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Good afternoon, Policy Board Directors –

Please find below public comment submitted by Michael Shuman. I'll be posting his comments to the web momentarily and am also making the suggestion that Mr. Shuman consider attending MBCP's upcoming Energy Programs Workshop:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1200357220119466/>

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MBCP Policy Board of Directors,

I respectfully ask that you discuss a reprioritization of the recommended Building Electrification programs. The commercial and residential opportunities cited, other than those for low income residential solar + storage, present themselves primarily as private sector subsidies. MBCP is already providing some level of subsidy through a combination of lower rates, rebates, and/or higher buyback rates for excess local generation. While I strongly support infrastructure development incentives that will accelerate the pace of renewable generation, the public funds controlled by MBCP should be prioritized towards other public agencies where the public benefits of the investment can be multiplied.

Regional public schools are a prime example of where such investment would have a multiplier effect. Our public schools are struggling to manage their costs and to find additional sources of revenue. Most public schools have parking lots that are ideal locations for PV arrays. These are relatively simple, shovel-ready projects that will be uniformly well-received across the region. The energy generation will offset school operating costs and potentially generate revenue that will support our teachers and students. Such revenues will in turn limit the level of local taxation needed to support our schools. Every dollar invested by MBCP will therefore be returned to the public that supplied those dollars, while also enhancing the public school system that supports those same rate- and tax-paying residents. It is a win-win situation that cannot be achieved when grants are instead offered to private sector entities.

Please consider identifying public agencies, and preferably public schools, as a priority recipient for building electrification grants and support.

Thank you,

Michael Shulman  
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