

Peninsula Clean Energy Community Advisory Committee

Background

Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) is San Mateo County's locally-controlled electricity provider. PCE reduces greenhouse gas emissions and offers customer choice at competitive rates. PCE is a Community Choice Energy program formed as a joint powers authority by San Mateo County and all twenty of its cities. In October 2020, the Los Banos City Council voted to join Peninsula Clean Energy. Its Board of Directors is made up of one city council member from each of these cities as well as two County supervisors.

The San Mateo County Community Choice Energy (CCE) Advisory Committee held its first meeting on May 28, 2015. The Advisory Committee was comprised of elected officials from all 20 cities in the County and the County itself, as well as representatives from several labor, environmental, and other community organizations.

On March 24, 2016, the Board of Directors of Peninsula Clean Energy, comprised only of elected officials, met for the first time. An Ad-Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee was formed of the non-elected CCE Advisory Committee members, with the intent of having this committee serve until PCE was launched in October. On September 22, 2016, the PCE Board voted to extend the Ad-Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee until the end of 2016.

On December 12, 2016, an ad-hoc committee of PCE's Board was formed to develop a recommendation for the full Board as to objectives, composition and structure of a new Citizens Advisory Committee. Public input on this matter was received from Menlo Spark, San Mateo Community Choice, and former members of the original Ad-Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee. The Board ad-hoc committee's recommendations were also reviewed by the PCE Executive Committee.

On May 25, 2017, PCE's Board of Directors appointed fifteen people as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

On July 27, 2023, PCE's Board of Directors renamed the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Community Advisory Committee.