

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: September 16, 2008



DATE: September 4, 2008

TO: Gary Keefe, City Administrator

FROM: Ronald V. Stassi, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: California Proposition 7 – November 2008

Recommendation: That the Lompoc City Council adopt Resolution No. 5496(08), opposing Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008.

Discussion: Two ballot propositions relating to renewable energy will be voted on in California's November election. Proposition 7 "the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008" would establish renewable energy targets for electricity providers that include a requirement that California utilities procure half of their power from renewable resources by 2025. Most, if not all California utilities including the three large investor-owned utilities in the state oppose Proposition 7 on the grounds that it is too costly and may call for unobtainable results. NCPA's Legislative and Regulatory Committee has recommended that its member agencies take a position to oppose Proposition 7. Staff concurs and recommends that the Lompoc City Council adopt a resolution opposing Proposition 7.

NCPA has not recommended that its members either support or oppose Proposition 10, also known as the California Alternative Fuels Initiative.

Attached are two website publications that provide additional information on both Proposition 7 and Proposition 10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald V. Stassi, Utilities Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL:

Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

[Attachments](#)