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Local Government Climate Newsletter

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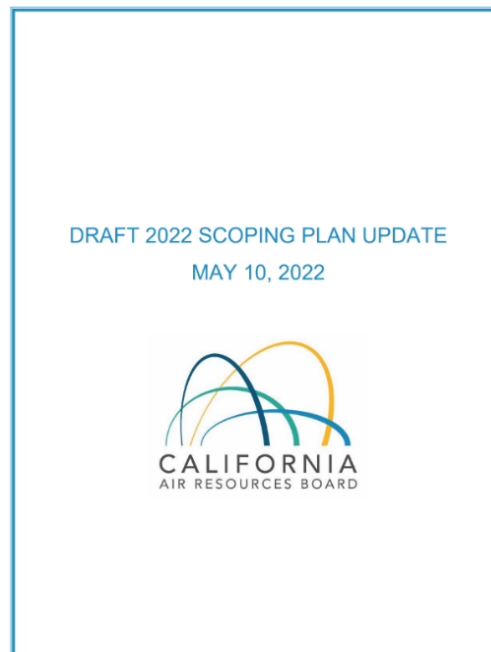
New Developments: BAAQMD Updates CEQA Thresholds of Significance



On April 20, 2022, the Air District Board of Directors adopted new recommended thresholds of significance for climate impacts to be used by public agencies to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The thresholds are based on what will be required of new land use development projects to achieve California's long-term climate goal of carbon neutrality by 2045. The [Thresholds of Significance Justification Report](#)

provide substantial evidence that lead agencies will need to support their use of these thresholds. Updated CEQA Guidelines for applying these thresholds of significance will be coming soon.

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Listening Sessions: CARB 2022 Draft Scoping Plan

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) released the Draft 2022 Scoping Plan on May 10, 2022. CARB invites community members and interested stakeholders to participate in the listening sessions to hear an overview of California's plan to address climate change and share their thoughts on the plan with CARB staff and Board Members. The first listening session will be held in the Bay Area at Laney College in Oakland. Additional listening sessions will be held in the San Joaquin Valley, Los Angeles, and virtually.

In-Person Listening Schedule

Date: July 28, 2022

Time: 5:30p.m.- 8:00p.m.

Location: [Laney College | The Forum \(Park in 7th St. Lot\)](#), | 900 Fallon St,

Oakland, CA 94607

Registration for the in-person session is not required but recommended.

Virtual Listening Schedule

Date: August 9, 2022

Time: 5:30p.m.- 8:00p.m

[Register Here \(In-Person Session\)](#)

[Register Here \(Virtual Session\)](#)



Save the Date: BAAQMD Local Climate Webinars

The Air District will be hosting two webinars highlighting innovative work in the fields of health, equity and climate, as well as the role of equity in climate action planning. The webinars will be hosted in late August and early September. Stay tuned for more information!

Webinar 1: Reimagining Health, Equity, and Climate Through Innovative Partnerships

This webinar will feature the Bay Area Healthy Homes Initiative (BAHHI), a cross-cutting partnership built upon an existing pilot program in Contra Costa County. Through innovative partnerships with public health departments, regional agencies, and non-profit organizations, BAHHI works to improve health outcomes for residents living in communities disproportionately burdened by air pollution, and to advance climate goals through building decarbonization. Through this interactive webinar, attendees will engage with one another to discuss local challenges and obstacles to forming cross-sectoral connections and lay the foundation for new interdisciplinary partnerships to advance both climate and community health goals.

Webinar 2: Incorporating Equity in Climate Action Planning

This webinar will showcase two Bay Area cities and how they incorporated equity in developing their Climate Action Plans (CAP). The webinar will highlight the process used by these cities to incorporate equity in their CAPs, including specific measures and policies, with a focus on challenges and lessons learned. Presenters will offer insight into their respective cities' conceptualization of equity, community engagement methods, and the policies that were developed through community input and equity considerations. Attendees will gain an understanding of different approaches to incorporating equity into climate action planning and have an opportunity to discuss how to plan for more just and sustainable communities.

Funding Opportunity: BAAQMD Climate Tech Finance Program

Unique climate finance partnership accelerates the development and adoption of greenhouse gas reducing technologies

Increasing Access to Capital for Cleaner Air

[Climate Tech Finance](#)



The Air District’s Climate Tech Finance Program works at both ends of the innovation-adoption spectrum: offering loan guarantees that help climate entrepreneurs secure working capital, and lending directly to public agencies seeking to speed their adoption of climate technologies. Climate Tech Finance is a first-of-its-kind partnership designed to accelerate the development and adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gases in the Bay Area.

[Learn More](#)



Webinar: BayREN Reach Codes Newcomers

The Reach Codes Newcomers Webinar series helps local government staff gain a greater understanding of the options, resources, and important

timeframes involved in adopting local reach codes. This final session of the series will cover reach code implementation and monitoring, checklists and training, and provide examples from practicing jurisdictions. This webinar series is a collaborative effort between the Statewide Reach Codes Program, BayREN, and the California Climate and Energy Collaborative and is intended to support local government staff adopt reach codes in alignment with the new statewide 2022 Building Energy Code, effective January 1, 2023.

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