



SIERRA CLUB
CALIFORNIA

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Top-Priority Environmental Legislation on Your Desk

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Sierra Club California asks you to take the following actions on these important bills affecting our state's environment:

We request your signature on the following bills:

AB 64 (Krekorian, Bass & Fuentes) & SB 14 (Simitian, Kehoe, Padilla & Steinberg): Energy: renewable energy resources: generation and transmission: would bring economic certainty to the renewable energy industry, help to create green-collar jobs, and reduce our reliance on natural gas by enforcing the essential 33% RPS to meet our greenhouse gas reductions under AB 32.

AB 1404 (De Leon, Carter & V. Manuel Perez) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: offsets: would improve environmental justice and air quality in California communities by setting some sensible limits on emissions offsets in the implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act.

AB 1242 (Ruskin) State water policy: would make it a policy of the state of California that everyone should have access to safe, affordable water for basic human needs.

AB 975 (Fong) Water corporations: water meters: would require water corporations with more than 500 service connections to install water meters on unmetered connections by 2025 and require water billing to be based on meter readings and actual volume of water used.

SB 372: (Kehoe) State parks system: unit modification, adjustment, or removal: would prohibit the disposition of state park lands unless approved by the Legislature and only if appropriate substitute lands are provided.

SB 679 (Wolk) State parks: acquired land: limits on disposition or use: would reinforce the statewide significance of our state park system and enact protections that safeguard the multi-billion dollar investment in our state parks. The bill would require that lands



used as state parks cannot be used for non-park purposes without an act of the Legislature and the provision of substitute lands of equal environmental and fair market value.

AB 920 (Huffman) Solar and wind distributed generation: would require utilities to compensate owners of solar, or other small renewable energy systems (like wind), for any surplus electricity generated on a yearly basis. Currently, if a solar system generates more electricity in a given year than a customer uses, the customer gives that electricity away to the utility.

AB 1173 (Huffman) Hazardous materials: florescent lamps: recycling: would reduce releases of toxic mercury to our air and water by continuing the phase-down of mercury in lighting and providing incentives to lamp manufacturers to establish and maintain recycling programs for residential fluorescent lamps.

SB 406 (DeSaulnier) Land Use: would authorize an additional fee of one or two dollars on vehicle registration through an existing fee mechanism to be used for regional transportation planning purposes to reduce greenhouse gasses (related to SB 375 (Steinberg), Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008.

We request that you veto the following bill:

AB 1066 (Mendoza) Forest practices: timber harvesting plans: would exacerbate a number of serious problems with forestry regulation by allowing for the extension of the effective time period for existing and some future THPs.. This bill would allow the cumulative impacts of logging and clearcutting to go unaddressed for longer periods of time. This measure should be returned to the Legislature with direction to extend only the life of existing THPs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Magavern". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Magavern
Director