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# Geothermal Energy Association Opposes California Proposition 23

WASHINGTON, DC (October 4, 2010) –The Geothermal Energy Association’s (GEA) Board of Directors has voted unanimously to oppose California Proposition 23. GEA Executive Director Karl Gawell made the following statement:

“GEA opposes Proposition 23 because it would jeopardize the state’s leadership in renewable energy and undermine growth of the industries that are the foundation of the future global clean energy economy. The clean technology sector, including the geothermal industry, has been growing and creating new jobs despite the recession. AB 32 will ensure that renewable energy investment and jobs continue to be created in California and position the state to continue being a world leader in these technologies. Proposition 23 would undermine California’s most important initiatives to promote economic growth and foster technology leadership.”

#### California Geothermal Facts:

- California is the largest geothermal power producer in the United States.
- Geothermal energy is the largest renewable source of energy in the state of California, providing 5% of the state's electric power.
- California has more geothermal power on-line than any of the 23 other countries with geothermal power.
- California currently has approximately 2565.5 MW of installed geothermal capacity, enough to power 2.5 million homes.
- California currently has 35 geothermal projects in development which could amount to up to 1997.7 MW, enough to power an additional 2 million homes.
- The US Department of Energy awarded \$47.4 million to 22 geothermal projects in California that will help develop new technology to produce even more geothermal power.
- This year, the geothermal industry celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of producing power at The Geysers outside Sacramento.

From October 24-27, Sacramento will host the 2010 Geothermal Energy Expo. This annual event is the world’s largest gathering of geothermal industry leaders. For more information on the expo, please visit: <http://www.geothermalenergy2010.com/>

#### About the Geothermal Energy Association:

The Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) is a trade association composed of U.S. companies who support the expanded use of geothermal energy and are developing geothermal Resources worldwide for electrical power generation and direct-heat uses. GEA advocates for public policies that will promote the development and utilization of geothermal Resources, provides a forum for the industry to discuss issues and problems, encourages research and development to improve geothermal technologies, presents industry views to governmental organizations, provides assistance for the export of geothermal goods and services, compiles statistical data about the geothermal industry, and conducts education and outreach projects. For more information, please visit <http://www.geo-energy.org/>. Follow GEA on [Twitter](#). Become a fan on [Facebook](#).

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