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Support for Ongoing Development of New Climate Analysis Tools

The field of climate science and analysis is a fast moving and dynamic field where new technologies and analytical processes are allowing for more in-depth and useful analysis of climate change analysis and projections.

The California Energy Commission has the chance to continue to lead the U.S. through ongoing developments of the best in practice analytical tools for climate analysis through the still developing Cal-Adapt Analytics Engine. PG&E would be strongly supportive of there being a leading collaborative effort to develop new tools to allow for easier and more cost-effective tools to be developed for California electric utilities to meet existing California Public Utility Commission requirements to more explicitly consider climate change in investment planning and risk assessments.

PG&E is supportive of efforts by the California Energy Commission to fund ongoing innovation in climate data analysis at the Analytics Engine. This effort is much more well placed to continue the development of new climate analysis tools compared to each major Electric Utility in the state undertaking their own efforts to develop new tools and climate data analysis methods that may differ across each company.