



The Bay Area Air Quality Management District

## Local Government Climate Newsletter

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### ***Air District Building Decarbonization Webinar Series***

Join the Air District for a three-part webinar series on Building Decarbonization from early August through September. Topics will cover the connection between public health benefits and building retrofits, equity in existing building decarbonization, and building resilience after wildfires. The goal of this series is to share different Building Decarbonization strategies and efforts from around the Bay Area.

## **Webinar 1: Addressing Public Needs by Rethinking Buildings**

Please join the Air District, Contra Costa County Health Services, and the San Mateo County Housing Endowment and Regional Trust for a discussion on the connection between public health and other public needs and low-carbon buildings.

**When:** Friday, August 6, 2021 from 2-3 PM

[Register Here](#)

*Registration for additional webinars will be shared in future newsletters. Feel free to share our [newsletter sign-up](#) with colleagues who may be interested in staying up to date with our webinar series and future Air District events.*



## ***Air District Funding Opportunities***

**Loan Guarantees and Low-interest Financing: Climate Tech Finance Program** – Through a partnership between the Air District and the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, subsidized financing is available to help Bay Area facilities adopt emerging technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Public facilities can apply for loans ranging from \$500,000 to \$30 million, up to 30-year terms. Small businesses can apply for loan guarantees up to 90 percent. This program is open and accepting applications now.

[Apply Now](#)

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**Heavy-Duty Mobile and Stationary Equipment Replacement and Zero-Emission Infrastructure Program** – Over \$85M\* in new funding is available for eligible projects that reduce toxic air emissions and ozone-forming pollutants through the scrap and replacement of older, high-polluting vehicles and equipment. Project types include upgrades or replacements of:

- On-road trucks, transit buses, and transportation refrigeration units,
- Off-road construction, industrial, and agricultural equipment (examples: dozers, forklifts, tractors, ag pumps, portable engines),
- Off-road port and freight equipment (cargo handling equipment, airport GSE), and,
- Marine vessels and locomotives.
- Also eligible are charging stations or alternative fueling stations that support zero-emissions vehicles and technology.

Applications are being accepted on a first come, first-served basis until all funds are awarded. Priority is given to projects benefitting areas highly impacted by air pollution including the AB 617-identified communities of West Oakland, Richmond-San Pablo, East Oakland/San Leandro, Eastern San Francisco, Pittsburg-Bay Point area, San Jose, Tri-Valley area, and Vallejo.

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***Outcomes of Climate Protection Grant Projects***

## City of Fremont Fleet Electrification and Distributed Energy Plan

Supported by an Air District Climate Protection grant, the City of Fremont developed a plan with the goal of municipal fleet and facility decarbonization. The project included fleet assessment, electrification analysis, and facility-specific distributed energy resource feasibility studies.

As part of the grant, [EVFleets.tool](#) was developed as a collection of resources to help municipal staff identify and implement opportunities for robust decarbonization of their organization's fleet and facilities. In addition to the fleet and facility tools, [EVFleets.tool](#) includes other resource such as a best practice guide, cost of ownership calculators, and EV purchasing policies among others.

[Learn More](#)

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## City of Brisbane Building Efficiency Program

Supported by an Air District Climate Protection grant, the City of Brisbane has launched the Building Efficiency Program to address energy and water use in existing buildings to help improve building efficiency and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings. A city [ordinance](#) was developed, requiring most owners of local buildings 10,000 square feet or larger to benchmark their building and report results to the city annually. Buildings will be required to demonstrate energy efficiency performance metrics, or conduct an audit to identify and implement energy savings.

In addition, a Building Efficiency Program [toolkit](#) was developed with resources for other jurisdictions seeking to develop similar programs.

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## ***Plan Bay Area 2050***

MTC and ABAG released the Plan Bay Area 2050 [Draft Implementation Plan](#) at the end of May. It focuses on short-term actions that MTC and ABAG, along with regional partners, can take over the next five years to begin to realize the vision of Plan Bay Area 2050. The Implementation Plan development process is intended to be collaborative and engage Bay Area residents, local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and other stakeholders to identify actions to tackle the shared challenges in the region.

In addition to the Draft Implementation Plan, MTC and ABAG have released the [Draft Environmental Impact Report](#) and [Draft Equity Analysis](#). The Plan documents are open for public comment until July 20, 2021 at 5 pm. To submit comments, please follow the instructions at the following webpages:

[Draft Implementation Plan and Draft Equity Analysis](#)

[Draft Environmental Impact Report](#)

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