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California's 21 GW of Battery Storage Is Delivering Reliable Power and Jobs

(August 7, 2026) – During remarks today on California's clean energy economy, [Governor Gavin Newsom announced](#) that battery energy storage capacity in California has grown to 21 gigawatts (GW) of battery storage and highlighted the growing role batteries are playing in keeping electricity reliable, putting California's abundant solar power to use and creating jobs across the state.

In response, California Energy Storage Alliance Executive Director Scott Murtishaw issued the following statement:

"Today, Governor Newsom recognized battery energy storage as essential infrastructure for California. With 21 gigawatts now deployed, batteries are reducing our dependence on gas-fired power plants and are keeping the lights on by storing abundant, inexpensive energy during the day and delivering it when we need it most. Battery storage has allowed California to go four years without asking customers to reduce electricity consumption to prevent blackouts during heat waves.

"California continues to demonstrate the success of energy storage, and continuing to build battery infrastructure is critical to provide reliable, affordable and clean power around the clock as electricity demand grows."

In his remarks, Governor Newsom highlighted how energy storage projects are delivering tangible benefits to California communities, including 1,300 workers employed to build the Darden Clean Energy Project in Fresno County. Thousands of workers will be employed to build the clean energy facilities that reliably power California's homes and businesses.

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