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CFEE Energy Steering Committee Members –

I know it's been a long time since the September 2012 steering committee, but to refresh your memories, we decided to hold the CFEE Energy Roundtable April 25-26 at the Silverado conference center in Napa. Consensus around the table was that the objective of this conference should be to educate the new legislators on current energy policies and priority issues. To do this we would explain what has been done since the energy crisis, the complexities and interdependencies of policies, and what is in the pipeline. Essentially, California Energy Sector 101 – Smutny is updating his 2008 video that we showed in Monterey back in the fall of 2007, and we think that might be a good way to start this conference (it's under 10 minutes).

In discussing the conference with a few of you, the suggestion was made that we design the agenda around the loading order, i.e. explain the genesis of the loading order, then walk thru state policies by discussing Energy Efficiency, RPS and DG, and Role of Fossil Generation. Under each of these topics we would have a speaker lay out the policy, current status, the challenges, and where to next. That way we could get to some of the stickier issues of renewable integration, transmission and distribution system challenges (and even just the basics of how the system works), long term procurement policy and the CAISO market. At the steering committee meeting we also talked about both the challenges and the impact of aligning energy and climate policies, and the suggestion was made that we have a session reviewing the impact of cap and trade on the energy sector, and the recent auctions. The attached draft agenda attempts to layout this framework. Please review and let me know if this approach makes sense. There is room to add a couple of additional sessions so think about what else needs to be covered, particularly by April.

Please provide your thoughts by hitting “reply all” so our small group of experts can provide feedback. I'd like to get comments by Wednesday noon, so that I can make changes and circulate an updated version to the larger steering committee. Pat would also like to have an agenda to send out to invited participants as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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