

**SOLAR ENERGY AND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION GRANT
PROGRAM (SB 1345) - UPDATE
December 14, 2002**

FUNDING STATUS:

- \$1 million appropriated for overall program for FY 2001/02 is secure.
- Committee/Business Meeting Notice regarding proposed changes to Guidelines will be sent to parties/posted on website by December 20.
<consumerenergycenter.org/solaranddg>
- Notice of Availability, revised *Guidebooks* and application forms will be available in mid-January, following Commission approval of proposed changes to Guidelines at January 9, 2002 Business Meeting.
- Rebate amounts unchanged, maximum \$750 per eligible battery backup system.
- Funding awards available on first-come, first serve basis for systems installed from July 1, 2001 (retroactive) through June 29, 2002.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO PROGRAM GUIDELINES
[Affecting PV battery backup systems]**

- Reservation option available for single systems, similar to Buydown
- Changes to battery equipment specifications – drop ISO requirement, lowered cycles of DOD, documentation requirements if battery is not on CEC list of approved batteries, etc. [if questions, contact Drake Johnson or Melinda Merritt at CEC.]

NOTE #1: The 12/01 proposed changes to battery specifications are interim until AB 48xx becomes effective (expected by April/May). CEC staff plans to conduct workshop in February to consider and recommend alternative(s) to UL certification currently in statute.

NOTE#2: Battery rebate is tied to Buydown Program eligibility of PV systems. Recent ineligibility of inverters which include battery backup creates uncertainty on eligibility of battery rebate applicants “in house”; Committee direction forthcoming.