

State & Local Energy Climate Coordination (SLECC)

*Coordination meetings between State and local leaders
across California*



Welcome!

June 23, 2026 | 2:00 - 6:00pm

In-person | LA

Please download meeting guide



Insert your resources on page 3

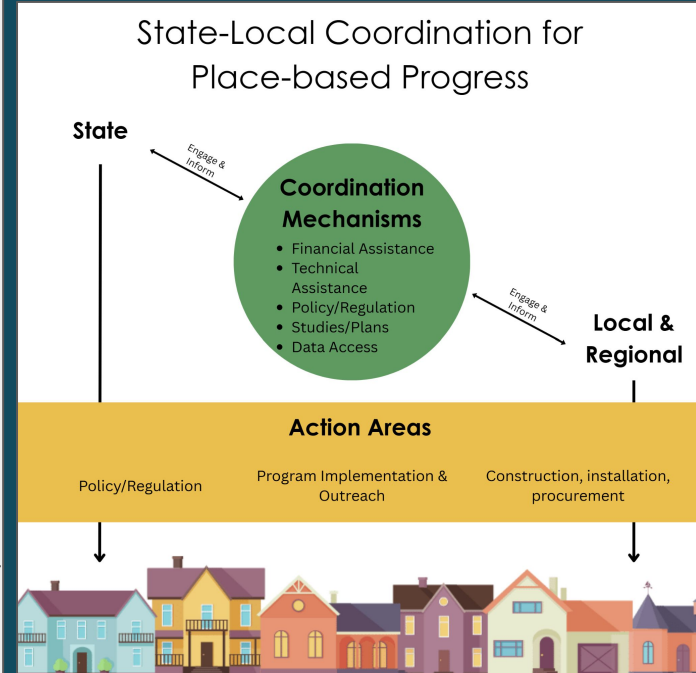
TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome
 - *Findings, Progress, and Opportunities*
- How Academia is Working with State and Local Agencies to Advance SLECC Priorities
- Intersection Between Energy Affordability and Distributed Energy Resources
- Streamlined Funding & Implementation
- Regional Breakouts - Project Huddles
- Networking Reception

SLECC's Purpose

SLECC serves as a **statewide communication and ideation hub** to help **State and local leaders improve coordinated efforts** to more rapidly unlock the unique potential of California regions and communities to address energy, climate, and land use goals.

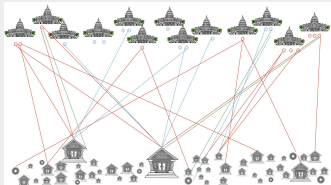
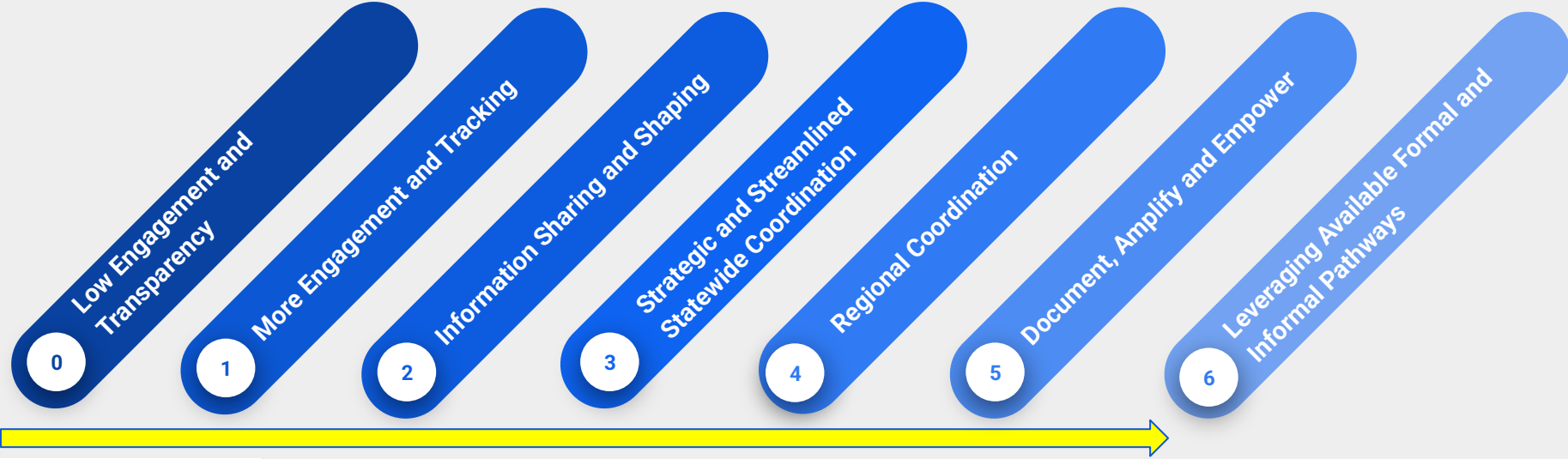
SLECC will **identify priority needs and co-create operational solutions to advance place-based energy and climate action.**





Purpose & Progress of SLECC

We set out to: Build deeper understanding and stronger collaborative relationships between State and local agencies to identify barriers and streamline/improve delivery of energy and climate information, resources, and services.



SLECC

REACH





SLECC Update

[Access Report](#)

News & Media

Turning State-Local Coordination Into Action

By Angie Hacker, CivicWell Senior Policy and Practices Consultant, CCEC Statewide Best Practices Coordinator

Climate Change & Energy Article

2025 SLECC REPORT

What We Know So Far About:

How California can deliver state and local solutions that really address the biggest barriers to accelerating place-based energy and climate progress

Based on findings from 2023-2025 State-Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) initiative administered by [CivicWell](#) California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC)

REACH Meeting

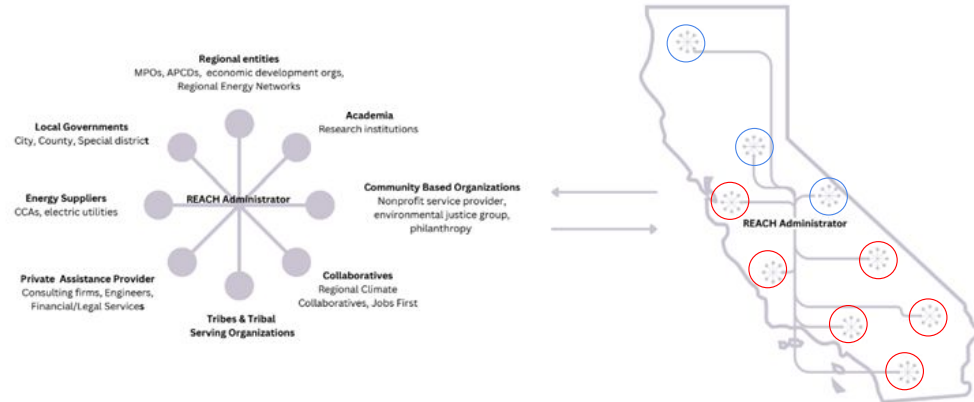
Los Angeles/San Diego/San Francisco Check-in

April 20, 2026

Thank you for coming!

