



July 23, 2021

Contra Costa County Measure X Community Advisory Board
via email

Dear Community Advisory Board Members,

On behalf of Marin Clean Energy (MCE), I write in support of the request of the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) for dedicated funding to support community planning initiatives that support the County's climate equity and resilience goals. MCE is proud to support Contra Costa County as the Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) providing clean power to nearly 90% of the County's residents and businesses.

The proposed investments will provide the Department of Conservation and Development with the capacity needed to help ensure that the County and its residents are best positioned to adapt to our swiftly-changing climate and mitigate future climate change impacts. The additional staff capacity described in the DCD proposal will also help the County take advantage of numerous regional, state, and federal funding opportunities available to support the projects detailed in the proposal. Importantly, the proposed investment will lead to the development of projects that will create good jobs for County residents in building resilient infrastructure, retrofitting homes to be more energy efficient and use more clean energy, and managing the County's agricultural and forested lands.

The investments this additional funding would enable are specifically designed to focus on the individuals and communities who are most impacted by climate change, including low- and moderate-income homeowners, workers currently employed in fossil fuel sectors, and communities closest to the County's shoreline and waterways. In particular, MCE is pleased to support the proposal to increase the County's capacity to develop community facing clean energy projects and programs, including community solar, community resilience centers, and increased deployment of electric vehicles. MCE looks forward to deepening our existing partnerships with Contra Costa County to deliver the benefits of these important community and clean energy projects.

For the reasons stated above, MCE is pleased to support the Department of Conservation and Development's request for Measure X funding to support climate equity and resilience initiatives.

Sincerely,

Dawn Weisz
CEO