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Dear California Energy Commission:

This is a note to thank Ms. Alana Mathews for her work at the California Energy Commission. A few months ago, I met with her once to discuss items which likely were not of what is considered her normal work load or interest. I realize her position must have been challenging, especially after reading recent comments submitted by Mr. Uhler. I know I have asked questions that never have been answered. I also feel as though having unanswered questions is somewhat normal, and especially when one considers types of people she works with, how busy they all are, and what it is like to have a regular working day. I also have sent her email which may have also challenged her day a little. I know most working positions can be overwhelmed with far too much communication to deal with because of all the avenues that modern communication has. Replying civilly and promptly to everyone, no matter how mean they sound, can be very impactful to time and work. I am sorry if any of my communication hurt her position. The position of public advisor does not appear to be particularly clear or easy, but I truly appreciated its existence, with Alana "at the helm". I thought her work with disadvantaged communities committee brought new life to commission perspective. The April meeting was full of great work. Because of that, her departure surprised me. I have no idea why she is leaving, but I hope that the decision and path is hers and for happy reasons.

One unanswered question I had for the public advisor was: Did something happen where the public is to feel less welcome to attend in person? I noticed that not too long ago, the California Energy Commission business meeting's website removed the location of the meeting and now is only suggesting WebEx or YouTube attendance. The agenda shows the meeting location, but does not mention public attendance in person anymore. This makes me reluctant to think the commission wants the public to attend in person. I know there is probably good reasons for this, but I am not sure it is the wise path. What became apparent to me recently, is that some of the public comes in order to frictionally challenge the commission, more so than to listen, learn and relate to information. Maybe someone can expound on this issue.

If the commission does not mind public attendance, then I hope they change the CEC website back to inviting us again.

Whatever the case, best wishes to Ms. Mathews.

Sincerely,

Claire Warshaw