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OPPOSE AB 2736 (E. GARCIA)

As amended May 5, 2020

The above-listed organizations must OPPOSE AB 2736 as amended May 5, 2020, which paired with AB 2255 (Eggman) seeks to greenlight NextEra's Eagle Crest project. AB 2736 will not protect the environment and will do nothing to protect California ratepayers.

- AB 2736 simply restates language within the Eagle Crest Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license in efforts to greenwash the related AB 2255 Eagle Crest procurement mandate bill (a bill which has **already been rejected** multiple times by the legislature: AB 2787 (2018) and most recently SB 772 (2019)).
- AB 2736 does not add protections for Joshua Tree, nor does it address environmental concerns or protect ratepayers from an unnecessary project and costs.
- AB 2736 responds to the pandemic and associated economic fallout by forcing the State to spend its limited resources in a costly process of *observing* FERC, *reviewing* Eagle Crest's plans to damage Joshua Tree and raid the wallets of ratepayers, and *filing* a legally futile "petition" if Eagle Crest doesn't comply with FERC.
- This bill redefines California's clean energy approach from 'we can protect our national parks, scarce groundwater and ratepayers in our clean energy future' to 'let's establish a maximum fine of \$1M in exchange for a \$3B ratepayer-funded, out-of-state corporate bailout that also harms Joshua Tree.'
- California already suffers from an affordability crisis – given current economic hardships facing Californians, we cannot **saddle Californians with additional costs** for a special interest project.

WE REMAIN UNITED IN OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION THAT BYPASSES ESTABLISHED STATE POLICIES TO BENEFIT SELECTED BULK STORAGE PROJECTS.

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