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Given the clearcut savings with building electrification in the E3 study, even without considering the very real health benefits, as well as the highly speculative on cost curves for synthetic NG, electrolysis, and Direct Air Capture, 350 Bay Area strongly urges the CEC to act expeditiously to phase out natural gas.

California should be making decisions based on real world availability, NOT self-interested gas company projections.

As a first step, the CEC should take accelerated action to remove barriers to fuel switching immediately. As E3 concludes, on slide 6 conclusion 2, replacing appliances on burnout SAVES money. Why is the bureaucracy impeding this transition?

Shareholders should share transition cost—they have profited from CA residents picking up externalized costs and health impact for many years now—they should help pay for the transition.

It is crucial to assure that accurate estimates of leakage are incorporated in modelling, in current system and any “renewable” gas production, including distribution and storage leaks.

On slide 54, we question why the system should subsidize ALL gas customers. If remaining users are industrial, they should pick up real costs. This would provide appropriate incentives to accelerate the transition.