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Public Comment from 350 Contra Costa Action — July 16, 2026 Board Meeting, Items 7, 8, and 9

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Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

We understand that this message reaches you after the deadline for distribution prior to the July 16, 2026 Board meeting. It addresses Agenda Items 7, 8, and 9. Representatives of our organization also intend to offer verbal comment on these items.

350 Contra Costa Action is a grassroots nonprofit focused on climate and environmental justice. We write first to convey our appreciation and support for the work of MCE. We believe in MCE's mission and we want the organization to thrive. The comments below are offered in that spirit.

On the Civil Grand Jury Report (Item 8)

350 CCA fully supports the findings of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report issued last month, and we will advocate for the resolution of the issues it identifies.

With the release of the report, there has been a significant erosion of trust between MCE and the communities it serves. Rebuilding that trust requires MCE to communicate more transparently with the public regarding key decision-making processes — including, for example, short- and long-term power procurement, and the composition of the Ad Hoc CEO Search Committee.

On Board functioning and the Response Committee (Item 9)

We are particularly concerned that the Board is not functioning cohesively at a moment when it faces numerous time-sensitive decisions. The governance consultants engaged by MCE are about to embark on their assessment. Their findings and recommendations will not be available until later this year. The Board needs help now to function effectively in its present configuration.

To provide necessary support until the consultants' work is complete and an approved plan of action is underway, we recommend that the Board engage a skilled, experienced third party to facilitate meetings. The CCA Workforce and EJ Alliance (<https://strongerccas.org/>) may have staff with the requisite expertise, or may be able to point the Board to appropriate resources.

On the Ad Hoc CEO Search Committee (Item 7)

We acknowledge that Board members hold divergent points of view on this important topic. To help cultivate transparency and Board member cohesion, we recommend that the Committee's membership reflect those distinct perspectives.

We appreciate that the Ad Hoc CEO Search Committee and the governance consultants need to proceed concurrently with their respective assignments, and we understand that each team will have explicit timelines with milestones and checkpoints. As another opportunity to strengthen transparency, we ask that both teams' timelines be published, along with updates, on MCE's website. We anticipate that the two teams will confer regularly with one another to optimize their efforts.

An offer

As a grassroots organization advocating for a healthy climate, sustainable clean energy, and environmental justice for all, 350 Contra Costa Action welcomes the opportunity to serve as a sounding board to help support transparency in MCE's top-priority communication campaigns going forward.

MCE is at a pivotal moment in its history. The current challenges, while tough, present an opportunity to reflect and renew, and to help ensure MCE's future success. We stand ready to help.

Respectfully,

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