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Summary of Community Engagement and Outreach

Peninsula Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy and the County Office of Sustainability have hosted over 10 public events throughout the development of the proposed reach codes. These events were attended by the full spectrum of stakeholders (city employees, building officials and developers, public and advocates) with over 350 attendees in total. In addition, many dedicated meetings have been held with building officials, developers and affordable housing organizations.

In response to the Board of Supervisors' request for additional San Mateo County specific outreach, the Office of Sustainability did targeted outreach to gather feedback to inform staff's recommended policy.

The table below outlines targeted outreach to inform County of San Mateo's reach code policy:

Date	Outreach Activity	Number of Attendees/Responses	Summary of Feedback	Incorporations into code language based on feedback
10/23/2019	Article in San Mateo Daily Journal	1 response	Homeowner interested in transitioning home to all electric	N/A
10/23/2019	Announcement to Midcoast Community Council	Follow up conversation with Vice Chair	Interest to help people in existing homes to retrofit and to follow-up post Board decision on reach codes to discuss implementation	N/A
10/30/2019	Article in Half Moon Bay Review	6 comments	Concerns around having cooking and hot water during public safety power shutoff events	Code has been amended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow the hookup of propane generators• Allow gas cooking and fireplaces
12/24/2019 and 1/2/2020	Email to all permit applicants for new single-family construction projects	15 responses	Interest in understanding code changes and registering for event	N/A

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1/6/2020	San Mateo County Builders' Roundtable Meeting	7 attendees	Dialogue summarized below	N/A
1/23/2020	Presentation to North Fair Oaks Community Council	This document was finalized on 1/17/2020. Details will be shared at Board of Supervisors' meeting.	N/A	N/A

San Mateo County Builders' Roundtable engaged single family homebuilders that build in unincorporated San Mateo County. There were 7 attendees including architects, engineers, developers and builders. Attendees were informed about the statewide reach code effort and local policy options were shared for consideration including the proposed code for the Board's consideration. The challenges discussed go beyond the proposed ordinance including comments on:

- PG&E's lag to provide electrical and gas service for projects
- The late release of the California Energy Commission's energy modeling software and how difficult it can be to use the software to achieve compliance
- Process to submit plans can be different from project to project and hard to follow including the reporting with different agencies and the amount of printed materials required
- When the reach code is triggered in the planning process. Many planned community builders work with PG&E before going to the building department for electrical service. If builder learns about increased need for electrical service from the Building Department at time of permit submittal, this may mean additional service upgrades and project delays from PG&E.

Attendees also highlighted many opportunities to help the building community build to reach code standards including:

- Providing incentives, like fast tracking permits or streamlining application process for projects that go above code
- Providing technical assistance to the building community so they can learn about new technologies and get support on code compliance

Attendees were excited about:

- It being easier to build all-electric ADU's as homeowners are requesting this type of construction citing one client who wants to build an all-electric ADU without natural gas hazards for her elderly mother to live in
- The State's goal to decarbonize buildings by 2045
- Being a part of the effort to meet local climate goals