

# TRI-AGENCY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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## Community Treasures

Pristine Rivers & Streams  
Rugged Coastline  
Sandy Beaches  
Coastal Redwoods  
Old Growth Forests  
Dungeness Crab  
Seafood  
Organic Dairy Products  
Award Winning Cheeses  
Lily Bulbs  
Yurok Culture  
Tolowa Culture  
Ecotourism  
Redwood National Park  
State Parks  
Trekking & Hiking  
Camping  
RV Parks  
Historic Lighthouses  
Pelican Bay Prison  
Temperate Climate  
World Class Fishing  
Mycology  
Birding  
Surfing  
Seals & Sea Lions  
Marine Mammal Center  
Artisans  
Art Galleries  
Restaurants  
Nonprofits  
Foundations  
Scenic Byways  
Tsunami Survivors  
Daily Newspaper  
Agate Hunting  
Distinguished Schools  
Community College  
Affordable Housing  
Commercial Fishing Harbor

California Energy Commission  
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1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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California Energy Commission

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Subject: EPIC Program Funding Consideration

Dear California Energy Commission:

The Tri-Agency Economic Development Authority is a California joint powers authority that represents the economic development interests of the City of Crescent City, the County of Del Norte, and the Crescent City Harbor District. The Tri-Agency has taken the lead in exploring alternative energy possibilities in our mostly forested remote coastal community.

Tri-Agency has been the lead organization for other infrastructure development. Past projects have included highway improvements, wastewater treatment plant renovations, airport improvements, post-tsunami harbor reconstruction, and rural broadband implementation.

Our small County is mostly forested - over 70%. We are completing a feasibility study to evaluate the beneficial uses of the copious quantities of woody biomass that are generated continuously from the forests. Assistance in the economic development of cost effective clean technologies, pilot scale studies, and realizing environmentally advantageous alternatives to the current practice of open burning are our next steps to addressing energy issues in our remote, economically challenged community.

Del Norte County would be an excellent candidate for an EPIC demonstration project to develop transferable clean energy technologies for other rural forested California counties.

Sincerely,

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