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Thanks Beth!

You constantly amaze me with your ability to take our rambling, sometimes incoherent, brainstorming and fashion it into something we can actually work from. I continue to think that the focus we discussed on making this a 101 education forum is a good one. It allows us to tee up the challenges we face moving forward in their context, since raising those issues without context can be fraught with peril for folks that don't already have the background/history.

I am still thinking this draft agenda through, but I like the positive tone you have so far. I agree that we are going to want to think about assigning specific topics to speakers in each category since they are so large and we want to make sure we hit upon the central issues in the discussion, but I like the simple organization you have laid out because it is easy to grasp and provides a good framework the participants can use to think through the issues.

I suggested one new session on the last day in an attempt to pull the topics together in an integrated, more big picture, forward thinking way. (For some reason, when I saved the document, not all of the comments were identified as coming from me, but note that "author" also refers to my comments.) I do not think we should try to squeeze any more than one additional session on top of what you have already suggested or it will get too tight (may already be).

I finally got a chance to watch the IEP video and agree that an updated version would be a good thing to show at the beginning. It was really well done and addressed the issues in a fair way. One note, however, is that it largely ignores the demand-side (understandable since the purpose I believe was to address the supply and delivery side). I am less troubled by this given the focus on the loading order and the fact that we will be addressing the demand-side in a separate session, but we may want to note the fact somehow.

I look forward to the continued discussion and will give some thought to potential speakers.

Thanks much!
Sheryl

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Shoot – I hit “send” before adding Pat and Nora. Please ‘reply all’ to this email, with your comments.

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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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