

Decarbonizing Homes and Buildings



Program Manager
ISD, County of Los Angeles
Frederick Chung



Planning and Rules Manager
South Coast AQMD
Heather Farr



Housing Services Administrator City of Palm Springs

Ariel Tolefree Williams



Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Direct Install - GFO-23-404

Presented at the November 13, 2024 Business Meeting



Benefits to Californians



Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Buildings



Advance Energy Equity



Improve Resiliency to Extreme Heat



Improve Air Quality



Improve Energy Affordability



Support Grid Reliability



Support Local Workforce



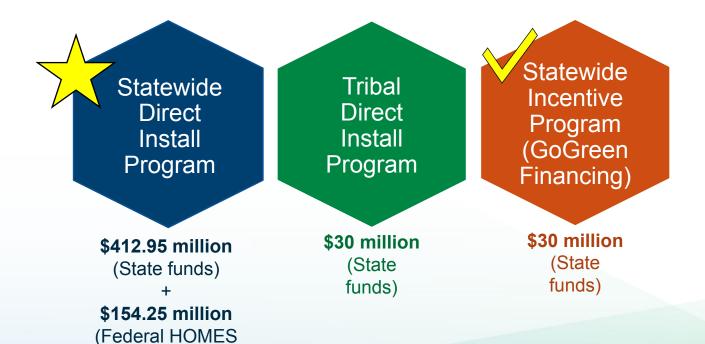
Building Decarbonization and Equity

Building decarbonization must prioritize low-income, disadvantaged, and tribal communities, who bear the highest energy burden and have suffered the most from historical environmental injustices, economic disparities, and the current climate crisis.

- Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program Guidelines



Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Subprograms

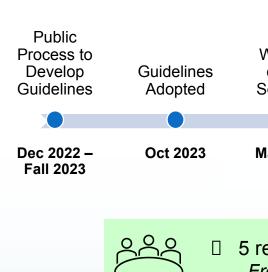


funds*)

^{*} Federal funds contingent on U.S. Department of Energy approval



Statewide Direct Install Program **Timeline and Public Process**



Public Workshop on Draft Solicitation

Solicitation for Regional Administrators Released

Regional Administrator **Applications** Due

Notice of Proposed **Awards** Posted

Proposed Adoption of Regional Administrator Agreements

Program Launch (Retrofits Begin)

March 2024

April 2024

June 2024

Aug 2024







- 5 regional workshops Fresno, Indio, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Rosa
- 5 online-only workshops
- 2 tribal listening sessions





Statewide Direct Install Program Overview

The direct install program will serve...





Low-Income Households

- Single-family
- Multifamily
- Manufactured and mobile homes



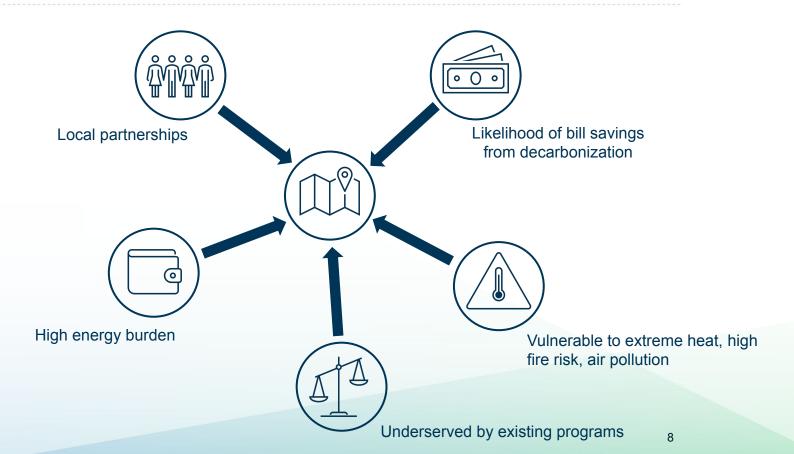
Underresourced Communities

- Disadvantaged communities
- Low-income communities

First phase of the program will serve "Initial Community Focus Areas"



Initial Community Focus Area Criteria





Eligible Measures

Heating and Cooling

- Heat pump
- Duct testing/sealing
- Smart thermostat
- · Ceiling fan, whole-house fan

