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Approve Bay Area Reach Codes that favor electric new construction

Please approve Reach Codes that favor all-electric new construction in the Bay Area. These proposed codes are one of the biggest levers that cities have in transitioning away from fossil fuels in buildings. California's climate goals to reduce 40% of GHG emissions compared to 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% by 2045 (or 2050) are difficult to attain and will need to include an equitable transition of buildings of all types from natural gas to electricity. New construction is easy and less expensive, retrofits are difficult and expensive. Let's start with the low hanging fruit. And please consider all-electric new construction as a potential state requirement in the next iteration of the building and energy code.

There are more reach codes coming - I am actively working as an advocate in my own city of Sunnyvale to get and all electric new construction reach code to our city council in the first half of this calendar year.

Thank you,

Kristel Wickham