Please introduce yourself over chat and share 1 sign of positive progress on energy, climate and land use in your region

REACH aims to help regions access sustained funding and assistance





SLECC Update

[Access Report](#)

SLECC 2026 Priorities Update

Priority 1: AFFORDABILITY & DECARBONIZATION

Scaling up decarbonized and climate-resilient buildings and homes amid affordability concerns

Barriers:

- **Energy Affordability & Rates**
- **Retrofit Feasibility**
- **Climate Resilient Housing**

Priority 2: STREAMLINED FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION

Streamlining funding access and implementation support for community-driven climate action plans and clean energy, efficiency and decarbonization initiatives in difficult times

Barriers:

- **Transitioning to Implementation: Planning Capacity**
- **Insufficient Investment**
- **Unstable Assistance**
- **Application Burden & Accessibility**
- **Representation & Inclusion**

Priority 3: GRID RESILIENCE & DER INTEGRATION

Building local energy resilience through improved utility processes for interconnection, grid infrastructure, and distributed energy resources

Barriers:

- **Grid Infrastructure**
- **Interconnection and Energization Processes**
- **Energy Resilience**
- **Transportation Electrification**



How Academia is Working with State & Local Agencies to Advance SLECC Priorities

Panel

Featuring

- **Chris Jones** | UC Berkeley
- **Eric Fournier** | UCLA
- **Benjamin Finkel** | UC Davis

Related SLECC Barriers:

- Climate Action Planning and Source Data
- Energy Data Access
- Energy Affordability & Rates
- Retrofit Feasibility
- Grid Resilience
- Transportation Electrification



Intersection Between Energy Affordability and Distributed Energy Resources

Presentations & Audience Discussion

Featuring

- **Kerry Fleisher** | California Public Utilities Commission
- **Local Leads**
 - **Casey Dailey** | Western Riverside Council of Governments
 - **Garrett Wong** | County of Santa Barbara

Priority 1: AFFORDABILITY & DECARBONIZATION

Top Solutions

- *Work through trusted community-based organizations (CBOs), CCAs, RENs, and other local intermediaries to deliver outreach for retrofit, electrification, and resilience programs.*
- *Increase transparency around state investment flows to target and address system cost drivers and affordability solutions.*
- *Break down silos and integrate energy efficiency, electrification, and DER programs to leverage synergies and improve outcomes.*

Priority 3: GRID RESILIENCE & DER INTEGRATION

Top Solutions

- *Strengthen regulation of the Investor Owned Utilities (eg PG&E). Make hearing their rate cases at the CPUC contingent on meeting grid performance and safety goals first.*
- *Accelerate and standardize interconnection timelines and requirements.*
- *Expand procurement pathways that allow CBOs, Tribes, and small jurisdictions to implement community-scale energy-resilience projects (e.g. microgrids, solar + storage systems, behind the meter batteries and EV-based backup storage at critical communities facilities).*



California Public
Utilities Commission

State & Local Energy and Climate Coordination (SLECC)