Building Envelope

- Insulation
- Air sealing
- Solar window film

Water Heating

- Heat pump water heater
- Low-flow showerheads and faucets

Cooking, Laundry

- Induction range or cooktop
- Electric clothes dryer

Air Quality, Lighting

- Air filtration
- LED lights

Electrical and Remediation

- Electrical wiring and panel upgrades
- · Remediation and safety



Regional Funding Allocation



Region	Population of Underresourced Communities	Percentage of Statewide Direct Install Program Funds
Northern	5.3 million	23%
Central	4.3 million	19%
Southern	13.6 million	58%
Total	23.2 million	100%



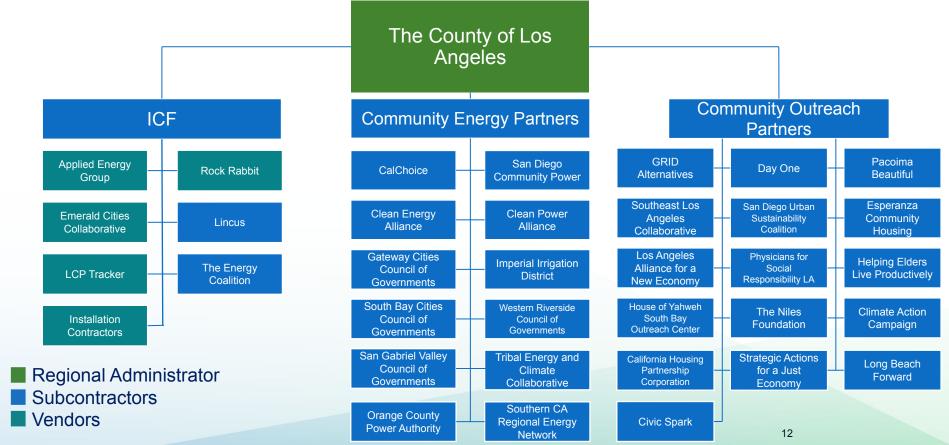
Proposed Awardees

Region	Proposed Awardee	Proposed Funding: State	Proposed Funding: Federal*	Proposed Funding: Total
North	Association for Energy Affordability, Inc.	\$94,978,500	\$35,478,190	\$130,456,690
Central	Center for Sustainable Energy	\$78,460,500	\$29,308,070	\$107,768,570
South	County of Los Angeles	\$239,511,000	\$89,466,740	\$328,977,740
Total	All Regions	\$412,950,000	\$154,253,000	\$567,203,000

^{*} Federal funds contingent on U.S. Department of Energy approval



Southern Region: County of Los Angeles





Proposed Awardee, Southern Region: Los Angeles County

LA SGV LA Gateway Cities	Bernardino									
Orange North San Diego South San Diego	D Imperial	South San Diego	North San Diego	Orange County	LA Ports and South Bay	LA San Gabriel and San Fernando Valley	LA Gateway Cities	Inland Empire San Bernardino	Inland Empire Riverside	Imperial County
	Community Energy Partners	• SDCP	• CEA • SDCP	• OCPA	• CPA	• CPA	• CPA	CalChoiceIREN	CalChoiceIREN	• IID
	Community Outreach Partners	SDUS C SCTC A CHP GRID ECC TEC	SDUSC SCTCA Climate Action Campaig n CHP GRID ECC TEC	CHP Climate Action Campaig n GRID ECC TEC	SBCOG PSR-LA ECH SAJE LAANE SELA Long Beach Forward HELP Niles Foundation House of Yahweh CHP GRID ECC TEC	 SGVCOG PSR-LA ECH SAJE Niles Foundatio n Day One Pacoima Beautiful CHP GRID ECC TEC 	• GCCOG • PSR-LA • ECH • SAJE • CHP • GRID • ECC • TEC	• SBCOG • CHP • SCTCA • GRID • ECC • TEC	• WRCOG • CHP • SCTCA • GRID • ECC • TEC	• CHP • SCTCA • GRID • ECC • TEC



For any Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program - Southern Region inquires, please contact Frederick Chung.

