



**Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Samantha Ferrer PHONE: 559.636.5000		

SUBJECT: Approve a letter of support for SB 1532 (Hueso)

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Approve a letter of support for SB 1532 (Hueso) regarding biomethane procurement by gas corporations.

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1532, introduced by Senator Ben Hueso, would require California gas companies, by January 1, 2030, to provide at least 20 percent of gas for residential and small-to medium-sized businesses from renewable sources. Southern California Gas Company has requested that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors support SB 1532. In addition to support from SoCalGas, SDG&E and PG&E also are supportive of this bill.

On May 7, 2019, Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution in support of balanced energy solutions that allowed the County to maintain local control. Key components of this resolution included the understanding of the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change, but with the flexibility to do so in a manner that best serves the needs of our residents and businesses. Additionally, the resolution supported diversification of energy delivery systems and resources to contribute to greater reliability and community resilience.

SB 1352 would help support the goals outlined in the balanced energy solutions resolution because it would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to establish a biomethane procurement program for California gas corporations. In 2015, methane contributed to about 9

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percent of the state's GHG emissions and a majority of these emissions are derived from renewable resources such as solid waste, livestock manure, and wastewater. This procurement procedure outlined in SB 1532 would allow for gas corporations to utilize renewable resources to help de-carbonize households and commercial buildings which have show to be difficult areas to reduce emissions from.

Lastly, Tulare County's balanced energy resolution highlighted the need for clean, affordable and reliable energy to help attract and retain local businesses, create jobs, and spur economic development. The construction and ongoing operation and maintenance of biomethane facilities will require skilled labor on-site at dairies, wastewater treatment plants, and diverted organic waste facilities. Many of these facilities fall within communities identified as disadvantaged by the state, including those in Tulare County. Our County, and the San Joaquin Valley Region, will benefit from the increased economic activity associated with biomethane.

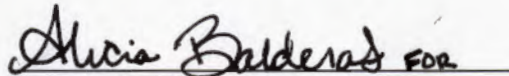
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Approve resolution in support of SB 1532 (Hueso) is linked to the Quality of Life initiative – Promote public health and welfare, educational opportunities, natural resource management and continued improvement of environmental quality.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Samantha Ferrer
Board Representative

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Letter of Support

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE
A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SB
1532 (HUESO)

)
) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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by gas corporations.



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The Honorable Ben Hueso
Chair, Senate Utilities and Energy Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1352 (Hueso) Gas corporations: biomethane procurement SUPPORT

Dear Chair Hueso:

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors is in support of SB 1352 (Hueso) which would require California natural gas utilities to procure at least 20 percent of gas for residential and small-to medium-sized businesses from renewable resources.

In 2016, Senate Bill 1383 established a statewide goal of reducing methane emissions by 40% below 2013 levels by 2030. As roughly 80% of the methane emissions in California come from agricultural or solid waste sources, SB 1352 presents an enormous emissions reduction opportunity. In Tulare County, we understand the importance of responsibly reducing methane emissions due to the dairy production and processing being one of our largest industries and economic driver in the County. Many of our local dairies are already a part of the USDA Dairy Digester Research and Development Plan. Dairy digesters are a renewable technology that utilizes livestock manure to produce methane, which is then used as a renewable source of electrical energy generation and transportation fuel.

Utility procurement of biomethane has the potential to create in-state jobs and increase in-state economic activity, especially for rural and agricultural regions such as Tulare County. The construction and ongoing operation and maintenance of biomethane facilities will require skilled labor on-site at dairies, wastewater treatment plants, and diverted organic waste facilities. Many of these facilities fall within communities identified as disadvantaged by the state, including those in Tulare County. Our County and the San Joaquin Valley Region will greatly benefit from the increased economic activity associated with biomethane technology.

For these reasons, we fully support SB 1352 and respectfully request your "Aye" vote.

Sincerely,

Pete Vander Poel, Chair
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Amy Shuklian, Vice Chair
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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