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## **2015 IEPR Update Outline**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

## CEC Draft 2015 IEPR Comments - *Prepared by Kirk Gothier 10/23/15*

As explained in the Preface to the California Energy Commission (CEC) Draft 2015 IEPR, Senate Bill 1389 requires that the CEC prepare a “policy report that assesses major energy trends and issues...” and “provides policy recommendations...” to “ensure reliable, secure, and diverse energy supplies...”

Unfortunately, the Draft 2015 IEPR reads more like an advertisement for renewables and natural gas, than a comprehensive report on all major energy trends and issues. Further, none of the 92 policy recommendations provide clear guidance for actually achieving compliance with the mandated targets in Assembly Bill 32 and the Governor’s Executive Order B-30-15.

Specifically, the Draft 2015 IEPR does not include a:

1. Manageable description of the existing California Energy System,
2. Clear description of major energy trends and projections, for all reliable, secure, and diverse energy sources,
3. Comparison of the benefits and risks of all modern energy production technologies, including nuclear power (i.e. <http://www2.epa.gov/risk/human-health-risk-assessment>), and
4. Complete set of integrated energy system policies, with an achievable path towards reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GGE) and delivering clean air and water, sustainable communities, and economic prosperity.

The following “docketed” comments include an outline for preparing an IEPR Update, with a clear path towards achievement of all mandated targets. The CEC should direct your staff to revise the Draft 2015 IEPR, as outlined:

[http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/15-IEPR-11/TN205398\\_20150719T170914\\_Kirk\\_Gothier\\_Comments\\_Kirk\\_Gothier\\_Comments\\_on\\_Climate\\_Adaptati.pdf](http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/15-IEPR-11/TN205398_20150719T170914_Kirk_Gothier_Comments_Kirk_Gothier_Comments_on_Climate_Adaptati.pdf)

California currently ranks as the 8th largest economy in the world: <http://www.lao.ca.gov/LAOEconTax/Article/Detail/90>. California also “would have ranked 20th in CO2 emissions worldwide” [http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/inventory/pubs/reports/ghg\\_inventory\\_00-12\\_report.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/inventory/pubs/reports/ghg_inventory_00-12_report.pdf).

We can do better!

Continued reliance on IEPR policies focused on endless research, public agency collaboration, energy market manipulation, and obsessive reliance on renewables and fossil fuels will not reduce carbon emissions, nor help build the sustainable communities

all our children deserve: <http://instituteeforenergyresearch.org/analysis/eia-forecast-fossil-fuels-remain-dominant-through-2040/> [http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/resources/fastfacts\\_e.htm](http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/resources/fastfacts_e.htm) <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2014/air-pollution/en/> .

California should build on President Obama's Proclamation for National Energy Action, and assert our typical leadership role in promoting all proven energy production technologies, based on a clear, science-based comparison of all risks and benefits: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/09/29/presidential-proclamation-national-energy-action-month-2015> .

Please do more than prepare just another IEPR Update. Prepare an IEPR Update with a clear path towards clean air and prosperity.

For the first time in history, social systems are the only barrier between people and prosperity. The California Energy Commission is in the unique position to literally make history with this Update.

Choose to make history!