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Diablo vote must be a “wakeup call” to accelerate clean energy transition

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SACRAMENTO — American Clean Power-California (ACP-CA) released the statement below on behalf of **ACP-CA California Director Alex Jackson** in response to the Legislature’s approval of major pieces of Governor Newsom’s climate package and a bill providing state authorization and funding to delay the planned retirement of the Diablo Canyon nuclear facility for five years.

In addition to codifying and expanding some of the state’s climate goals, the Legislature approved a number of key investments in clean energy, including:

- Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan (\$1 billion over three years)
- Clean Energy Transmission Financing Account (\$200 million)
- Clean energy programs: Long duration storage (\$140 million), Green hydrogen (\$100 million), Offshore wind ports infrastructure (\$45 million)

Separately, both houses also approved two bills sponsored by ACP-CA—[SB 529](#) (Hertzberg) and [SB 1174](#) (Hertzberg)—that will streamline approval of transmission upgrades and reduce bottlenecks to bring new clean energy resources online.

The following statement can be attributed to ACP-CA’s **Alex Jackson**:

“The last-ditch scramble to extend the life of Diablo Canyon must serve as a wakeup call for California. To avoid prolonging expensive and inflexible facilities, and imposing those costs on ratepayers, the administration must accelerate the work of state agencies to site and permit new carbon-free resources.”

“Wind, solar, geothermal and storage can meet our reliability needs and decarbonize the grid, but the transition to a clean energy future requires long-term planning and a commitment to matching aspiration with strong leadership and action. While the package of bills now on their way to the Governor takes some important steps to continue our transition to clean energy sources, they fall well short of what it will take to avoid landing in the same predicament five years from now.”

“Standing up the next generation of clean power will require major investments in our ports, workforce, and transmission systems, as well as addressing the many on-the-ground barriers holding up projects from permitting to interconnection. It also means embracing resource diversity and longer-term planning to overcome the barriers we face today.”

"California's clean energy providers are prepared to make the investments needed to meet California's energy and climate goals on time and at the least cost. We look forward to the Governor's leadership and continued support from the Legislature to meet our clean energy goals well in advance of 2030."

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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