Frederick Chung

Energy & Environmental Services

County of Los Angeles – Internal Services Department

FChung@isd.lacounty.gov



South Coast Air Quality Management District Building Appliances Rules and Incentives

Regional Energy and Climate Hub Inland Empire Workshop

Thursday, December 5, 2024

What is the South Coast Air Quality Management District?



- South Coast AQMD is an air pollution control agency
 - Includes Orange County and portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties
 - Covers an area of 10,743 square miles
 - Serves 17.5 million people with 11 million vehicles
 - Historically, have the worst air quality in the nation
- Responsibilities include
 - Controlling emissions from stationary sources (e.g., power plants, refineries, gas stations, painting facilities)
 - Permitting and inspecting over 28,000 affected businesses
 - Monitoring air quality and meeting federal and state air quality standards

Regional Air Quality

South Coast AQMD region fails to meet multiple national air quality standards

• Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) is the key pollutant that must be controlled to address air quality

Under Federal law, areas that fail to meet air quality standards by required deadlines face potential sanctions

 Most severe would be loss of millions of dollars in federal highway funds

Region needs to reduce over 67% NOx emissions to meet air quality standards by the 2037 deadline

 Requires that we adopt zero-emission technologies to replace combustion wherever feasible

How We are Proposing to Improve Air Quality:



1111 (PAR 1111)

Reduction Of NOx Emissions From Natural Gas-Fired
Furnaces

Residential and commercial space heating

Proposed Amended Rule 1121 (PAR 1121)

Reduction Of NOx Emissions From Small Natural
Gas-Fired Water Heaters

Residential water heating

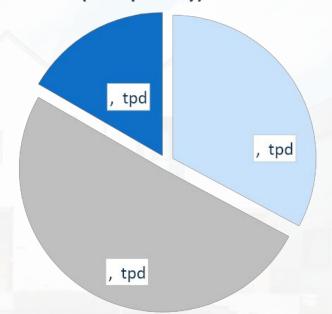
Preliminary Draft Rules and Draft Staff Report released on September 20th, revised version released November 5th
Public Process Initiated September 2023, held seven Working Group Meetings

Why Regulate Space and Water Heating?

- Proposed rules will impact over 10 million units
 - ☐ 17% of stationary source NOx emissions

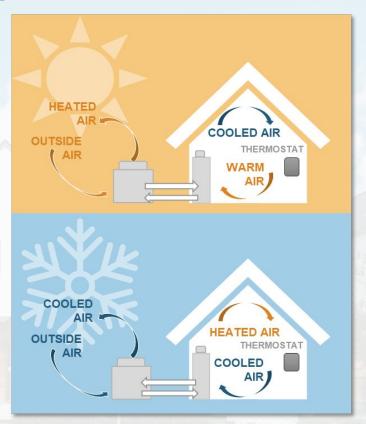
 Required by law to take all feasible measures to meet air quality standards

 Transition from combustion to zero-emission technologies 2018 NOx Emissions from Stationary Sources (tons per day)



Zero-Emission Technologies

- Heat Pumps are the most common zero-emission technology
 - A heat pump is an air conditioner that provides heating and cooling
 - Heat pumps can also provide hot water (heat pump water heaters)
 - Heat pumps run on electricity, which means they produce zero NOx at the point of use
- Other technologies include:
 - Electric resistance
 - Solar
 - Fuel cells



Proposed Compliance Schedule

- Transition to zero-emission standard based upon:
 - Future effective dates
 - Natural turnover (when the consumer chooses to replace or equipment breaks)
- Natural turnover estimated ~ 4 7 percent per year
- Considering delaying existing building compliance dates to 2029
 - Address cost and infrastructure concerns

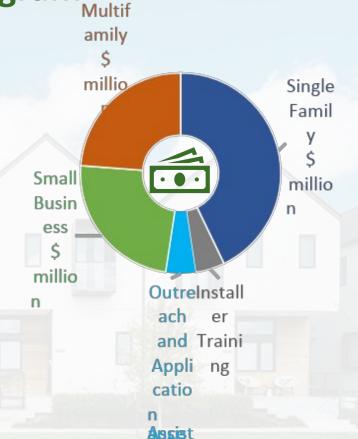
DAD	Туре	Zero-Emission Start Date		
PAR		New Buildings	Existing Buildings	
1111	Residential & Commercial Furnaces	2026	2028	
	Mobile Home Furnaces	2028	2030	
1121	Residential Water Heaters	2026	2027	
	Mobile Home Water Heaters	2026	2030	



