

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Local Government Climate Newsletter

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Air District Funding Opportunities

Charge! Program

The Charge! program is now accepting applications to help offset a portion of the cost of purchasing and installing new publicly available electric vehicle charging stations throughout the region.

The goal of the Charge! program is to help build a charging network able to support the Bay Area's electric vehicle adoption goals of 90 percent of the overall vehicle fleet by 2050. Charge! program funding can be used to install publicly accessible charging facilities for light-duty electric vehicles at workplaces, destinations, transit parking locations, along transportation corridors and at multi-unit dwelling facilities. The Air District will prioritize projects that install electric vehicle charging at multi-unit dwellings (specifically affordable and below market rate housing sites), and projects located in environmental justice communities.

Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2022, at 5 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

New BayREN Policy Calculator

The BayREN Policy Calculator aims to help local governments estimate and visualize the potential energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts from a suite

of policy options for upgrading the existing single-family housing stock. The tool analyzes five policy options from the white paper below: (1) code compliance policies; (2) disclosure ordinances; (3) replacement at time of appliance burnout; (4) time of remodel reach codes; and (5) building performance standards.

Bay Area jurisdictions can use this tool to craft and compare policies to increase energy efficiency and decarbonization in existing single-family residential buildings. The tool is in its beta testing phase, and jurisdictions and other stakeholders are encouraged to use it and contact [Emily Alvarez](#) from BayREN with feedback.

[Learn More](#)

Air District Webinars and Workshops

CEQA Public Workshop

On December 10, 2021 the Air District hosted a Public Workshop on the Air District's Update to the CEQA Thresholds of Significance for Greenhouse Gases. The agenda, presentation and recording of the meeting can be found on the Air District's Workshops webpage below. The GHG Thresholds of Significance will be available in early 2022 for public review, and will go to the Air District's Board for adoption in the Spring.

[Learn More](#)

Holiday *reFresh* 2021

The Air District partnered with Acterra to again host the holiday cooking forum *Holiday reFresh* featuring a diverse set of notable Bay Area chefs – including Martin Yan - demonstrating how to prepare their favorite plant-based holiday dishes. Each chef shared personal stories and the cultural significance of their dish, talked about the benefits of plant-forward eating and the importance of using induction cooktops.

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