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AB 1813

**CALIFORNIANS FOR
LOCAL
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SOLAR & STORAGE
(CLASS)**



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Californians for Local Affordable Solar & Storage (CLASS) is a coalition of community solar developers working to expand access to local, affordable, clean energy, lower electricity bills for families and small businesses, and create new revenue opportunities for farmers and landowners across California.



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Background

- Community solar flourishing in over 20 states!
- California continues to fall further behind
- AB 2316 (Ward) passed and signed in 2022 with broad stakeholder support
- CA Public Utilities Commission continues to treat these front-of-the-meter DERs like wholesale, utility-scale projects
- Thus, no projects. No jobs. No bill savings. No grid benefits
- CLASS is sponsoring AB 1813 (Ward) with unprecedented support!



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Supporting Evidence

- Aurora Energy Research study demonstrating value of robust CS+S program
- Deploy Action polling shows disdain for IOUs and CPUC
- Community Solar polling slide identifies 80% of Californians support CS, with wide bipartisan support





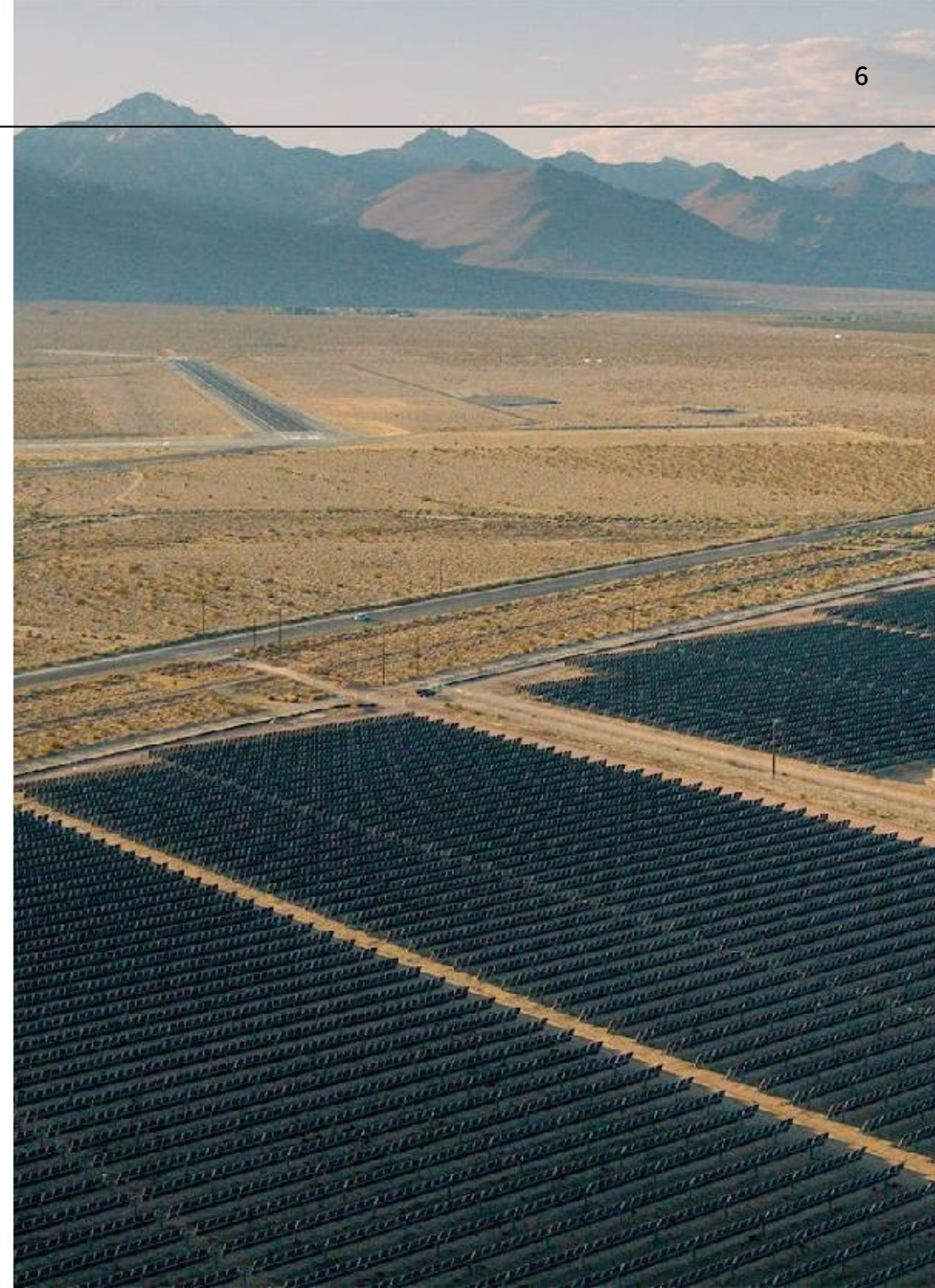
- Assembly Speaker made AB 2316 (Ward, 2022) the only clean energy part of his unprecedented Outcomes Review process
- Outcome Review hearing in Assembly E&U Committee in February
- Solar Champions are making their voices heard
- Growing Coalition now includes CCAs (San Diego Community Power and Peninsula Clean Energy) and municipal support! (Contra Costa County)
- Ratepayer advocates, EJ groups, building industry, labor, trade associations, clean energy orgs and many more on board!

