

FW: Agenda Item 3.4 on 4/4/2023 - BAAQMD - Need Focus on Electric Power Infrastructure

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Dear Councilmembers,

In the City Manager's memo associated with Agenda Item 3.4, it states that the staff "would like to ensure that income and equity considerations are included so that the City's low and moderate-income communities are not financially burdened."

As a resident of San Jose, I would like the City, City Council, and City Staff to lobby PG&E and the PUC, to **assure that the electric grid and its infrastructure are upgraded** to handle the significant increase in electric load by BAAQMD's actions. This is a critical item that impacts **all the residents of San Jose**. Efforts to assure that grid upgrades are made in the Bay Area are required. Since the BAAQMD's is accelerating the implementation of the elimination of natural gas furnaces and water heaters from that stated by CARB (California Air Resource Board), upgrades should be implemented in the Bay Area before the mandates are implemented.

Please consider making a modification to this proposal to address the true top issue -- electric power reliability and availability!

From Page 14 of City Manager Memo
Regional Policy Actions

On March 15, 2023, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) held a hearing to consider amendments to Rules 9-4 and 9-6 requiring that all new water heaters, boilers, and furnaces purchased and installed after specified dates must have zero nitrogen oxide emissions, thereby requiring that any new furnaces and water heaters that are replaced are electric appliances. The proposed rule changes would take effect for residential water heaters in 2027, for gas furnaces in 2029, and for large capacity water heaters used in large commercial buildings or multi-family residences in 2031. The rules would apply throughout the BAAQMD territory, which includes all of Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Napa counties, the City and County of San Francisco, as well as part of Solano and Sonoma counties. While the City is supportive of these efforts, as they align with the City's adopted Climate Smart and carbon neutrality by 2030 goals, staff would like to ensure that income and equity considerations are included so that the City's low and moderate-income communities are not financially burdened.

Respectfully Requested,

Sandra A. Delvin, PE (a senior citizen on a fixed income who has had over 40 power interruptions since August 2020 with the longest being 45 hours)

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