

## **Peninsula Clean Energy Authority 2026 Policy Platform**

### **Overview and Purpose**

Peninsula Clean Energy Authority's Policy Platform (Platform) serves as a guide to the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors (Board) and Peninsula Clean Energy Staff (Staff) in their advocacy efforts and engagement on policy matters of interest to Peninsula Clean Energy.

The Platform provides a framework and guidance that allows both Board members and Staff to pursue and engage in legislative, regulatory, and administrative actions at the local, regional, state, and federal levels in a consistent manner and with the understanding that they are pursuing and engaging in actions in the best interest of Peninsula Clean Energy and its mission, its member agencies, and its customers.

The Platform also enables Peninsula Clean Energy to move swiftly to raise and respond to issues before the federal and state Legislative and Executive Branch agencies including the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, California Independent System Operator, and the California Air Resources Board so that Peninsula Clean Energy's views can be heard on important matters in a timely fashion.

The Platform also provides guidance to Peninsula Clean Energy's Chief Executive Officer on support or oppose positions that should be taken on legislative matters identified by the Staff regulatory lead, the Staff legislative lead, and the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) Board of Directors.

The Platform will be reviewed and updated annually and presented to the Board for consideration at a Board meeting held during the first quarter of the calendar year.

### **I. Governance and Authority**

- a. Support easier CCA formation and membership; oppose new barriers.
- b. Preserve CCA authority over rates and procurement so PCE can serve customers effectively.
- c. Ensure CCAs can access/administer state programs on equal footing.
- d. Keep PCE governance transparent and accessible, and support director participation that enables timely action.

### **II. Decarbonization**

- a. Advocate for and support policy efforts to accelerate decarbonization of the energy sector, transportation, and the built environment.
- b. Oppose fossil fuel cost-shifts — including gas line-extension subsidies and ratepayer- or taxpayer-funded hydrogen blending or light-duty hydrogen projects — and support only

verifiably clean fuels for hard-to-abate sectors where lifecycle emissions show real, cost-effective reductions.

- c. Advocate for and support policies to support and expand access to transportation electrification and building electrification, including funding for said electrification.
- d. Support policies that incorporate the social costs of carbon.
- e. Advocate for and support efforts to ensure flexibility in state and IOU program design so that local data and local needs directly inform program offerings.
- f. Advocate for and support legislative and regulatory efforts to provide incentives, including financial support, that enable and support underserved communities in achieving decarbonization.
- g. Support and advocate for policies to expand affordable customer financing options, such as tariff on-bill financing and credit enhancements, that promote the decarbonization and electrification of buildings.
- h. Support and advocate for policies that recognize early action to decarbonize the energy sector under the broader Cap-and-Invest framework.

### **III. IOU Charges and Exit Fees (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA))**

- a. Contain pass-through charges and support equitable, predictable customer bills.
- b. Support reforms that ensure reasonable utility returns and cost-effective wildfire and reliability investments, protecting customers from excessive T&D cost burdens.
- c. Increase clarity into IOU portfolios, how the IOUs manage the resources within those portfolios, and the calculations underlying exit fees.
- d. Oppose any expansion of exit or other regressive fees and any policy that disadvantages customers for choosing a CCA.
- e. Encourage the accelerated retirement, renegotiation, repowering, or right-sizing of legacy IOU-owned generation and other PCIA-eligible resources to reduce long-term costs and improve affordability.

### **IV. Power Procurement & Grid Reliability**

- a. Support reform of the CPUC resource adequacy program to allow for stability in the resource adequacy value of existing resources.
- b. Support policies that advance and accelerate the delivery of carbon free and renewable energy on a 24/7 basis.
- c. Support policies that remove barriers to developing wind and geothermal resources.
- d. Support policies that value the resource adequacy contribution of distributed resources and out-of-state renewables.
- e. Advocate for and support efforts to remove barriers to demand response, virtual power plants (VPPs), microgrids, and behind the meter resources to provide Resource Adequacy
- f. Support policies that help improve the value-proposition for Long Duration Energy Storage, such as reducing or removing charging sufficiency requirements.
- g. Oppose policies that would supplant or reduce CCAs' procurement authority.
- h. Oppose unreasonable fixed charges and support measure that make solar affordable and decrease customer bills.