- CPUC continues to fail



Legislation – AB 1813

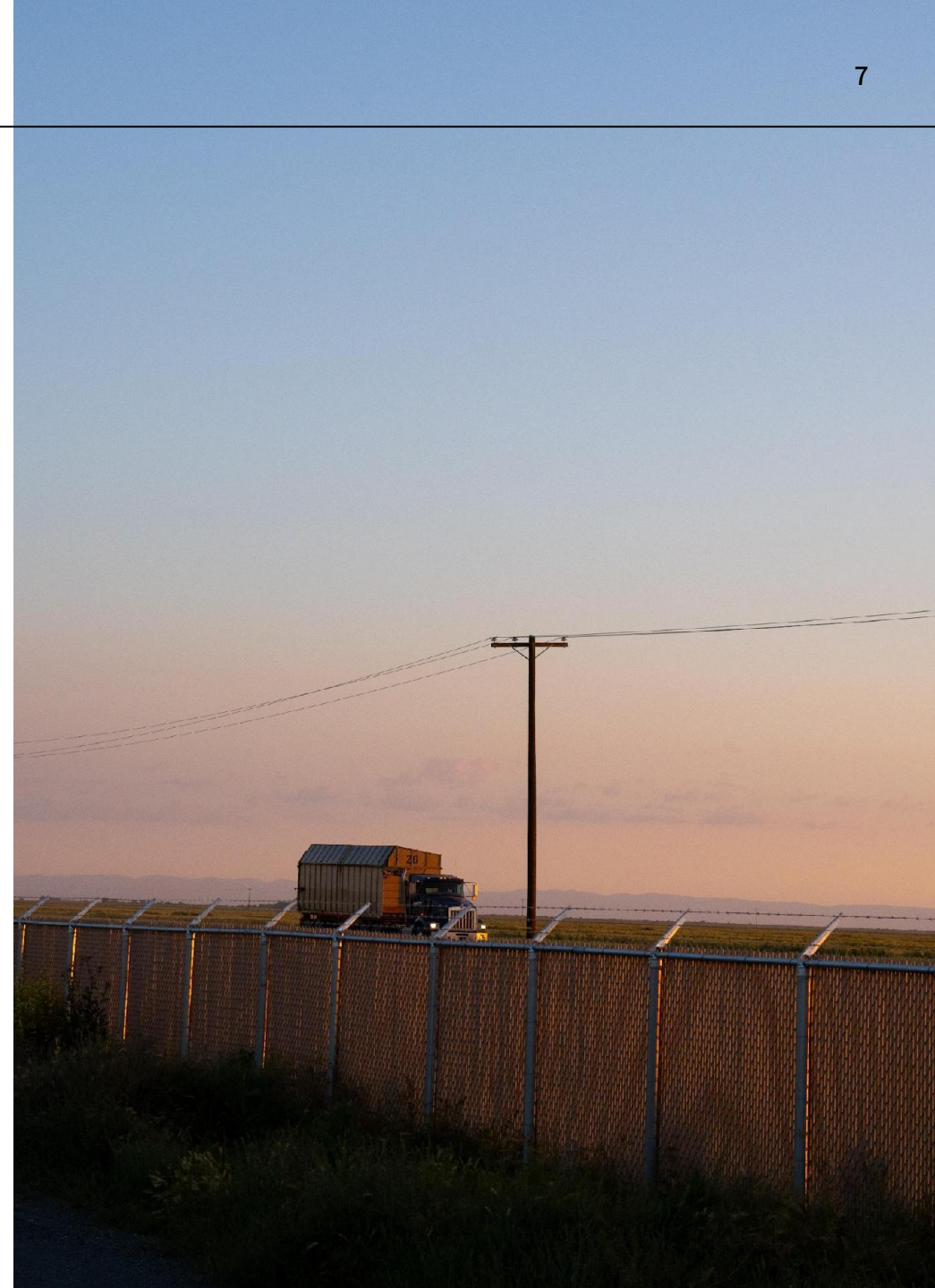
- Requires the CPUC to modify the CREP or adopt a new program which meets the bill’s requirements and to adopt a final decision on, or before, September 1, 2027
- Requires compliance with Title 24 building standards
- Ensures at least 51% of subscribers are low-income customers or low-income service organizations
- Provides bill credits to subscribers based on the avoided costs of the community renewable energy facility, as determined by the CPUC’s standard methods for DERs
- Projects and subscribers within the same Local Reliability Area
- Passed Assembly Floor on bipartisan vote! (May)
- Passed Senate EU&C Committee this week!





