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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District Local Government Climate Newsletter

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If you are a local government working on a climate-related plan or project, we'd love to chat about how we can help support you. Contact us at <u>climate@baaqmd.gov</u>.

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AIR DISTRICT UPDATES

Upcoming Public Meeting for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program



Funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) <u>Climate</u> <u>Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG)</u>, the Air District is leading a <u>Bay</u> <u>Area Regional Climate Action Planning initiative (or, BARCAP)</u> for a 5-county area including the counties of San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin (as designated by the USEPA). The EPA has not included Sonoma, Napa or Solano counties in the grant region, but the Air District is including those counties in the BARCAP planning process. Santa Clara County has been designated in a different grant region. The first deliverable is a Priority Climate Action Plan composed of several near-term, implementation-ready priority greenhouse gas reduction measures, due to USEPA by March 1, 2024. Eligible entities can then apply by April 1, 2024, for funding to implement projects that align with those measures through a national competition totaling \$4.3 billion. The Air District is hosting a public meeting on **November 14** to inform the public about the BARCAP and provide an opportunity for input on the priority measures. Learn more here.

New Air Quality Violation Web Tool

Notices of Violation

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On September 7, the Air District launched a <u>web tool</u> that provides searchable information for all the notices of violation, or NOVs, that the agency has issued within the past five years. This new tool allows the public to access searchable enforcement information concerning NOVs issued to facilities across the Bay Area, such as location, facility name, current enforcement status and penalty amount. The table will be updated daily, and this data can also be downloaded. The release of this web tool is supported by increased enforcement resources and coordination among stakeholders; the Air District is also actively seeking legislative remedies to increase the maximum penalties allowed by law.

NEWS & RESOURCES

UC Berkeley Research Project to Conduct GHG Inventories for All



Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory

The UC Berkeley Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory has received a grant through the UC Climate Action Research Initiative to develop tools that will remove common obstacles to city and county climate action. The grant will fund a tool that conducts greenhouse gas emissions inventories for all local governments in California, a policy analysis tool for common climate action measures, and a series of articles on climate data and action through the School of Journalism. The tools also seek to integrate critical environmental, social, and economic performance indicators, such as historical energy burdens, vulnerable populations, and green jobs. This project builds on previous work at CoolClimate Network including Consumption-Based GHG Inventories for Bay Area jurisdictions funded by the Air District, California <u>Climate Policy Tool</u> and other tools and publications. The scope of the project includes traditional (geographic in-boundary) emissions as well as consumption-based emissions. CivicWell and StopWaste are supporting the research team with local government engagement. Please contact Miya Kitahara at StopWaste (miya@stopwaste.org) for more information.

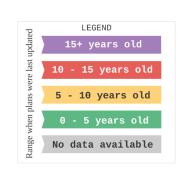


Plan Bay Area 2050+ Underway

Plan Bay Area 2050+ is underway, led by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). It is a limited and focused update to Plan Bay Area 2050, which charts a course for the future of the Bay Area in the categories of transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental resilience. Plan Bay Area 2050+ will also serve as the Bay Area's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), as required by federal regulations, and the Bay Area's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), as required by state law. <u>Learn more here</u>.

California General Plan Database Mapping Tool





UC Davis has created a <u>database mapping tool</u> for tracking California General Plans. The searchable portal can be used to access, compare, review, and monitor when and where General Plans are adopted across California's cities and counties. The goal is to improve coordination and help decision- makers make informed decisions about their own planning processes.

EPA's Quantified Climate Action Measures Directory

Access the State Quantified Measures	Access the Local Quantified Measures
Directory	Directory
Search a table of more than 270 quantified state measures compiled from 24 state climate action plans.	Search a table of more than 240 quantified local measures compiled from a representative sample of 32 local climate action plans.

The USEPA recently released a <u>Quantified Climate Action Measures Directory</u> as a resource to access examples of quantified greenhouse gas reduction measures in climate action plans published within the last five years. The directory includes two searchable tables, for state plans and local plans, with detailed information for each mitigation measure identified. EPA will host a webinar on November 2 to present the directory and demonstrate how to use it. <u>Register here</u>.

FEDERAL FUNDING

Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s <u>Green and</u> <u>Resilient Retrofit Program</u> (GRRP) provides owners of HUD-assisted multifamily housing with capital resources to reduce carbon emissions, make utility efficiency improvements, incorporate renewable energy sources, and make properties more resilient against the effects of climate change. Three paths of funding are available to meet the needs of properties at all stages of redevelopment. The next application waves for Elements, Leading Edge, and Comprehensive cohorts are Jan 4, Oct 31, and Nov 30, respectively. USEPA's <u>Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)</u> provides a total of \$115 million to various entities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality to upgrade, retrofit, and turnover legacy diesel fleet. Applications are due **Dec 1**.

OTHER FUNDING

Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP)

HYBRID AND ZERO-EMISSION TRUCK AND BUS VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROJECT

Incentives for Clean Trucks and Buses

Point-of-sale discounts to power California communities and drive commercial technology transformation



Vehicle Catalog

The California Air Resources Board is providing point-of-sale vouchers for hybrid and zero-emission trucks and buses. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with \$197 million available. Funding remains open for all vehicle types. See <u>https://californiahvip.org</u> for more details.

Clean Transit, School, and Shuttle Bus Funding



Interested in funding for clean buses?

The VW Mitigation Trust is offering \$130 million (up to \$400,000 per vehicle), administered by the San Joaquin Valley Air District, to replace older, high-polluting transit, school, and shuttle buses with new battery-electric or fuel-cell buses to improve public health of riders and residents. Funding for school buses is closed but remains open for shuttle and transit buses. Entities in California that operate primarily within the state are eligible. Applications are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; <u>apply here</u>.



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