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Dawn Weisz, Executive Director
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Dear Dawn:

Marin Conservation League has supported Marin Clean Energy's efforts from its founding to develop clean energy sources and to manage energy use more efficiently. MCL commends MCE for the important progress represented in its draft Energy Efficiency Business Plan. We would like to highlight for your consideration one particularly promising initiative in the agricultural sector.

The North Bay Dairy Energy Alliance is now under development, focusing on three integrated ways to promote climate solutions: energy efficiency, renewable electricity generation through methane digestion, and carbon farming. We believe this might provide an excellent, replicable opportunity where aggregating, clustering and bundling of energy efficiency measures and use of local renewables could be employed. Participation by MCE would underline MCE's value to the local agricultural community at a time of drought and economic challenges.

We specifically suggest that MCE consider funding dairy energy audits and incentives aligned with local dairy clean energy and carbon emissions reduction opportunities.

More broadly, we hope MCE will pursue cost-effective efficiency measures wherever they can help reduce local energy demand for all sectors, aggregating related users to create economies of scale and many other benefits.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Powers".

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