Guardrails

- 5 MW project cap
- 4 GW or 7 year program cap
- Program evaluation after 2 years
- Quarterly reporting by developers
- Requires the avoided costs be determinant upon load modification designation by the CA Energy Commission





Articles

- [Solar Energy for Renters Has Taken Off. Not in California](#) (LA Times)
- [California Commission to Make Final Decision on Community Solar Rules](#) (Utility Dive)
- [The Fight Over California's Community Solar Plan is Heating Up](#) (Canary Media)
- [Community Scale Solar Offers \\$6.5 Billion in Savings, Bypassing California Gridlocks](#) (PV Magazine)
- [Californians for Local Affordable Solar and Storage Launches New Association](#) (Solar Power World)

Op-Eds

- [As Californians struggle with energy bills, PUC should implement community solar program](#) (Sen. Caballero op-ed)
- [Community Solar Plus Storage Can Help With State's Energy Crisis](#) (Asm. Ward op-ed)
- [California Needs a Workable Community Solar Option](#) (Small Business op-ed)
- [We Must Revive Community Solar in California](#) (Farmer op-ed in Sac Bee)
- [Community Solar Will Lower Energy Bills for Renters](#) (Local resident op-ed in GV Wire)
- [Solar Can Help Small Farms Like Mine](#) (Dairy farmer op-ed in Porterville Recorder)
- [California is Falling Behind On Community Solar](#) (Comm Solar Developer op-ed)



CLASS is running a \$650K surround-sound paid media campaign hyper-targeted at the Governor, key legislators, agency heads, their staff, and the people who can influence them.

Ads are up on streaming TV — which has surpassed cable viewership — as well as on social media, podcasts, across digital platforms, in the *Sacramento Bee*, and in insider newsletters including *POLITICO California*, *Capitol Morning Report*, and *LA Times - Boiling Point*.

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THANK YOU!

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