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BREAKING NEWS: CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM APPROVED!



NEW: "CREP" AVAILABLE TO ALL

The brand new **Community Renewable Energy Program** will be available to all utility customers. 51% of each program's capacity is dedicated to low-income subscribers. Next steps include workshops and implementation prior to launch. Surplus land and brownfields are excellent sites to host projects.

AGRIVOLTAICS: AN EMERGING TREND



Solar Gardens deliver great benefits for local agriculture:

- Improved air quality, water filtration rates, and soil nutrient levels
- Pollinator-friendly habitat increases crop yields
- Better drainage and water retention due to deeper-rooted native plants
- Smart landscape screening to provide animal habitat, seclusion, and a visual buffer
- No noise, odor, or intrusive lighting
- Beautiful wildflower areas

DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM GETS BOOST

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The CPUC's recent decision to improve the **DAC-Green Tariff Program** will expand the program from 60 MW to 144 MW. It expects to facilitate almost 50 new solar projects for 45,000 customers. This decision expands the geographical boundaries of disadvantaged communities to allow for more eligible projects to serve customers. **Project Sponsors needed!**



DAC Project Example: 2MW solar + 8MWh storage

The DAC Program is an amazing opportunity to deliver 20% bill credits to low income customers. Public Agencies are poised to take important steps in the development of local energy resources....
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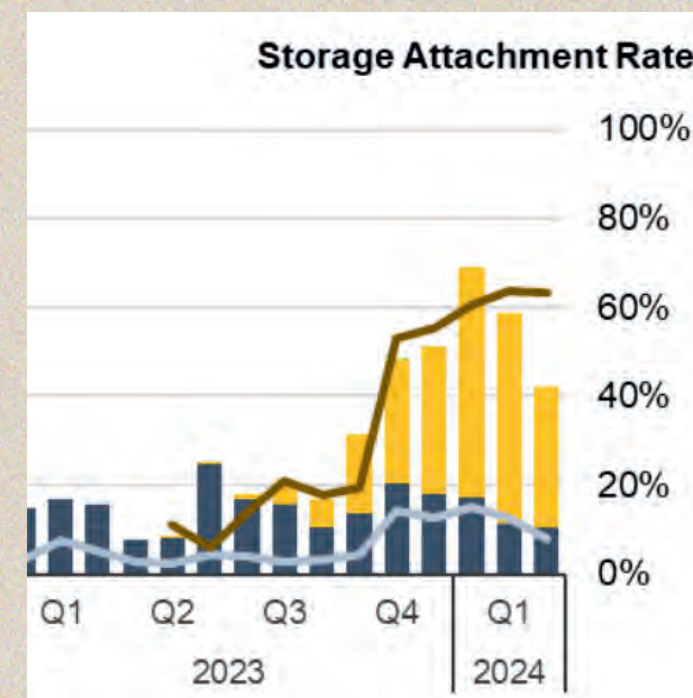
NEM 3 LEADS TO SPIKE IN SOLAR + STORAGE ADOPTION

A recent Berkeley Lab report analyzes the changes from the net energy metering (NEM) tariffs to the net billing tariff (NBT) colloquially known as "NEM 3.0"

- storage attachment rates jump from roughly 10% under NEM to roughly **60% solar + storage under NBT.**

- Increasing in third-party ownership (TPO), from 24% under NEM last year, to 44% TPO under NBT

- PV systems are smaller under NBT — 9% overall and 17% smaller systems for solar+storage



MUNICIPAL SOLAR GROWTH CONTINUES

Several programs are available to Municipalities and Public Agencies as well as other organizations with solar + storage goals.

There is still some capacity for the **RES-BCT** program for virtual bill crediting. **NEMA** is an option for many projects. On-site projects continue to achieve cost and GHG reduction goals under **NBT**. Lastly, many Community Choice Aggregator **CCA** programs support the continued growth for municipalities, agencies, and organizations.



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