

# **Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's Self-Generated Renewable Energy Bill Signed by Governor**

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SACRAMENTO –This week, Governor Brown signed Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's (R-Hesperia) bill, Assembly Bill 1773, which expands the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer (RES-BCT) program to allow local government agencies to participate.

Sponsored by the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, a joint powers authority (JPA) based in Victorville, AB 1773 will allow JPAs that operate within a single county to participate in the program. A JPA is formed when local governments choose to exercise powers common to all of them to help facilitate operations between entities that perform similar functions.

The RES-BCT program, established by the legislature in 2008, allows local governments to credit energy generated from renewable sources at one of their facilities and exported onto the grid against energy consumed at another of their facilities.

AB 1773 is a modest expansion to a successful program that will give more flexibility to local governments that wish to invest in renewable energy. "AB 1773 will allow the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority to have access to the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer Program, which will save our ratepayers a minimum of \$400,000 a year," stated Logan Olds, General Manager of the VVWRA.

"The Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority has been a leader in the wastewater field and is dedicated to the generation of renewable energy," said Assemblyman Obernolte. "AB 1773 will allow them, and other organizations like them across the state, to save money by adopting green energy practices. This should result in both greater efficiency at these agencies and consequently lower rates for their consumers."