South Coast AQMD Go Zero Pilot Incentive Program

Cost is a barrier, so incentives are critical to an equitable transition to zero-emission appliances
The pilot program will include:

- Heat pump rebates for space and water heating
- \$21 million funding for the pilot phase
- 75% of funding allocated to overburdened communities
- Higher rebates for overburdened communities
- Potentially future phases to implement lessons learned
- · Potentially fivefold increase in future funding





Program launch anticipated early 2025

Rebate Program Incentives



Single Family Rebate: \$1,000 - \$3,000 per unit*



Multi-Family Rebate: \$1,000 - \$4,000 per unit, up to \$300,000 cap*



Small Business Rebate: \$4,000 per unit

^{*} Higher rebates for overburdened communities



■ • South Coast AQMD Go Zero Pilot Incentive Program

Installer Training



Training will familiarize installers with plumbing, HVAC, and electrical work needed to install heat pumps



Selection of contractor will consider prior experience and training proposal maximize installer benefits

Outreach and Application Assistance



Outreach to overburdened communities to provide application assistance and stack other incentives



Selection of contractor will prefer disbursement of funding to reach the four-county jurisdiction



- Incentives are available for heat pumps, and may be layered together:
 - HEEHRA, launched in November 2024, provides household incomes between 80% and 150% area median income (AMI) up to \$4,000
 - Households with incomes less than 80% AMI are eligible for up to \$8,000
 - Find out eligibility by using the pre-screening tool here
 - ☐ Federal IRA Tax Credits provide up to \$2,000 for heat pumps, more info here
 - ☐ **TECH Clean California** provides **\$1,500** for heat pump HVAC, more info here
 - Comfortably California provides incentives for heat pump HVAC, more info here
 - Golden State Rebates provides incentives for heat pump water heating, more info here
 - Many local/utility incentives are available, with more info on the Switch is On website
 - □ Upcoming South Coast AQMD **Go Zero** rebates will provide \$1,500-\$3,000 for heat pump HVAC and \$1,000-\$2000 for water heating, along with application assistance

Incentive	Stacking	Example -
HVAC		

HEEHRA	\$4,000
IRA Tax Credit	\$2,000

TECH Clean \$1,500 CA Total starts at \$9,000

- Go Zero + Plus other incentives from local, \$11 till \$100, etc.
 - + Additional funding for income-qualified:
 - +\$4,000 HEEHRA
 - +\$1,500 Go Zero

Starts at \$14,500 for income-qualified

Next Steps for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 and Go Zero



Future Public Meetings

- Public Comment Period Open Until
 - December 13, 2024
- Stationary Source Committee
 - December 20, 2024
- Public Hearing
 - February 7, 2025 (subject to change)



Technology Check-in

- Prior to future zero-emission effective dates
- Reassess technology development, availability, and costs
- Potential recommendations to amend rule



Launch Go Zero Incentive Program

Early 2025



Links and Contact Information

To receive future updates on rulemaking and incentives via email newsletter:

Subscribe by checking the **Building Appliances** check box located under Rule Updates:

http://www.agmd.gov/sign-up

For more information on current projects:

Please check out the Building Appliances webpage at the link below or the QR code here: https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/residential-and-commercial-building-appliance/



For questions on building appliances rules and incentives:

Peter Campbell, Air Quality Specialist

Jen Vinh, Air Quality Specialist

Emily Yen, Air Quality Specialist

Yanrong Zhu, Program Supervisor

Heather Farr, Planning and Rules Manager

Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer

Rule 1111

Rule 1121

Go Zero, Rule 1146.2

Rules and Incentives

Rules and Incentives

Rules and Incentives

pcampbell@aqmd.gov

jvinh@aqmd.gov

eyen@aqmd.gov

yzhu1@aqmd.gov

hfarr@aqmd.gov

mkrause@aqmd.gov

DECARBONIZATION BENEFITS LOCALS

ARIEL TOLEFREE-WILLIAMS
CITY OF PAI M SPRINGS



City of Palm Springs

destination with a year-round population of approximately 47,900 and a seasonal population that more than doubles.

