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**Clean energy agreement reached by Governor and Legislative leaders —
key next step in propelling California’s first-ever offshore wind market**

Amendments to AB 1373 (E. Garcia) reflect a pragmatic approach to meeting California’s goals for diverse energy resources such as offshore wind, establishing a dedicated buyer for this promising new source of renewable energy that will provide the market certainty needed to stand up this new industry

SACRAMENTO — American Clean Power-California (ACP-CA) released the statement below on behalf of **ACP-CA Director Alex Jackson** after new amendments to [AB 1373 \(E. Garcia\)](#) were made public today, reflecting an agreement between the Legislature and Governor on the issue of central procurement and other provisions to support energy reliability and the clean energy transition. The Governor and legislative leaders [released a statement tonight](#) touting the deal as “a critical step in California’s work to combat the climate crisis and ensure our grid is powered by clean energy 24x7.”

AB 1373 is expected to be heard next week in the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee.

Statement from Alex Jackson, Director of ACP-CA, is below:

“We applaud the Legislature and Governor for coming together to chart a path forward on central procurement. The updated legislation shows state leaders recognize the urgent need to expand California’s toolkit to bring diverse energy resources online and jumpstart the West Coast’s first-ever offshore wind industry. We urge lawmakers to move this bill quickly to a vote and to the Governor’s desk.”

“California’s leaders have acted decisively in recent years to promote offshore wind, a 100% clean energy source with the potential to provide affordable, reliable power to 25 million homes. The state has set ambitious goals of producing up to 5 GW of offshore wind by 2030 and 25 GW by 2045. To get this new market on its feet, offshore wind developers need a dedicated buyer with the capacity to support long lead-time, large-scale energy resources over the years it will take to stand up this new industry. This ‘central procurement’ mechanism will provide the market clarity needed to start unlocking billions of dollars in investments—putting people to work in upgrading ports, building new transmission lines, and creating the supply chains that can make California a global leader in this new, infrastructure-based industry.”

“AB 1373 achieves these goals, authorizing the state Department of Water Resources to take on this new central procurement role, but only for a narrow set of resources that aren’t sufficiently under contract for California to achieve its clean energy goals. This is a pragmatic approach to a complex policy challenge, and we urge lawmakers to support it.”

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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