



FLOOR ALERT – June 28, 2022

OPPOSE THE ENERGY TRAILER BILLS (AB 205/SB 122)

Clean and Reliable Energy Doesn't Mean Cutting Out Community or Environmental Protections

- We oppose AB 205/SB 122 legislation (Energy Trailer Bills) that provides unprecedented new authority and a blanket exemption for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to finance, construct and/or operate any type of energy project **without compliance with existing local, state, or federal laws.**
- This bill creates a new approval process at the California Energy Commission for these DWR projects **that completely overrides the jurisdiction of state agencies, including the California Coastal Commission, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the State Lands Commission, state and regional water boards, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, regional air boards, and Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as local agencies.**
- This sweeping legislation, which is **connected to \$700 million in taxpayer dollars in 2022 and more in later years**, was unveiled to the public on June 26, 2022, and **has never been subject to a policy committee hearing.** This DWR provision was crafted behind closed doors, without input from our organizations.
- This legislation would direct a water-focused agency (DWR) to pick winners and losers in the energy marketplace, **exposing the state to market manipulation.**
- Current law requires PG&E to mitigate for its operation of Diablo Canyon, yet **this legislation could bailout PG&E by allowing the corporation to access millions in public dollars** towards continuing operation while evading the laws that protect California's coast.
- Twenty years ago, when DWR was provided authority to purchase power, **this framework cost the state \$42 billion dollars.**

We urge you to support responsible energy policy and oppose AB 205/SB 122. These Energy Trailer Bills should be tabled and fixed to ensure that energy reliability does not undercut environmental and public health laws or exclude communities.