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American Clean Power Recognizes California State Sen. Robert M. Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) As Clean Power Champion at American Clean Power Week Event

SACRAMENTO — In celebration of [American Clean Power Week](#), a nationwide celebration showcasing the community and economic benefits of renewable energy across all 50 states, the American Clean Power Association will present **California State Senator Robert M. Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys)** with a Clean Power Champion Award, for his long career promoting clean energy development. American Clean Power Week runs from August 15-19 and will feature live and virtual events with public officials, industry leaders, and the public at renewable energy projects across the country. **Senator Hertzberg will receive his award at 1:45p, Monday, August 15 on the West steps of the State Capitol.**

Senator Hertzberg has served two terms in the California State Legislature, after first being elected to the California State Assembly in 1996 and serving as the 64th Speaker of the California State Assembly. When he termed out of the Assembly in 2002, Hertzberg became a global clean-energy entrepreneur, helping create one of the first solar manufacturing companies in Los Angeles and co-launching a company that produced inexpensive, lightweight solar panels for use around the world. In 2014, he returned to state government—and championing clean energy policy—when he was elected to represent nearly one million people in the San Fernando Valley in the California State Senate.

Senator Hertzberg introduced two state bills this year that are key parts of California’s broader strategy for combating climate change: SB 529, a bill to speed approval processes for extending and expanding current transmission systems, and SB 1174, legislation that would help connect new clean energy sources, including offshore wind farms, to the state power grid.

Hertzberg is one of several elected officials and leaders across the country who will receive Clean Power Champion Awards at American Clean Power Week events. The 2022 Champion Award winners have advocated for onshore wind, offshore wind, solar, energy storage, and transmission—helped support clean, homegrown, and reliable energy that power America’s economy.

“Senator Hertzberg has been a leader for decades on clean energy in California—both as an elected official and in the private sector. He brings a deep knowledge of the policy challenges clean power companies face as an industry and has authored important legislation that will help accelerate the deployment of the renewable energy Californians will rely on for decades to come. American Clean Power is proud to recognize him as a 2022 Clean Power Champion.” said **Alex Jackson, Director of American Clean Power-California.**

American Clean Power Week (ACPW) is a nationwide celebration of clean energy and the good-paying jobs the industry creates for Americans across all 50 states. Its purpose is to showcase the clean energy technologies—land-based wind, offshore wind, solar, energy storage, and transmission infrastructure – that are powering homes and businesses, creating good-paying jobs, investing in communities, reducing costs for consumers, and helping to meet our national 100% carbon-free power goal by 2035.

Details about American Clean Power Week events are available here:

cleanpower.org/american-clean-power-week

California Clean Energy Facts:

- 108,600 jobs supported in the clean energy workforce
- 25.5 GW of total operating capacity — enough to power 8.2 million homes with clean energy generated in California
- \$63 billion invested in wind, solar and energy storage projects
- \$186.2 million paid annually in state and local taxes
- 27.4 million metric tons of CO₂ avoided due to reliance on clean power sources – equivalent to taking almost 6 million cars off the road

About American Clean Power

American Clean Power is the voice of the clean power industry that is powering America's future, providing cost-effective solutions to the climate crisis while creating jobs, spurring massive investment in the U.S. economy and driving high-tech innovation across the nation. We are uniting the power of America's renewable energy industry to advance our shared goals and to transform the U.S. power grid to a low-cost, reliable and renewable power system. ACP-California is a state project of the national trade association.

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