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Public Comment from 350Marin re: October 15, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

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October 13, 2026

MCE Board of Directors
1125 Tamalpais Avenue
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RE: October 15, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

Dear MCE Board of Directors,

I am writing today on behalf of the Leadership Team of 350Marin. Upon reviewing the Board agenda for this Thursday, I have several concerns. Beyond the necessary timeliness of item #6 (the Increase Temporary Rate Credit), the next most important agenda item is #8, the Governance Update.

I am guessing and concerned that item #7, the Equitable Distribution of Customer Program Benefits could well take a good deal of time. It's actually not entirely clear why this item is even on the agenda given the urgency of the Governance Update and the amount of time it is likely to take to dive deeply into item #8. It's certainly not that item #7 isn't important, but it seems it could well wait until much closer to when next year's budget process gets underway, rather than being added to this Board agenda at this time. Why not just continue with the "current approach" for now and have this item reviewed and discussed in more detail in the Finance and/or Executive Committee, and be held for a fuller Board discussion in early 2027, so as to get right onto the most important business at hand?

The Governance Update should certainly be the top priority for the meeting, and we continue to feel that Board size, composition and expertise are absolutely central to the discussion of governance. In fact, beginning the process of gathering feedback from Board members on the Initial List of Options for Reducing Board Size seems the best place to begin this overall discussion; then moving on to discussing which governance policies make the most sense to address first.

We would vote for the Strategic Direction policies getting attention initially, while the conversation regarding options for board size gets underway, with a much fuller discussion of pros and cons of various models. Moving onward to Governance Process policies and Board-Staff Linkage policies also would be better informed once board size is in place, not to mention necessary for the hiring of a CEO.

We are excited that the Board of MCE is ready to undergo serious changes to improve its functioning and viability. The community continues to be supportive of innovative, best practices as those changes unfold. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,
Jody Timms, 350Marin Co-founder
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