June 23, 2026

Kerry Fleisher

Director of Distributed Energy Resources, Natural Gas, and Retail Rates

California Public Utilities Commission

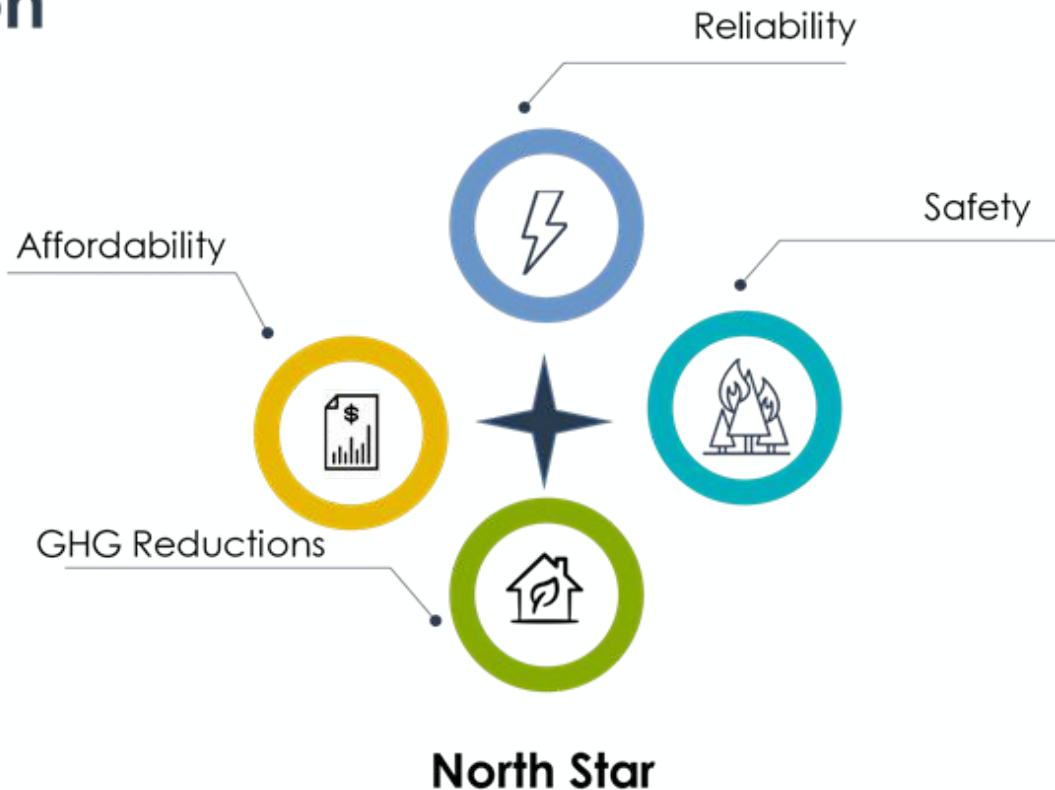


Energy Division Vision



Innovation

DEI & ESJ



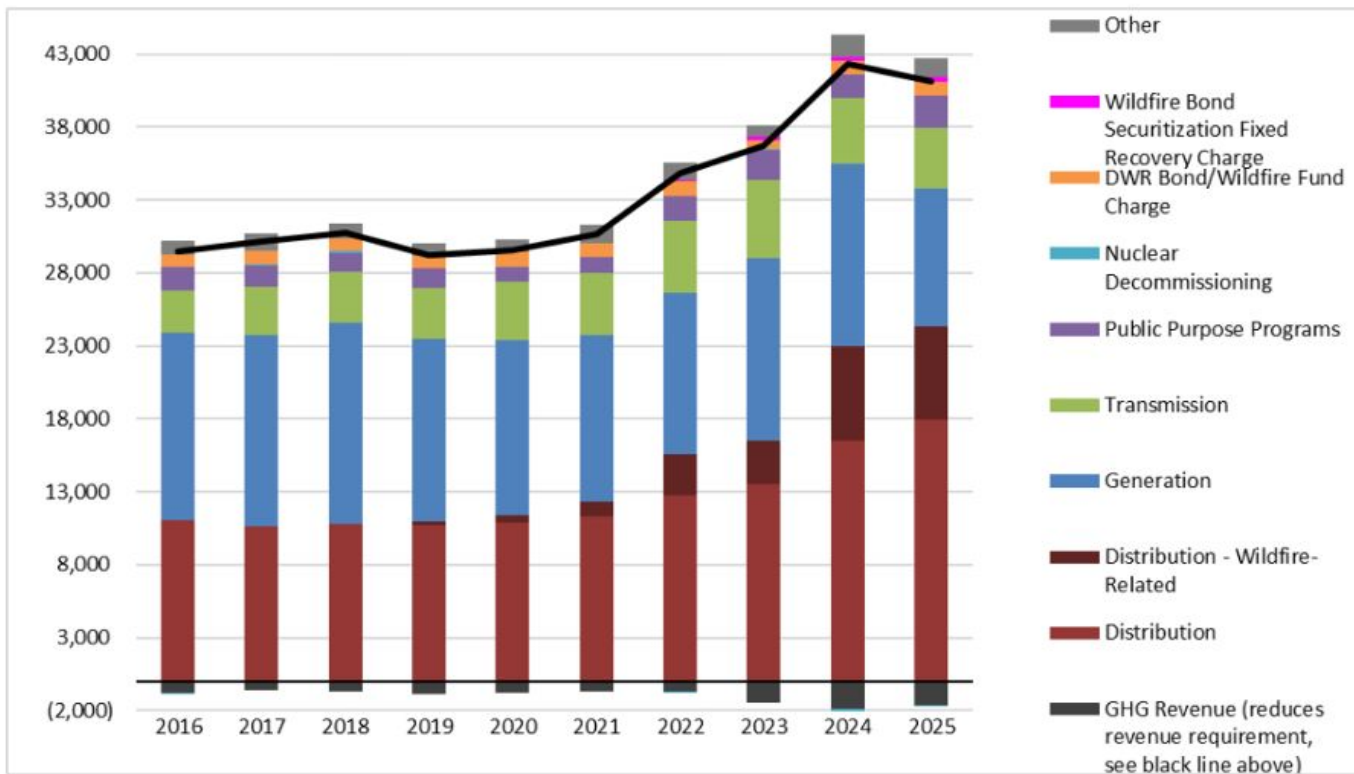
Run of Show

1. Introduction
2. Rate increase drivers
3. Role of EE and DERs in affordability
4. Electrification and affordability
5. Interconnection and energization
6. Questions



What is driving rate increases?

PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E Combined Authorized Electric Revenue Requirement, by Rate Component Category (January 1, \$ Millions)



Role of EE and DERs in Affordability

Distributed Energy Resources

- The CPUC oversees programs and market mechanisms to help customers manage their energy use and costs.
- DERs are electric distribution-connected energy resources that include -
 - Energy efficiency
 - Demand response and flexible loads
 - Dynamic and time-variant rates (e.g., Time of Use, Critical Peak Pricing, and Real-Time)
 - Customer generation (e.g., solar plus storage photovoltaic (PV) systems)
 - Energy storage
 - Electric vehicles (EV)
- A diverse portfolio of DER solutions are accessible to customers through direct incentive programs, tariffs, and procurement processes.

Energy Efficiency Helping Fuel Substitution

CARB's 2022 Scoping Plan

- 40% below 1990 GHG level by 2030 (SB32)
- Carbon Neutral by 2045



CPUC D.23-04-035 VEA Phase 1

- Phase out Energy Efficiency incentives for non-cost-effective Gas Measures in New Construction



