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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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StopWaste is the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Energy Council operating as one public agency.

Mr. Christopher Meyer
Building Standards Office
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for the Renewable Water Heating Model Ordinance Proposal by NRDC

Dear Mr. Meyer,

We support CEC’s initiative to develop a model solar photovoltaic (PV) ordinance, and encourage CEC to support the codes and standards cost effectiveness analysis, and provide an optional add-on “renewable water heating” requirement.

Member Agencies:

- Alameda County
- Alameda
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- San Leandro
- Union City
- Castro Valley Sanitary District
- Oro Loma Sanitary District

The Energy Council, a Joint Powers Authority of the 15 Jurisdictions in Alameda County, has adopted fuel switching as a priority for energy program activity within the county. As such we are writing this letter in support of the recommendation to include analysis of Renewable Water Heating along with the Model Solar Ordinance, as proposed by NRDC at the April 20 Zero Net Energy CEC staff workshop and in the 17-BSTD-01 filing.

Water heating is one of the largest energy uses and source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the California residential sector. Reducing these emissions is a key strategy to reduce GHG emissions in our cities. We are very interested in options that will help reduce GHGs not just from electricity consumption, but also from the combustion of natural gas for residential water and space heating.

Providing resources for city leadership is an important opportunity for CEC to advance energy efficiency policy in the state and to provide a path toward zero-net energy and lower-carbon homes in California. For these reasons, we urge CEC to finalize and adopt NRDC’s proposal as soon as possible so that our cities and others in California can consider this option at the same time as we consider CEC’s model PV ordinance.

Sincerely,

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director