



Item No. 3 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – STUDY SESSION AGENDA

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: MIKE GREENLEE, BUILDING OFFICIAL

DATE: JULY 17, 2019

**SUBJECT: PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION REGARDING A LETTER OF
INTENT TO PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY FOR REACH CODE
ASSISTANCE**

RECOMMENDATION

Review, discuss and provide staff direction on sending the Letter of Intent to Peninsula Clean Energy to receive extensive technical assistance and a \$10,000 grant to develop and potentially adopt new Reach Codes.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Every three years, cities and counties across the state can adopt local reach codes in line with the new Building Standards Code (Standards) or Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. Cities and counties may adopt building codes more advanced than those required by the state, which are known as reach codes.

Peninsula Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy and the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability are supporting our municipalities to adopt building codes (reach codes) that will result in safer and more comfortable buildings, increase electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and reduce our carbon footprint.

Peninsula Clean Energy will provide San Mateo County jurisdictions a \$10,000 grant to develop and potentially adopt the building and electric vehicle Reach Codes. Peninsula Clean Energy will provide technical assistance for the development of model Reach Codes, facilitation support by the County Office of Sustainability, as well as implementation and adoption support such as consultant participation at Commissions and Council meetings, model staff reports, staff trainings, check lists or other support needs that may be identified that would help enable adoption concurrently with the state-required adoption of the 2019 building code, which takes effect January 1, 2020.

Peninsula Clean Energy asks that jurisdictions provide a Letter of Intent or a Resolution of Intent in pursuit of the grant opportunity.

POLICY ISSUES

Policy discussion should revolve around whether the Town desires to explore the possibility of reach code adoption. Pursuing the grant opportunity with Peninsula Clean Energy and investigating and presenting the Council with reach code amendments for consideration does not commit the Town to adoption of the code amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the project is also disseminated via the Town's electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town's electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents as well as stakeholders – to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials. The Town maintains an active and up to date Project Website at <http://ca-atherton.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=290>.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL

This item ___ has or X has not been before a Town Committee or Commission.

- ___ Audit/Finance Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (meets as needed)
- ___ PMC & Civic Center Advisory Committee (meets as needed)
- ___ Environmental Programs Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)
- ___ Planning Commission (meets each month)
- ___ Rail Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Transportation Committee (meets every other month)

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Peninsula Clean Energy Letter of Intent (Letter Form)
- B. Peninsula Clean Energy Letter of Intent (Resolution Form)

ATTACHMENT A

PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY

LETTER OF INTENT

(Letter Form)



Town of Atherton

Building Department
91 Ashfield Road
Atherton, Ca. 94027
Phone: (650) 752-0560
Fax: (650) 614-1212

Date:

To: Peninsula Clean Energy

From: Town of Atherton

Dear PCE Staff,

The City/Town of _____ understands that Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) was established as the community choice aggregator and primary provider of clean electricity in San Mateo County, and that it intends to provide 100% renewable electricity for all its customers in San Mateo County by 2025. We recognize that the benefits of the greenhouse gas free electricity can be amplified by electrification of new and existing buildings and electrification of transportation vehicles in our city (town) which can deliver economic benefits, result in safer and healthier homes and further reduce climate pollution.

We also understand that PCE is coordinating regionally with Silicon Valley Clean Energy, County of San Mateo, and with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop building and transportation electrification Reach Codes and that PCE is offering extensive technical assistance and a \$10,000 grant for cities and towns in San Mateo County to develop and potentially adopt these new Reach Codes.

As City (Town) adopts the new CEC-established building codes as part of the statewide three-year code adoption cycle by December 31, 2019 for all cities, which will take effect January 1, 2020, we believe that it is most efficient for City (Town) staff to coordinate adoption of Reach Codes with the adoption of new building codes.

Therefore, we are providing this letter of intent to let you know that City (Town) commits to participating in the model reach code development process led by PCE. As qualification for the \$10,000 grant, we commit to modest staff time to develop Reach Codes with the intent to present findings to our City (Town) Council for consideration of adoption.

Sincerely,

City Manager, City (Town) of

Attachment: W9

ATTACHMENT B

PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY

LETTER OF INTENT

(RESOLUTION FORM)



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Date:

To: Peninsula Clean Energy

From: Town of Atherton

Dear PCE Staff,

Whereas, Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) was established as the community choice aggregator and primary provider of clean electricity in San Mateo County; and

Whereas, PCE intends to provide 100% renewable electricity for all its customers in San Mateo County by 2025; and

Whereas, the benefits of the greenhouse gas free electricity can be amplified by electrification of new and existing buildings and electrification of transportation vehicles which can deliver economic benefits, result in safer and healthier homes and further reduce climate pollution; and

Whereas, PCE is coordinating regionally with Silicon Valley Clean Energy, County of San Mateo, and with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop building and transportation electrification Reach Codes; and

Whereas, PCE is offering extensive technical assistance and a \$10,000 grant for cities and towns in San Mateo County to adopt the above Reach Codes; and

Whereas, the City (Town) of _____ is required to adopt new CEC-established building codes as part of the statewide three-year code adoption cycle by December 31, 2019, and which will take effect January 1, 2020; and

Whereas, it is most efficient for City (Town) staff to coordinate adoption of Reach Codes with the adoption of new building codes.

Now, therefore, the City (Town) of _____ commits to participating in the model Reach Code development process led by PCE, with the intent of considering the adoption of the model Reach Code as appropriate for our jurisdiction.