VEA Phase 2 Staff Proposal

- Expand phaseout of gas incentives where a VEA is available

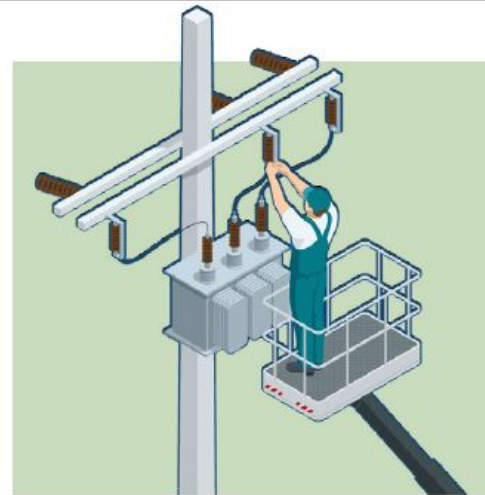


Electrification and Affordability

Cutting the Price of Electricity for All Residential Customers

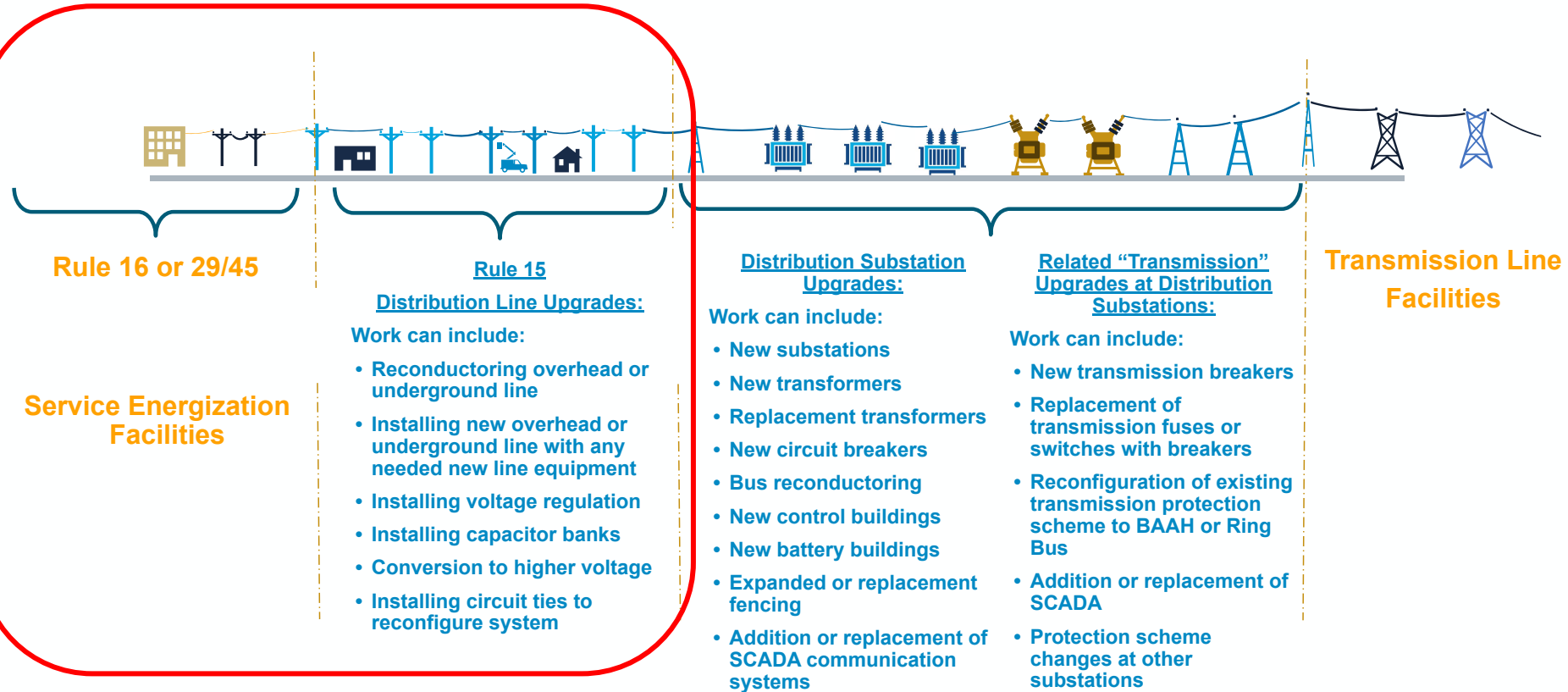
Base Services Charge

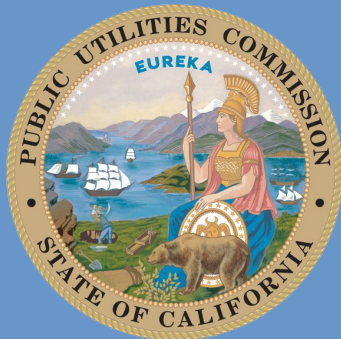
- All customers already pay the cost of building and maintaining the electric grid through the price you pay for the electricity you use. The Base Services Charge moves these existing fixed costs into a “flat rate” line item on bills, making it more affordable to electrify homes and vehicles, regardless of income or where you live.
- This billing structure does not impose any new fees—it simply reallocates how existing costs are shared among customers. It also aligns California with most other states.



Interconnection and Energization

Illustrated Overview of Energization Process





California Public Utilities Commission

Thank you!

Kerry.Fleisher@cpuc.ca.gov

We are hiring! Visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/careers for
more information.





Streamlined Funding and Implementation (Priority 2)

Presentations & Audience Discussion

Featuring

- **Sean Kennedy & Mel Moyce** | California Strategic Growth Council
- **Angela Hacker** | California Climate and Energy Collaborative
- **Amaury Berteaud** | Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- **Carol Whattam** | City of San Jose

Priority 2: STREAMLINED FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION

Streamlining funding access and implementation support for community-driven climate action plans and clean energy, efficiency and decarbonization initiatives in difficult times

Top Solutions

- *Develop a dedicated, flexible, and stable state funding program for CAP implementation, deployed through state-funded regional bodies or hubs and available on a formula or rolling basis to jurisdictions with an eligible CAP that meet community participation requirements, supported by regionalized technical assistance*
- *Support unfunded projects by establishing a project pipeline and ID/match to various capital sources*

SLECC Quarterly

June 2026



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC
GROWTH COUNCIL



What we've heard

SLECC engagement

SGC Catalyst Convenings

UC Berkeley capstone researcher, Sofi Magallon

Conversations with local govts, CBOs, and implementers



Funding Is Often Insufficient and Unpredictable

Local governments and community partners face challenges building long-term climate and energy programs in an environment of uncertain funding.

Recurring themes:

- Declining or disrupted federal funding
- State budget reductions
- Funding programs rely on a limited number of revenue sources, including GGRF
- Funding amounts or eligibility rules may change between rounds
- Short-term grants don't support long-term staffing or programs
- Limited ability to sequence funds across project phases

It can be difficult to hire staff, maintain projects, and make long-term commitments when future funding availability is uncertain.



Accessing Funding Requires Significant Time & Capacity

Even when funding opportunities exist, accessing them can require substantial staff time, technical expertise, and upfront investment.

