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## **QUICK VETO OF RENEWABLE ENERGY BILLS SUSPICIOUS**

### **SCHWARZENEGGER URGED TO DISCLOSE MEETINGS WITH BIG UTILITIES LOBBYISTS**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – Since 2003, Governor Schwarzenegger's various campaign and office-holder committees have received at least \$772,500 in combined contributions from PG&E, Southern California Edison, and Sempra Energy.

This week's announced veto of SB 14 (D-Simitian) and AB 64 (D-Krekorian) by Governor Schwarzenegger, raises significant questions about the substantial influence of big utility lobbyists with the Schwarzenegger Administration.

"A complete chronology of recent meetings between the big utilities' lobbyists and the Governor's office should be disclosed," stated Jim Gonzalez, Chair and Principal of REAP.

"On the heels of the Duvall scandal, involving a Sempra lobbyist, regarding these bills – why the quick veto announcement? Furthermore, did any meetings with renewable energy advocates take place before the veto announcement? Did environmental organizations have the same access to the Governor as the Big Utilities and their allies? These are legitimate questions that ratepayers and the public deserve to have answered," added Gonzalez.

Also suspicious, is the recent press conference for Executive Order S-21-09, which in effect overturns the 2010 hard target date for 20% renewable requirements for the Big Utilities, and vaguely establishes a 33% renewable requirement for 2020.

"The Big Utilities (PG&E, SCE, and Sempra) curiously dropped their vehement opposition to SB 14 and AB 64 at the last minute, perhaps knowing that these bills would certainly be vetoed by a pro-big utility Governor," concluded Gonzalez.