Check list for Causal Loop Diagrams (CLDs) & Accompanying Narrative

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| \_\_\_\_\_ | Nodes (text on the diagram) are things that can increase/decrease. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Nodes do not state direction of change. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Links (arrows) indicate direction that influence flows, and whether the upstream and downstream arrow move the same (S) or opposite (O) directions. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Links represent known or plausible real-world relationships. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Links form a closed loop. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | The type of loop is indicated: Positive (+) or negative (-). |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Narrative goes methodically around the loop. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Narrative indicates how a change in each node influences the next node. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Narrative explains the net effect of the loop: how going around influences the starting node. |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | Narrative explains how the loop's behavior or outcome influences the broader system in which the loop is embedded.   |
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