Recurring themes:

- Time-intensive and technically complex applications
- Significant staff time spent on unsuccessful applications
- Communities compete against each other
- Repeated requests for similar info across funding opportunities
- Preference for “shovel-ready” while funding for predevelopment may be limited

Communities often must invest substantial resources without knowing whether they will receive anything.



Program Fragmentation Adds Complexity

Local governments are often navigating multiple funding programs simultaneously, each with its own requirements and expectations.

Recurring themes:

- Inconsistent eligibility, timelines, and reporting requirements across programs
- Requirements may change between funding rounds
- Reimbursement-based funding can create cash-flow challenges
- Admin and reporting requirements can be substantial, particularly for smaller orgs
- Prescriptive and inflexible budget categories create challenges
- Limited funding for staffing, operations, maintenance, and long-term implementation

Much of the coordination of funding across programs falls on communities. As communities combine funding sources, administrative complexity multiplies.



Carrying Forward What We've Heard

- Feedback has consistently identified barriers to accessing, combining, and sustaining climate and energy funding.
- These challenges are not new, and important work is already underway across the state to improve funding access, coordination, and program delivery.
- California is entering a period of significant transition, with continued federal uncertainty and a new gubernatorial administration.

Given SGC's role, we see several ways to continue supporting this work:

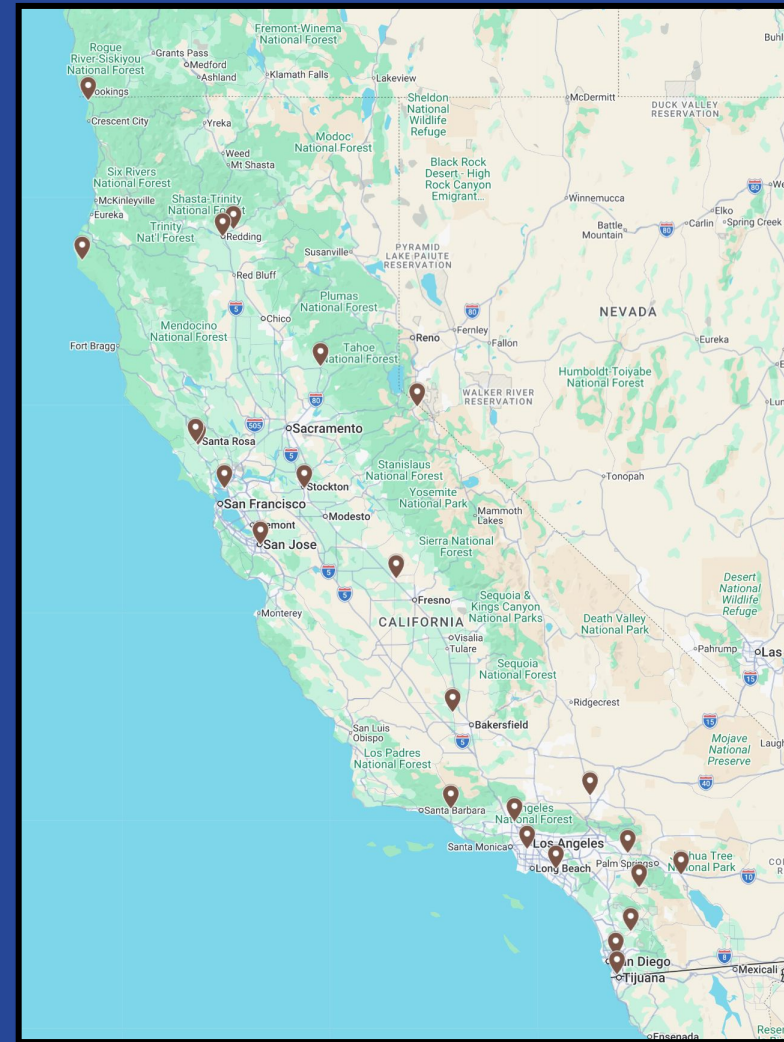
- Improving our own programs where we have direct influence
- Sharing what we are hearing with partner agencies
- Staying engaged through SLECC and related spaces
- Uplifting local and community voices in state-level conversations
- Building stronger evidence about unmet funding needs



New Data Effort: Understanding Demand and Investment Patterns

Starting with SGC and LCI programs, this effort will look across successful and unsuccessful applications to better understand:

- Where funding is being awarded geographically and across project types
- Where funding requests exceed available resources
- Where there are regional clusters of unfunded or partially funded proposals
- How application data can better support future program design and coordination

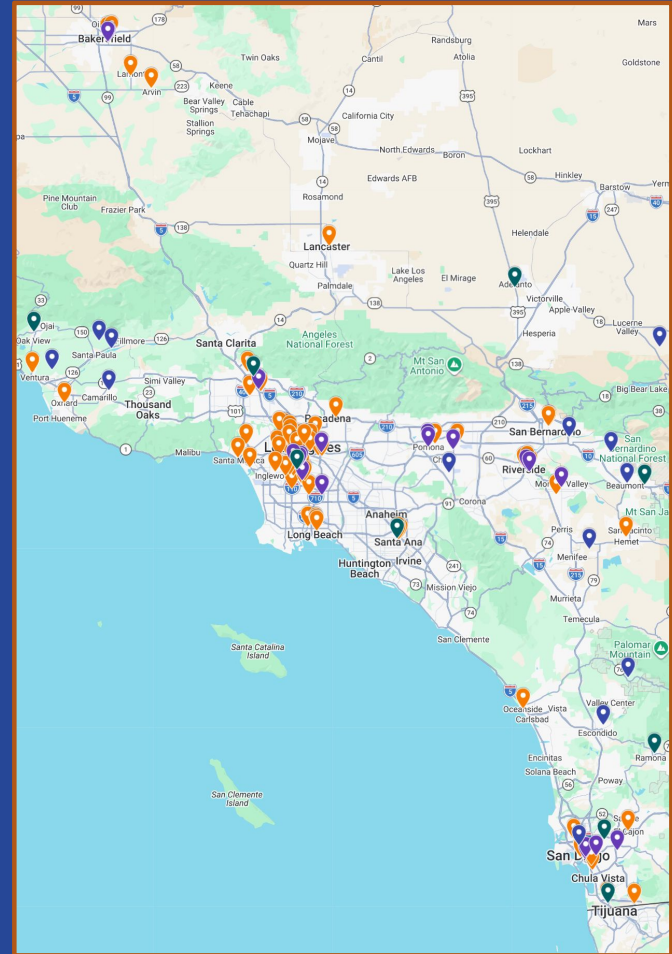


Translating Data into Strategic Insights

This effort will help make better use of the information applicants have already worked hard to provide.

