# SB 1221 Implementation— PG&E's Role, Goals, and Needs





# **Existing PG&E Zonal Electrification Efforts**



The Geospatial Electrification Tool calculates 5 "Index Scores" for each pipe segment, providing an initial assessment of electrification potential of a given geographic area



- PG&E currently implements two zonal/targeted electrification efforts, both of which require 100% customer consent for electrification:
  - The Alternative Energy Program (AEP) which avoids or reduces gas spending through more cost-effective alternatives
  - The Zonal Electrification Equity Pilot (ZEEP) focuses on identifying and demonstrating strategies for zonal electrification projects located in disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- PG&E has developed a Geospatial Electrification Tool to evaluate potential areas for zonal electrification using data such as customer income, prevalence of renters, geographic risks, and electric capacity:
  - PG&E staff use an internal version of the Geospatial Tool, which contains granular, protected data layers.
  - PG&E provides access to a higher-level version of this tool, under NDA, to local governments to allow collaboration on planning efforts.
  - PG&E also calculates "Index Scores" to help identify priority decarbonization areas for each pipe segment.

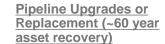


# How PG&E Evaluates Non-Pipeline Alternative Cost **Effectiveness**

### Non-Pipeline Alternative (1 year asset recovery)

- "Behind the meter" electrification cost estimate (eg: heat pumps, wiring)
- Cost estimate to retire in place or remove existing gas pipeline

• "Front of the meter" electric service upgrade cost estimate, if applicable



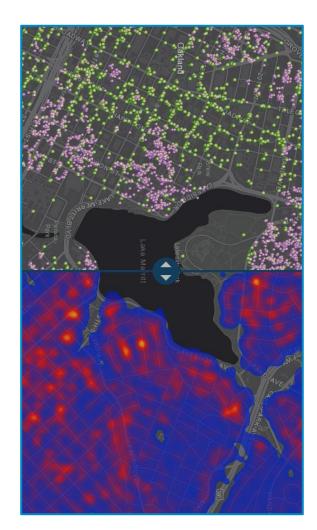
Pipeline upgrade or replacement cost estimate



- SB 1221 asks the PUC to establish "criteria and methodology for determining the cost-effectiveness of a zero-emission alternative as compared to replacement, repair, or continued operation of the affected asset of the gas system"
- Per bill language, non-energy benefits may be considered in prioritizing pilot projects, but shall not be used to calculate cost-effectiveness
- PG&E's current process for evaluating non-pipeline alternatives involves a net present value calculation comparing the two options
- Generally, because of expense treatment, non-pipeline alternatives must be considerably less expensive than a capital pipeline project.
- An example of PG&E's cost-effective calculations is in the CSU Monterey Bay application (Application 22-08-003)
- Cost estimates for zonal electrification projects change/refine over time and the pilot needs to account for that



## **Next Steps and Asks**



An example of how meter data and electrification propensity data layers may be shown graphically in the Geospatial Electrification Tool.

### **Next Steps for Determining Project Locations**

- PG&E estimates that we may have ample potential cost-effective projects that could be our SB 1221 pilot sites. Our current thinking is to narrow based upon:
  - Strength of community partner (CBO, city/county, implementer, CCA)
  - Size of project "zones"
  - Potential for customer bill savings
  - Diversity of building types, customer types, and geographies
- All potential projects will also need be evaluated for hydraulic feasibility, electric system capacity, and customer bill impact

### **Asks from the Commission and Stakeholders**

- ☐ Establish a simple, quick process to submit and evaluate pilot projects which account for shifts in cost/scope as the project progresses.
  - Allow for "off ramps" for pilot projects if found to be no longer cost effective or viable.
- Determine cost-effectiveness definition early
- Determine customer journey and notification process early

# Questions?

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