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**$415 million of new incentive funding for customer-sited**

**Energy Storage and distributed generation projects in California**

**Governor Signs Extension to State’s Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)**

**Berkeley, California – June 20, 2014 –** The California Energy Storage Alliance is pleased to highlight the signing into law of a five-year extension to California’s successful Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP), which provides rebates for qualified residential and commercial-sited distributed generation and energy storage systems. Governor Jerry Brown today signed the state’s budget bill for 2014-15, SB 861, which includes the SGIP extension.

Funding for the SGIP, which has been amended over the years to include storage, was set to expire at the end of 2014. The new law will maintain funding at the current annual level of $83 million through 2019 (for a total of $415 million) and program operation through 2021. During 2013, there were more SGIP applications for energy storage projects than any other technology.

“The signing of the SGIP extension underscores California’s continuing recognition of and support for the environmental and grid-enhancing benefits of energy storage,” said Janice Lin, Executive Director of the California Energy Storage Alliance, and Chair of Energy Storage North America. “This significant funding will maintain program momentum and add 200 MW of energy storage resources to California’s electricity grid by 2020. CESA has been an active stakeholder in the legislative process and we look forward to implementing this program at the California Public Utilities Commission.”

Since its inception in 2001, the SGIP has driven deployment of clean distributed energy resources such as wind turbines, fuel cells and advanced energy storage systems and facilitated their integration into California’s electrical grid. These resources have improved the efficiency and reliability of the transmission and distribution system and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, peak electricity demand, and ratepayer costs. The SGIP has also brought substantial new investment, technology innovation, and green jobs to California.

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The California Energy Storage Alliance (CESA) is a membership-based advocacy group committed to advancing the role of energy storage in the electric power sector through policy, education, outreach, and research. CESA’s mission is to make energy storage a mainstream energy resource, which accelerates the adoption of renewable energy technology and promotes a more efficient, reliable, affordable, and secure electric power system. For more information, please visit [www.storagealliance.org](http://www.storagealliance.org)

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