With the resort amenities and heat Palm Springs is famous for, there is room for improvement with infrastructure, energy consumptions and energy costs.



What does **Inequality look like?**

03

High Energy Costs

- Lack of affordability
- Need for community shared solar/expanding energy storage.
- Need for levelized bill costs for CARE/FERA

Climate Crisis =

Cost of Living Crisis • Rental/Utility Assistance

- Health Issues
- Dust pollution
- Heatwaves. over 100 days over 110*.
- · Doesn't cool off at night. more cardiac arrest cases
- Right to cooling law (80*)



Residents with

Fixed Incomes

- Fixed incomes / social security / disability
- · Hospitality employees
- · Retail employees
- · Single incomes

Inefficient Buildings

- Are people comfortable and safe?
- Can mobile/ manufactured homes be updated?
- Parts of the City more in need than others?

Current Strategy

REACH Codes

Will require SFH built before 2011 undergoing additions or remodels to make targeted energy efficient upgrades

Why

- Reduce GHG emissions by 80%
- Reduce energy & carbon use in new homes/buildings
- Supply 50% of energy from renewable sources
- Help PS be more climate resilient

Triggers

- Additions or changes to structural elements
- Change or rearrangement of walls or full height partitions of an existing building
- Modifications of an electrical system, heating or cooling or gas plumbing

Exemptions

Anyone who receives CARE/FERA via utilities

REACH Codes in action

Table 150.0-I Target Score					
	Building Vintage				
	Pre-1978 1978 - 1991 1992 - 2010				
Permit Value	Target Score				
All Projects	LED +	LED +	LED +		
	Photosensors	Photosensors	Photosensors		
\$10,000 - \$24,999	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating		
	Package	Package	Package		
\$25,000 - \$49,999	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating		
	Package & 16	Package & 12	Package & 6		
	points	points	points		
\$50,000 - \$99,999	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating		
	Package & 32	Package & 25	Package & 12		
	points	points	points		
\$100,000 +	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating	+ Water Heating		
	Package & 48	Package & 37	Package & 17		
	points	points	points		

Table 150.0-J: Measure Menu						
		Building Vintage				
Table 150.0-K ID	Measures	Pre-1978	1978 - 1991	1992 - 2010		
E1	Lighting Measures	Mandatory				
E2	Water Heating Package	Mandatory for all projects with a permit value of \$10,000 or more				
E3	Air Sealing	1	1			
E4.A	R-38 Attic Insulation	7	3	1		
E4.B	R-49 Attic Insulation	8	4	1		
E5	Duct Sealing	9	10	1		
E6.A	New Ducts, R-6 Insulation + Duct Sealing	17	13	5		

Current Strategy

Community Development Block

Straim Springs receives about \$350,000 annually to be used towards residents under 80% AMI. The City grants each household up to \$25,000. This existing program would be easy to expand.

Grant Objectives • Support LMI residents

- Create sustainable and viable urban areas
- Address code deficiencies

Grant Uses

- Replacing water heaters
- Updating electrical panels
- Replacing inefficient doors and windows
- Replacing inefficient HVAC
- Roof repair/replacement (cool roofs for MHs)
- Energy Efficiency upgrades



Future Strategy

Multi-Family Developments

80% of multi-family developments in Palm Springs were built before 2011. 15% of these are income-based, where utilities continue to price residents out.

Goals

- Equity
- Affordability
- Community Resilience

Things to Consider

- Difficulty tying in solar on older/ larger developments
- Property Owner/ Management buy-in
- Upfront costs
- Edison's program, does it work for us?
- Does performance based path work better here? (Reduce emissions by 10% annually). In unit (prescriptive) vs performance
- Benchmarking required (HUD, buildings over 50K sqft does this already)
 to make changes

THANK YOU

Ariel Tolefree-Williams

ARIEL.TOLEFREE-WILLIAMS@PALMSPRINGSCA.GOV

