
PCE Board Retreat Agenda Items for Consideration

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Good morning!

Please distribute this desk item for the PCE Executive Committee Meeting today.

I understand that the the PCE Executive Committee is meeting today to discuss potential agenda items for the PCE Board Retreat and I have some suggestions to include in the discussion.

In speaking with representatives from the County office of Sustainability (including Jim Eggemeyer) my sense is that they would welcome PCE taking a broader role in bringing emissions down throughout San Mateo County (i.e. in addition to our core mission of making our electricity ghg free). Without duplicating efforts of the County of Sustainability some of these activities may include:

1) Working with a consultant to identify all of the data that has already been gathered by the County (i.e. the cities and towns ghg inventories) and other publicly available data to identify what types of programs PCE could fund that would have the most ghg reduction bang for the buck throughout the County. This could help identify which programs we are not considering yet to help San Mateo County + towns and cities decarbonize as rapidly as possible.

(2) Helping to fill in some funding gaps where the County office is in danger of losing funding for some of the work that they are doing.

(3) identify other uses of our cash resources that can greatly drawdown emissions (i.e. are there particular innovations we could incentivize/support that will have an impact in our County and beyond).

Our strategic goals as currently drafted (i.e. #5) talk about "supporting the County in these efforts". While we should support the County, I believe that PCE is well positioned and has the funding to take a leadership role in driving decarbonization throughout the County.

This topic may fit into a broader discussion of our Strategic Goals (and I can supply proposed language if helpful) or the discussion could fit into another agenda topic for the retreat.

If we are revisiting our Strategic Goals I note that there are other activities we currently undertake that are not clearly supported by our current Goals. In particular we are involved in taking positions on legislation and helping to draft legislation in support of CCAs or clean energy. I am 100% in favor of these activities but I think that that its worth considering if our goals should be expanded so that these activities are clearly supported by our goals.

Thanks for your consideration and I am happy to chat further on any of this.

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