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Re: Feedback on Bolinas Net Zero Thesis

Dear Jennifer,

It's been several years since we were neighbors on Tulip Road. You might remember me from playing soccer with your son Dexter and the other neighborhood kids! I hope you and your family are doing well.

I recently graduated from UC Berkeley, where I studied Environmental Economics and Policy with a focus on energy. My senior thesis, advised by Dean Emeritus Gordon Rausser of the Rausser College of Natural Resources, explores modeling an economic framework for energy communities within California's climate policy, using Bolinas as a case study.

The findings suggest that achieving a net-zero electricity grid in Bolinas is within the realm of possibility, and it could serve as an example for other communities across the state. Although BCPUD does not currently work with energy, I believe the board might be interested in my findings. I would appreciate your feedback first and, if you find my work valuable, I am happy to explore the possibility of presenting it to the board.

I have attached the paper for your review.

Best regards,
Isabelle M. Winstead

Here are my slides. Please let me know what you think.

I want to clarify that I am not suggesting BPUD should immediately expand its services to include electricity—at least, not yet! However, the goal of this presentation is to highlight that such an expansion is a viable option, and who knows, BCPUD might decide to pursue it in the future.

Thank you,
Isabelle