

Jennifer Elwell

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To: Jennifer Elwell
Subject: BAAQMD's proposed changes to Regulation 9, Rules 4 & 6

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Dear Ms. Elwell,

I commend the BAAQMD's proposed changes to Regulation 9, Rules 4 & 6. They are necessary steps forward if we are serious about reducing GHG emissions and improving air quality. My only suggestion is that the changes be phased in more quickly.

If we as a society are going to adequately address the Climate Crisis and ensure a world in which we all can thrive, we need to cut GHG emissions at a rate that is unprecedented. But we must do it. It will require changes in the way we do things in all sectors of our lives and by everyone.

The ACHRI raises concerns about the ability of their industry to prepare for the changes required to decarbonize buildings. They suggest a much longer time line for phasing in the proposed changes. I think this stance comes largely from a place of not embracing the urgency of our situation. The U.S. manufacturing sector during WWII was able to redirect production in a dramatic fashion to meet the needs of a nation at war. So there is precedent for being able to ramp up development and production to address an existential threat.

PG&E raises issues of equity during a transition away from use of fossil fuels to a fully electrified society. We as a society just need to prioritize in action and not just words that vulnerable and financially disadvantaged groups are not left behind. The necessary policy and financing will follow.

I urge the BAAQMD to continue to prioritize reduction of GHG emissions and the resulting improved air quality. You will likely continue to get feedback that you need to move more slowly. But, please, embrace the urgency of our situation and forge forward with your plans.

Sincerely,

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