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SB 350 Study: BENEFITS TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

The SB 350 studies demonstrated that a regional energy market will yield job opportunities, a rise in annual income, and reduced air pollution for the state's disadvantaged communities.

- The most economically disadvantaged communities are in the Inland Valley, Greater Los Angeles and Central Valley regions.
- In those areas, a regional grid would create between 1,300 to 4,600 new jobs and boost annual net income by \$170 to \$340 per household.
- The regional energy market would also alleviate environmental effects of new power plant development and reduce pollution from gas-fired generators in the San Joaquin Valley, South Coast and Salton Sea air basins.
- Expanding the grid would give improved visibility of electric system conditions, a key factor to increasing reliability of the grid.

California Senate Bill 350, passed in 2015, directed the ISO to study the impacts of a regional western US grid. The study, conducted by leading experts, found that a western states energy market will yield significant environmental and economic benefits to California and the West, including cost savings to ratepayers, reduced air pollution, new jobs, market efficiencies and improved transmission planning.

Pollution reduction in disadvantaged communities.







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