLIANCE SUPPORTERS & GROWING



QUESTIONS?

Thank you

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