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Public Comment for November 19th Board meeting from 350 Contra Costa Action

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To the Clerk of the Board,

Please find attached Public Comment from 350 Contra Costa Action, for the Board meeting on November 19th. Please distribute to the board members.

Regards

Lisa Jackson and Ogie Strogatz
350 Contra Costa Action

To: MCE Board of Directors
Re: November 19 Board Meeting: Governance Reform (Agenda Item 8)

Dear MCE Board Members,

On behalf of 350 Contra Costa Action, we would like to thank the Board, staff, and consultants for the continued work to strengthen MCE's governance.

We are encouraged by the progress since the Governance Assessment was presented in September. In particular, we appreciate that the Board is moving forward with discussions about Board size and structure, while also developing policies that clarify the responsibilities of the Board, CEO, and General Counsel. These are important steps, and we recognize the considerable work involved.

We have reviewed the materials for the November 19 meeting and would like to offer two comments for the Board's consideration.

Agenda Item 8: The MCE Legal memorandum titled "Informational Memo from MCE Legal on Policy Review with Leading Resources Inc" (pages 49–51 of the Board packet)

First, regarding the two-step approval process described in the MCE Legal memorandum, we encourage the Board to consider putting the most important governance policies into effect as soon as they are ready. We understand from the materials that individual policies may be provisionally approved over the coming months but may not formally take effect until the full package is completed, potentially in late 2027.

We appreciate the need for a coordinated set of policies, but wonder whether some of the foundational changes, particularly those defining the relationship between the Board, CEO, and General Counsel, could be implemented earlier. This seems especially important while MCE is searching for a new CEO. Establishing clear expectations for the new leadership would help ensure that the governance improvements are carried forward from the outset.

Draft Governance Process Policy GP-2: Board Governance Focus and Job Description (Agenda Item 8).

Second, we encourage the Board to ensure that the new policies support open discussion and constructive questioning by Board members. We appreciate the emphasis on respectful and collaborative Board conduct in the proposed policies. At the same time, we believe it is important that Board members feel comfortable

asking difficult questions, requesting information, and challenging recommendations when necessary. These are essential parts of effective oversight and should be encouraged alongside expectations for respectful conduct.

We offer these comments in a supportive spirit. We recognize that governance reform is a complex undertaking, and we are pleased to see MCE making meaningful progress. We hope the Board will continue to build on this momentum and put the improvements into practice as soon as reasonably possible.

Thank you for your continued commitment to MCE and the communities it serves.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jackson and Ogie Strogatz

350 Contra Costa Action