

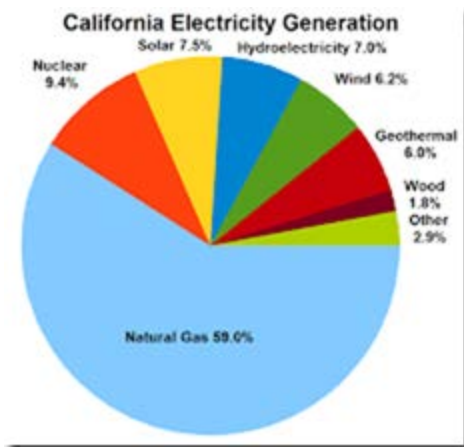
## Comments Received

**From:** [Loren Long](#)  
**To:** [Environment](#)  
**Subject:** No Gas Is Bad Idea  
**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:41:37 PM  
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The proposed “reach code”, to not plumb gas to new construction is ridiculous. Bad decision to follow Berkeley’s radical lead. They are the laughing stock of the nation.



The majority of California electricity production is NOT “carbon free”. A very large portion of CA electricity is produced at power generation facilities which burn fossil fuels. All electricity feeds into the grid, so to say that “most residents and business owners receive 100% carbon-free electricity” in Hayward is NOT true. Yes some electric energy comes for solar, wind and hydro, but more comes from burning fossil fuels and once it is comingled with the electricity generated form fossil fuel it is all the same and the source is indistinguishable. Hayward is NOT receiving electricity for a 100% carbon-free sole source as stated by the city.

Also, what is the end plan for all the spent solar panels, batteries and wind mills. I guess it is not convenient to think about that now. We will deal with that when it too becomes a major problem.

It would be refreshing if Hayward would try to be an example of innovation and put forth a common sense approach to solving it’s problems instead of following the rest of the sheep.

I have lived in Hayward for most of my 66 years and am sad to say that I want very much to move away from this city and out California, as they have an uncontrollable obsession to control every possible thing. By doing so you are stealing our freedom of choice.

Feel free to respond if you wish.

Loren Long

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**From:** [Rudell O'Neal](#)  
**To:** [Erik Pearson](#)  
**Subject:** Hayward's Plans for Electric Reach Codes  
**Date:** Saturday, October 5, 2019 8:55:50 AM

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Hello Mr. Pearson,

I received your name from Nicole Grucky as a referral for questions I have about Hayward's interest in electric reach codes.

First, let me say in general I am in favor of reduced carbon emissions, smaller impact footprints and more cost effective energy. Got the Prius and solar panels on my home to back that up.

My concerns deal with safety precautions that are planned for, when and how (not if) Hayward moves in the direction of electric reach codes.

Specifically, what is Hayward (and Alameda County) thinking of doing to guard against damage to our electrical grid in the event of an earthquake along the Hayward fault or a digital attack on that grid? Are we adequately prepared to handle such devastation? Or is it too early to expose ourselves to such vulnerable conditions, even if it will help our carbon footprint?

Nicole's response to those questions was, "that's PG&E's responsibility". I don't take comfort in hearing that as the final answer. So, I'm asking you:

- What plans has Hayward considered to ward against these very possible disruptions?
- To the extent PG&E does play a role in these plans, what review of the companies "disaster plans" has the City done and what did we think of those plans?

Finally, given this increase in reliance on electricity, what impact will this changeover have on taxes, and other City services?

I plan to attend the meeting on the 30th of Oct., but I do hope to hear back from you before then.

Rudelle O'Neal



October 15, 2019

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**SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL**

**RE: City of Hayward Development of Reach Codes**

Dear Mayor Barbara Halliday:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Hayward's proposed Reach Codes aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the building sector. The Western Propane Gas Association (WPGA) seeks to be a valuable contributor in both the development of these codes and the policies and procedures that may emerge as a result of these discussions.

While we applaud efforts for building decarbonization, WPGA believes that Reach Codes disincentivizing propane as a complementary fuel source to electric are fundamentally misguided. WPGA hopes that regulators will look to the example that the City of San Luis Obispo is setting with the development of their Reach Codes and recognize the value that propane provides on a number of levels.


Propane provides affordable, clean energy for low income communities as well as a vital back-up power for solar powered homes when battery power is low. Disincentivizing propane as a complementary power to solar has an unintended consequence to make solar homes more expensive and less reliable when power generation is not at peak levels.

Furthermore, there has been numerous discussions throughout California regarding planned power outages and safety black-outs. In a recent article published by Politico ([PG&E begins massive power shut-off in California to avoid wildfires](#)) it is noted that the Public Safety Power Shutoff could affect 2.4 million electricity users. Propane delivers energy resiliency for communities facing safety black-outs which can be critical for those powering life-sustaining equipment. Vulnerable citizens such as people on dialysis or simply the many individuals using electric powered wheelchairs can use propane energy for reliable power.

When looking towards the future, our industry is investing in renewable propane, derived from sustainable sources like beef tallow or vegetable oil. We hope that regulators take a more holistic view of the complementary role propane plays alongside decarbonization efforts including solar, wind and other renewable fuels.

The Western Propane Gas Association appreciates your work in this area and looks forward to working with you as the City of Hayward and the State strive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through comprehensive clean energy solutions.

Sincerely,

  
Ben Granholm  
Regulatory Affairs Specialist

cc: Kelly McAdoo, City Manager