Potential uses include:

- Packaging clearer insights for the next administration
- Identifying recurring gaps across programs, regions, and project types
- Better understanding where state investments are reaching communities
- Improving how we collect applicant and project data in future funding rounds
- Supporting better coordination across state funding programs





Thank you!

Mel Moyce
melissa.moyce@sgc.ca.gov

Sean Kennedy
sean.kennedy@sgc.ca.gov



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC
GROWTH COUNCIL



Streamlined Funding and Implementation

Funding landscape shifts and CCEC progress



Funding Landscape

Recurring sources under threat: \$2B GGRF / CCI, \$2B Energy Efficiency/EPIC programs

One-time / long-term sources: Prop 4; new SB 54 / SB 1180

One-time / short term sources: Equitable Building Decarbonization, DEBA, etc



Possible Pathways and Progress

- Application improvements
- TA + Central Project Pipelines
- CNRA Nature-Based Registry
- Go-Biz Financing Facilitation
- CEQA Mitigation Fund
- CEC EPIC Investment Plan
- Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund
- Libraries central application innovation fellows



CCEC Progress

Assistance Marketplace

Connecting regions to TA providers

REACH Model

Regional coordination for project delivery

Project Inventory Test

Simple database testing now underway



Streamlined Funding and Implementation

REACH & Assistance Marketplace

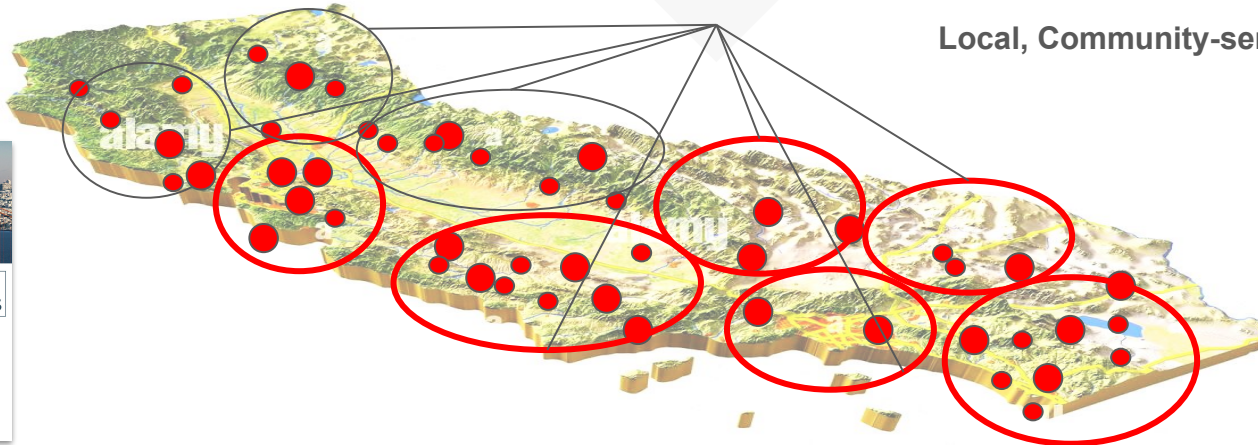
California State Agencies



**SLECC
REACH**

Local, Community-serving Organizations

- Local governments (cities, counties, special districts)
- Regional agencies (APCD, COGs, CCAs, RENs)
- Tribal governments & intertribal consortiums
- Philanthropic organizations
- CBOs/NGOs
- Academia
- Regional collaboratives





Streamlined Funding and Implementation

REACH & Assistance Marketplace

Assistance Marketplace

CCEC's Assistance Marketplace is a regional based guide showcasing organizations in all nine regions of California (iteratively updated) that provide funding, incentives, or technical assistance to local, tribal, CBOs, or NGOs to an individual region.

3C-REN

Description of Assistance Opportunity:
Energy Efficiency Programs

Region(s) Served: Central Coast

Who is providing this assistance:
Organization: 3C-REN
Org Type: County
Contact: Itzel Torres

[LINK TO ASSISTANCE](#)

Assistance Type:	Activities Covered:	Eligibility:
Incentives	- Climate Action Planning & Implementation - Building Energy Efficiency & Electrification - Electric Vehicle & Charging Infrastructure	- Tribal Governments - Tribal Residents - Cities - Counties - Individuals - COGs - Nonprofits

Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planning

Description of Assistance Opportunity:

Region(s) Served: San Francisco Bay Area

Who is providing this assistance:
Organization: Acterra
Org Type: Nonprofit Organization
Contact: Jacquelyne Marlene Vera

Add your opportunity to the marketplace!

Help us grow the marketplace! Add your organization and the assistance you provide via this form.

Use these filters to drill down by region or by assistance type etc.

Regions Served

- ☐ North Coast
- ☐ Sacramento Valley
- ☐ San Francisco Bay Area
- ☐ Central Coast
- ☐ Sierra Nevada
- ☐ San Joaquin Valley
- ☒ Greater Los Angeles
- ☐ Inland Deserts
- ☐ San Diego
- ☐ Statewide





Streamlined Funding and Implementation

CCEC Project Inventory Test

PROJECT ATTRIBUTES

- Project Proponent
- Project Name
- Applicant Type
- Project Type
- Project Category
- Project Address
- Targeted Community/Recipient of Benefits
- Region
- Budget
- Type of Technical Assistance Needed
- Type of Financial Assistance Needed
- Timeline
- Area of Focus
- Need Proposed Solution/Project
- Existing Community-Driven, Relevant Plans
- Goal of Project and Expected Impact
- Estimated GHG Emission Reduction
- Status and Funding Readiness
- Interested in Collective/ Regional Application

View Project Inventory TEST



View Project Huddle Intake Form





Streamlined Funding and Implementation

Discussion

Local Leads and Audience Feedback

- **What is the value and need for a local climate action “project inventory?”**
 - Short term vs long term
 - Regional vs State
- **If we move forward, how should it be done to promote “streamlined funding and implementation,” be as useful as possible, and avoid unnecessarily spending capacity?**
 - CCEC to house “test”
 - Who should use?
 - Common project attributes
 - Types of projects
 - O&M needs?
 - Collection



Streamlined Funding and Implementation

Project Inventory - Possible Utility and Use Cases

○

**<Insert Amaury slides (3
minutes)>**



SLECC Priority 2: Streamlined Funding & Implementation

June 23, 2026 – Solutions & Pathways Workshop

Carol Whattam – carol.whattam@sanjoseca.gov



What is the biggest obstacle preventing your climate project from moving forward?