## **V. Environmental Justice & Affordability**

- a. Support rate designs and other policies that lower customer costs and improve the economics of decarbonization.
- b. Support policies that improve the ability of underserved communities in the Peninsula Clean Energy service territory to have affordable, reliable, and clean energy.
- c. Support policies that strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities to the impacts of climate change.
- d. Support policies that enable all communities, including emerging and historically marginalized communities in California, to participate in and benefit from decarbonization efforts.
- e. Oppose unreasonable fixed charges and support measures that make rooftop solar affordable and decrease customer bills.

## **VI. Community Resilience**

- a. Advocate for and support funding for programs implemented by CCAs and their member jurisdictions to increase community resilience to wildfires, PSPS events, other potential service disruptions, and climate change impacts.
- b. Support policies that reduce barriers to microgrid development by CCAs.
- c. Support policies that increase development of community-level resources and distributed energy resources that improve resilience and reduce the need for new transmission and distribution infrastructure, including expansion of rooftop and community solar.
- d. Oppose policies that would enable IOUs to be the sole developer of microgrids.

## **VII. Local Economic Development**

- a. Support policies that are consistent with and oppose policies that are not consistent with Peninsula Clean Energy's commitment to a sustainable workforce.
- b. Support policies that enhance opportunities for CCAs to promote local economic development through locally designed programs that meet the unique needs of their member agencies, communities, and customers.
- c. Support policies that assist transitioning workforces and new workforce development into clean energy fields.
- d. Support efforts to enhance the development of local and regional sources of renewable energy.
- e. Support policies that enable CCAs to collaborate with their member jurisdictions on local energy resources and projects to advance environmental objectives.
- f. Advocate for and support efforts to direct federal economic stimulus/recovery funding to CCAs to deliver local energy resources and projects, as appropriate.

## **VIII. California Energy Market Structure**

- a. Support policies that ensure consistent enforcement of RA, RPS, MTR, and environmental compliance requirements across all LSEs to maintain a fair, reliable, and level playing field..

- b. Support policies that change California’s market structures towards innovative models that reduce costs of energy service and support the expansion of renewable and carbon free resources.
- c. Support regional market participation that lowers electric bills, strengthens grid reliability, and expands access to clean power.
- d. Support policies that accelerate both interconnections for new generation resources and the timely energization of new or upgraded customer electrical services.
- e. Support policies that expedite energization of electrical services including new and existing utility customers and service upgrades.
- f. Support policies that fully value distributed energy resources.
- g. Support policies that modernize renewable and carbon-free energy tracking system technology.
- h. Support policies that allow for more timely availability of load data to CCAs.
- i. Support policies to streamline regulatory reporting and reduce duplicative reporting requests.
- j. Oppose policies that expand direct access or the ability or economic incentives for electric service providers to selectively recruit CCA or IOU customers.

## **IX. Transmission & Interconnection**

- a. Advocate for accelerated interconnection via CAISO IPE and pro-forma timelines; prioritize deliverability for LSE-sponsored and community-benefit projects.
- b. Advocate for improved transmission planning approaches, such as robust transmission planning approach cosponsored by SCP and PCE.

## **X. New Large Loads**

- a. Advocate for CCAs to be the default provider for any new load within their service territory—regardless of the size of the load.
- b. Advocate for the sharing of timely, essential large-load data from IOUs to CCAs to support servicing these emerging customers/loads.
- c. Advocate for policies that only favor large-load growth that lowers (or at least does not raise) existing customers’ total bills; reject subsidies or structures that shift costs to non-participants.