



## DWEA State Initiative: **California**

### **Overview**

California has some of the highest electric rates in the country, is one of the top five markets for small wind systems and is a top industry priority according to DWEA's surveys. Community wind has a toe-hold. California utilities offer incentives, under the CPUC Self-Gen program.

Permitting has been a substantial barrier. Statewide preemptions (AB 1207 and AB 45) have helped but have not had enough "teeth" to substantially ease permitting. California is still struggling with state budget deficits, but Governor Jerry Brown is a renewables advocate and voters have turned back efforts to gut the state RPS.

### **Priorities**

1. Improved CPUC Self-Gen Program incentives at historical rebate levels
2. Stronger state-wide preemption of local permitting (stronger follow-on to AB 45)
3. Improvement of CPUC Self-Gen rebate for > 30 kW turbines (currently \$1.25/W)
4. Reduction in property tax
5. Re-establish approved turbines list for SGIP; require certified wind turbines