Your input helps us understand how to better support your success.

Building the Climate Action Pipeline



- Many climate action projects are ready to move forward
- Funding agencies and policymakers need visibility into project demand

Help Us Fine-tune a Living List

Work Plan Visualization Project Inventory

Site #	Resiliency Project Name	Lead	Project Address	Decarbonization Retrofits			Resiliency Upgrades			Other	Describe	Status	Timeline		CalEnviroScreen Data		Total Cost	Contact Name	Email
				HPWH	HP-HVAC	Kitchen	Solar	BESS	EVSE				Min	Max	Census ID	Score			
All	Phase 1 Resilience Hubs																\$93,430,000		
1	Roosevelt Community Center	San Jose	901 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose CA 95116	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Controls Retrofit to DDC	Design	1	3	6085501401	72	\$13,000,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
2	Happy Hollow Park & Zoo-Kelley Park	San Jose	1300 Senter Rd San Jose CA 95112				X	X			RCx HVAC, replace VFDs	Implementation	1	2	6085503105	79	\$13,000,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
3	Fire Department Training & Emergency Operations Center	San Jose	1591 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95112		X			X	X			Implementation	1	2	6085503122	69	\$15,000,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
4	San Jose McInerney Convention Center	San Jose	150 W San Carlos, San Jose, CA 95113		X		X	X			Fire Alarms + Lighting	Implementation	1	2	6085501700	67	\$44,000,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
5	San Jose Fire Station 23	San Jose	1771 Via Cinco de Mayo, San Jose, CA 95132				X	X	X	X		Planning	2	3	6085504323	41	\$1,110,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
6	San Jose Fire Station 32	San Jose	1138 Olinder Court, San Jose, CA 95122					X	X	X		Implementation	1	1	6085503110	77	\$1,110,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
7	San Jose Fire Station 36	San Jose	Tueros and Capitol Expressway, San Jose, 95121				X	X	X	X		Design	2	3	6085503207	44	\$1,110,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
All	Building Design Performance	NGO	NA	Design Roadmap, Quality Assurance Plan, Bid Package, Post Assessment & Report								Implementation	1	5	NA	NA	\$1,500,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
All	Workforce Development	NGO	NA	Annual Assessments								Planning	1	5	NA	NA	\$500,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
All	Community Engagement, Equity, & GHG Performance Assessments	TBD	NA	Pre-Post GHG performance, Project Life Community Engagement, Pre and Post Equity Assessment								Planning	1	5	NA	NA	\$1,600,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov
All	Grant Administration	TBD	NA	Project Life Funds and Deliverables Oversight								Planning	1	7	NA	NA	\$1,500,000	Carol Whattam	carol.whattam@sarijoseca.gov

- How can the SLECC-CCEC Project Pipeline Inventory be made most useful for communicating your project needs and climate action priorities?

Priority 2: 2026 Work Plan -Topics & Package

1. Design Stable and Recurring Funding Priorities
2. Set Up Ready-to-Go Project Pipelines
- 3. Don't Forget about Operations and Maintenance**



Would including long term O&M shift your priority focus?



- Identify regional investment needs
- Inform future funding opportunities
- Support legislative and policy discussions
- Connect agencies interested in collaboration

Add Your Project to the List Today in our upcoming workshop!

Connect at RFC Roundtable to explore coordinated public facility projects!



Streamlined Funding and Implementation

Project Inventory - Possible Utility and Use Cases

Monterey Bay region – project inventory – initial exploration

- The Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG) has been working since 2022 to pool local funding to apply for grants at a regional scale
- RCPWG-led applications were awarded over \$30 million in EV infrastructure funding from state and federal sources
- As RCPWG crafted large EV infrastructure applications, we needed to identify potential projects as early as possible in to increase competitiveness
- The concept initially revolved around creating an inventory of potential EV charger sites. However, changes in federal priorities meant we no longer saw a use case



Streamlined Funding and Implementation

Project Inventory - Possible Utility and Use Cases

Monterey Bay region – project inventory – Exploration

- As state funding in 2025 – 2026 was projected to focus on resiliency centers, through the Central California Rural Regional Energy Network, we revived the concept of creating a project inventory, centered around services that could be provided at resiliency centers
- In 2025, AMBAG identified over 70 potential publicly owned facilities interested in becoming a resiliency center, while Ecology Action identified over 30 non-profit facilities in 2026
- The process of creating a project inventory changed the conversation in the region. It became clear that available funding could not meet the region's need, no matter how successful at grant writing we could be

