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Regarding CPUC R.24-09-012

Comments may be submitted to [Proceedings Tab5 - Public Comments](#) by December 31, 2026, and possibly sooner, using the format below (3,900 character max).

Request to be Considered for a Priority Neighborhood Decarbonization Zone

We would like to be considered for a neighborhood decarbonization zone.

I am submitting this comment on behalf of: the City and County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County.

Organization/government name: City and County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County.

Organization type: Joint Powers Authority

Contact name (if different from comment submitter): N/A

Contact phone or email (if different from comment submitter): N/A

Zone location requested within:

City/Cities: ~~The unincorporated Town of Pescadero~~

County/Counties: ~~The County of San Mateo~~
~~San Mateo~~

Zip code(s): ~~94060~~

2020 census tract/tracts (find your census tract number(s) [here](#)): ~~6081613800~~

Narrative description of selected area, specifying whether subset or all of above areas:

~~Pescadero is uniquely positioned to serve as a pilot community due to a major energy resilience investment already underway. The Pescadero Community Microgrid Project is a \$16.5 million initiative to install a battery and solar array that will cover five critical facilities and over 100 residences and businesses. Pescadero was chosen for this project as it faces significant reliability challenges as a rural, coastal community, including more than 450 PSPS events last year, some lasting up to a week. Those conditions make proactive long-term gas and energy system planning critical. Peninsula Clean Energy, Pacific Gas and Electric, and the County of San Mateo have each provided substantial funding resources to this project, and significant successful community engagement around energy infrastructure and~~

~~planning was also required. Together these demonstrate strong local, utility, and regional commitment, community support, and readiness to long term energy transitions.~~

~~This increased resilience is a key first step towards decarbonization. Prior decarbonization efforts have highlighted the need for backup power systems, especially when conducted in communities that have limited resources to adapt to power loss events. Pescadero will have one of the largest renewable-energy based community microgrids in the country, and will be well suited to handle disruptions in service.~~

~~The inclusion of Pescadero into SB1221 pilot site programming could leverage existing efforts and help demonstrate how community supported resilience and decarbonization investments in rural, coastal communities can reduce long term gas system needs while improving reliability and equity.~~

~~The City and County Associate of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this rulemaking procedure.~~

~~C/CAG respectfully requests that the CPUC ensures its final pilot site selection includes a wide range of economic and geographic distributions, including coastal, suburban, and high-cost regions. Ensuring that SB1221 programming reflects a diverse range of communities will be critical to ensuring the development of broadly representative and scalable solutions for all of California.~~

~~Additionally, C/CAG would like to advocate for the consideration of both previously selected and non-selected census tracts within San Mateo County for further engagement. Within the County of San Mateo are a broad range of coastal and landlocked, urban and rural, and economically advantaged and historically disadvantaged communities. While diverse in nature, commonalities across these communities include high rates of climate vulnerability (the County of San Mateo is widely expected to be the County most impacted by sea level rise in the state), and high levels of engagement and interest in decarbonization and climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts (each of the 20 jurisdictions and the County of San Mateo itself have completed, adopted, and launched climate action planning and implementation efforts). C/CAG believes this combination of need for, and expressed desire to participate in, community-scale climate change solutions makes locations within the County of San Mateo ideal for programs such as SB1221 pilot site selection.~~

~~In summary, C/CAG hopes that the CPUC will proceed with an inclusive and regionally representative approach to SB1221 implementation, and that the CPUC will strongly consider sites within the County of San Mateo for further engagement and potential inclusion in program activities. We appreciate the CPUCs leadership on this effort and look forward to continued collaboration.~~

More specific area (describe street-level boundaries) (optional):

Gas utility(s) serving requested area: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Electric utility(s) serving requested area: Pacific Gas and Electric Company(PG&E)

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