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I support the IEPR update

As a lifelong Californian, I am grateful that Gov. Newsom is carrying forward Gov. Brown's initiative to make California use only energy from renewable sources. I have been concerned about climate change since the 1970s, when research began to point toward the conclusion that we are heating up the earth and are headed for disaster. California is leeding (I mis-spelled that on purpose; get it? LEED?) the way in creating a future where humanity is no longer burning carbon and releasing it into the atmosphere. This is the most important issue facing mankind and every other species on earth. This is not a hyperbolic statement; it's based on paying attention for the last 40 years while very little was done to address climate change.

I am glad that the Commission is planning on updating the IEPR to call for complete electrification of energy sources for heating, and for generating that electricity from renewable sources. Although gas may be much less expensive in the short term, continuing to burn it (especially methane) will have disastrous consequences in the long run, and we need to begin the admittedly very expensive remodeling of buildings to use only electricity, as well as an improved electric grid and other infrastructure to provide that (renewably-sourced) electricity. We've put off these plans for way too long, and it may already be too late to avoid the consequences of our inaction, but we must try, anyway. No issue is more important.