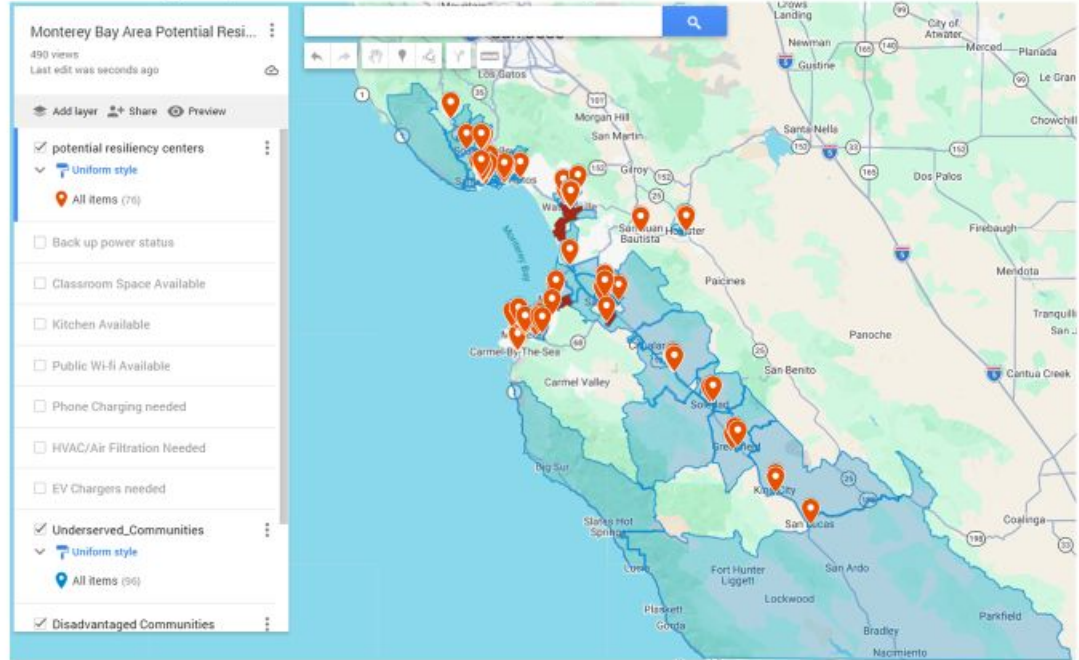


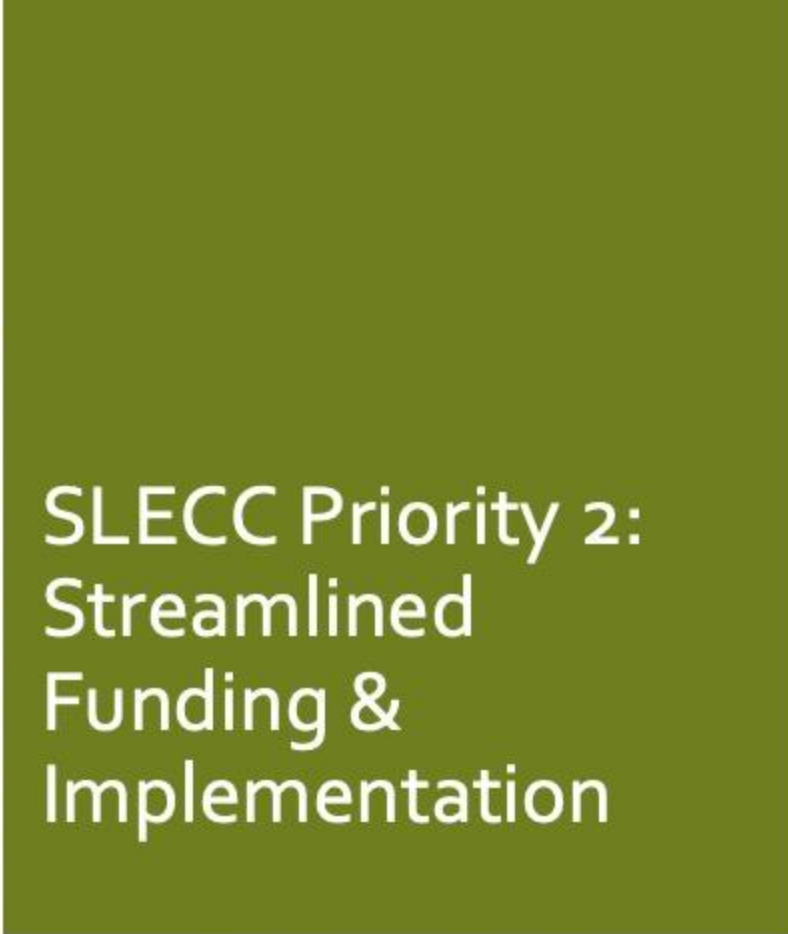
Streamlined Funding and Implementation

Project Inventory - Possible Utility and Use Cases

Monterey Bay Region – initial project inventory – Utility

- Created visibility on site needs
- Created visibility on data needs
- Enabled conversations between jurisdictions
- Enabled this presentation :)
- Region is now exploring financing a mechanism to build infrastructure





SLECC Priority 2: Streamlined Funding & Implementation



Local Leads: Amuary Berteaud (AMBAG), Katie Hentrich (City of Carlsbad), and Carol Whattam (City of San José)
State Leads: Sean Kennedy (SGC), Mel Moyce (SGC), Ena Lupine (SGC), and Jennifer Gallardo (CEC)



Regional Breakout - Project Huddles

Implementing local energy and climate projects can be a big challenge. Let's breakout by regions, workshop your stuck projects, and crowdsource available assistance.

*City of X is only
partially funded to
complete energy
upgrades on its
recreation facility*



*IREN provides energy
audit and incentives up
to \$XXX*

HUDDLE DISCUSSIONS

1. Join your region (see signs)
2. Take 2 minutes to write one stuck project on a yellow post-it and add to the poster by topic area; add a ★ if you want to share
3. Facilitator guides group to workshop 2-3 “stuck” projects
 - a. Project proponent: What is the project and where did it get stuck?
 - b. Group: Share ways this project can get unstuck by sharing advice and successes.
4. Add pink post-its to the poster for assistance available to the region for these kinds of projects



Regional Breakout - Project Huddles

Report Out & Takeaways

- **Facilitators:** Please share key regional assistance providers you identified that can help get projects in the region “unstuck”
- **All:** Discuss takeaways or questions





Reception

Roundtable Discussions

Mingle, network, and feel free to engage in discussions at the following tables:

- *Shaping the Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund* (**Adrienne Moretz, Strategic Growth Council**)
- *Using [ClimatePlans.org](https://climateplans.org) to Support Local Climate Action* (**Chris Jones, UC Berkeley**)
- *Learn more about the Resilient Facilities Coalition* (**Carol Whattam, City of San Jose**)
- *Take advantage of Advanced Clean Fleet Support* (**Andrew Reyes, California Air Resources Board**)
- *Deeper dive on CPUC Data Access Workgroup Findings* (**Eric Fournier, UCLA**)
- *Q&A with Regional Energy Network about Services Available in Your Area* (**TBD**)

Contact Angie Hacker
ahacker@civicwell.org



What's Next?

- Reception featuring roundtables:
- Next SLECC meeting (online)

*Thank you for continued help improving
state-local coordination!*