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**Cc:** Brad Sherwood; Carolyn Greco  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Materials - ABAG POWER Board of Directors Special Meeting - May 25 @ 11am

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Hi Ryan,

Regarding ABAG POWER Board meeting agenda item 5. Establishment of Renewable Natural Gas Program: Many public entities including Sonoma Water want the ability to buy renewable natural gas (such as methane derived from animal manure, food waste, or wastewater treatment plants) in aggregate much like Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) entities allow for renewable purchase of electricity. CCA's allow electricity customers to buy renewable power. Buying renewable natural gas would give us a cost competitive option to meet our building and water heating needs, since it's often too expensive to retrofit existing buildings for electric heating. Allowing entities to purchase renewable natural gas products would also allow building owners to move away from fossil fuels for heating immediately, instead of prematurely switching to electric heating sources prior to their gas fueled heating equipment reaching the ends of their useful lives. Purchasing renewable natural gas would also help our digester gas producing wastewater treatment plant colleagues diversify their markets into which they could sell their renewable products. It would also allow some wastewater treatment plants to contribute to helping communities address mandates to divert organic wastes away from landfills by diverting those organic waste byproducts to wastewater treatment plants.

Thank you,  
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Good afternoon, ABAG POWER Board of Directors,

Please find attached the meeting materials for next Thursday's (5/25) special meeting of the Board. The materials are also available at <https://abag.ca.gov/meetings>.

For those attending remotely, you should have received an email inviting you to attend as a Zoom panelist. Please reach out if not.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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