

California Energy Commission
Attn: Commissioner Andrew McAllister
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Commissioner McAllister,

We are writing you in strong support of the California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC) at the University of California, Davis. CLTC is a public-private partnership that has evolved over the last decade. This partnership grew out of close collaboration between the lighting industry, California's investor owned utilities and the California Energy Commission. CLTC supports a diverse and integrated portfolio of research, demonstration, education and training projects focused on energy-efficient lighting.

The Bay Area Climate Collaborative (BACC) is a non-profit public-private partnership program accelerating clean energy implementation in the San Francisco Bay Area. We have been very pleased with ongoing collaboration with CLTC to accelerate the deployment of LED street lights in the region since 2012. This collaboration has already resulted in the upgrade of over 85,000 streetlights as the direct result of joint education and technical support for local governments in the region. Together we have executed 5 workshops, reaching over 175 municipal attendees, with representatives from over half the agencies in the region in beyond. In addition, we produced a comprehensive resource for agencies *Next Generation Streetlights: LED Technology & Strategies for Action*, a guide covering critical considerations for public agencies with hundreds of print and electronic copies in circulation. Finally, together we have provided one-on-one assistance to numerous agencies to move them to action. CLTC's role with current and essential technical assistance has been instrumental to the region's progress.

The BACC and our public agency partners have been most fortunate to have CLTC's engagement and hope for continued collaboration going forward.

CLTC is very effective in identifying and resolving lighting-related issues that could impede progress toward California's energy goals. Key to their success is the ability to bring together multiple parties and activities to achieve unified results.

Continued investment in CLTC and similar research centers offers California the opportunity to effectively address long-term energy efficiency issues that cannot be addressed as well through individual project solicitations. We recommend continued support for their efforts.

Regards,



Executive Director