



IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 20-2016

OPPOSITION TO THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR BECOMING A WESTERN REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) was established under California law to manage the transmission grid and related energy markets in a nondiscriminatory manner consistent with the interests of the people of the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the plan to make CAISO a regional transmission organization (RTO) was part of the catastrophic failure of the California investor owned utilities scheme to set electric prices by a competitive market; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature reformed CAISO following the failure of the competitive market plan by placing the authority to appoint its board with the governor, who is accountable to the people of California; and

WHEREAS, CAISO proposes to eliminate the reform that placed the authority to appoint the CAISO board with the governor of California; and

WHEREAS, geothermal and other renewable energy sources are available in plentiful supply in parts of Imperial and Riverside counties served by the Imperial Irrigation District and other parts of California, but are not afforded access to the CAISO grid; and

WHEREAS, despite the directive of the California Legislature, CAISO has not provided the modeling and assumptions used to produce reports supporting its proposal to make CAISO a Western RTO; and






WHEREAS, CAISO has not adequately explained how transmission access charges will be shared, nor how renewables exported from and imported to California under the Western RTO CAISO proposes; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to transform CAISO to a Western RTO is not in the best interests of the people of California, will disrupt California's 50-percent renewable portfolio standard, has the potential to exacerbate the effects of climate change and will increase the threat of the use of market power to set electricity prices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Irrigation District expresses its settled opposition to the plan to convert CAISO into a Western RTO as CAISO proposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2016.

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

 _____ President	 _____ Vice President
 _____ Director, Division 2	 _____ Director, Division 3
 _____ Director, Division 4	

ATTEST 
Secretary

