

Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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Environmental Stewardship



ECAP StoryMap and Progress Report Update

Since the development of the Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) in 2020, the City of Oakland's Sustainability Team has been working hard on its implementation over the past 3 years. To communicate the climate equity progress so far in Oakland, the City has published its <u>2023 Progress Report</u> and created a <u>StoryMap</u>

to showcase accomplishments across the 40 actions. The goals of this new tool include:

- Centralizing communication on climate equity related projects undertaken by the various departments throughout the City,
- Highlighting the City's ECAP progress in a manner that is accessible to a large number of Oakland residents, and
- Creating ECAP reporting and communication mechanisms for greater transparency

Feel free to click below and look through this tool to learn more about how Oakland is advancing climate equity and offer feedback on how we can improve! <u>Climate</u> <u>Equity Progress in Oakland</u>



7/22 No Coal in Oakland Community Rally

From our friends at the Interfaith Council of Alameda:

For years, developer Phil Tagami has been pushing to build a massive coal terminal in West Oakland.Tagami was first backed by a coal company, then by a former coal company executive, and now by a hedge fund managed by Vikas Tandon. The people and City of Oakland have always opposed siting a coal terminal on our waterfront! In 2016, the Oakland City Council voted unanimously to ban coal, and is now fighting in state court to stop the development for good.



We need your support to Keep Coal Out of Oakland!

EBCE EV Charging Infrastructure Rebates

Limited funding remains for Level 2 electric vehicle charging infrastructure through East Bay Community Energy's partnership with the California Energy Commission's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP). Businesses, commercial and multifamily housing properties, and public agency facilities in Alameda County can apply for rebates up to \$80,000 on eligible electric vehicle charger equipment and installation costs.

If you are new to EV charging, CALeVIP has created a list of service providers in your area to assist with developing an EV charging project for your site. To access that list, please visit <u>calevip.org/find-an-evsp</u>. To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the <u>Alameda County Incentive Project website</u>.

Buildings & Energy



EBCE's New 2023-2024 Budget Brings Significant Customer

Savings

At the June meeting, EBCE's Board of Directors approved lower prices on electricity services.

* Starting in July 2023, customers on Bright Choice will now enjoy a 5% discount compared to PG&E rates.

* Renewable 100 will have a lower premium, now only ¼¢ per kilowatt-hour for 100% California wind and solar (about \$1 additional per month for the average home).

* EBCE will again issue \$50 bill credits to all customers on CARE & FERA rates (equal to \$6.6 million for ~121,670 homes!).

* Plus an increase in carbon-free content for Bright Choice electricity, 76% carbonfree in 2023 and 81% in 2024.

EBCE is on the path to supplying 100% carbon-free electricity for all customers by 2030, and we're providing tens of millions of dollars in savings along the way.

clean energy

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2023 Bay Area SunShares

Bay Area SunShares provides a discount on turnkey solar installations and home battery storage. Any resident in the Bay Area's 9 counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma) can sign up for the SunShares discount at <u>www.bayareasunshares.org</u> between September 1st and November 15th, 2023.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY CASH INCENTIVES

O&M Measures \$0.05 per kWh	Upon completing 12 months savings verification. A portion of the payment may be offered after 3 months of savings verifaction.
Capital Measures \$0.20 per kWh saved [®]	Upon project completion and savings verification.
Electrification Measures Up to \$8.50 per therm avoided	Upon project completion and savings verification.
Milestones Up to \$5,000	Participants qualify by achieving milestone requirements ahead of the due date.

EBCE Commercial Building Efficiency Accelerator

The Building Efficiency Accelerator, from East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), provides free support and generous incentives for low- and no-cost projects, capital projects, and electrification of gas equipment. You pick the path that's right for you. Instead of simply handing off a report and leaving you to fend for yourself, our program provides a comprehensive package of 12–24 months of engineering support plus management workshops. Learn more at <u>ebce.org/building-</u><u>efficiency-accelerator</u> or by emailing accelerator@cascadeenergy.com



Upcoming PG&E Home Electrification Workshops

Assembling the Zero-Carbon Home Tue July 25, 2023 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Register to attend online

What is a zero-carbon home? What are its ingredients? What does it take to build one? How would I assemble a zero-carbon construction crew? Instructor Terry Nordbye addresses these questions for how zero-carbon homes are attainable, and within budget, to help mitigate the rapid pace of global warming.

The Electrification Course for Homeowners

Tue July 25, 2023 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Register to attend online

Presented in partnership with the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), this course reviews a whole-house, systems approach to electrifying homes. From heating, cooling, and cooking appliances to electric vehicles, Spencer Rosen will also discuss costs, and potential cost savings, when leveraging electrification with solar PV and energy storage.

Retrofitting Homes for Electrification and Decarbonization Thu September 7, 2023 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Register to attend online

Join this four-hour session to see case studies of successful electrification projects and ways to overcome the challenges presented by existing infrastructure. Dan Perunko of Balance Point Home Performance will present electrification strategies in completed retrofit projects. Learn more about the critical considerations for electrifying your future projects.

EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY

EBCE Health-e Home Program and 2023 Commercial Rebates

EBCE's Health-e Home program, in partnership with BlocPower and Revalue.io, provides low- to moderate-income homeowners with affordable financing options to gain access to the health and safety benefits of transitioning to clean energy and electric appliances. The Health-e Home program also supports health and safety improvements such as wiring upgrades and roofing repairs—all to help reduce indoor air pollution, increase resiliency during extreme weather events, and potentially increase home value. For more information, visit <u>https://ebce.org/health-e-home/</u>

For businesses, EBCE has commercial rebates for restaurants and home performance contractors. EBCE is offering \$17,500 for <u>high-powered electric</u> <u>induction cooking equipment</u> for cleaner and more comfortable indoor air for staff and customers. For home performance contractors and plumbers, EBCE is giving \$1,000 for qualified professionals to install <u>high-efficiency heat pump water heaters</u> in their service area. Learn more about these commercial rebates at <u>ebce.org/programs-business/</u> or call 1-833-699-EBCE (3223) during business hours.



Induction Cooktop Lending Program and Rebates!

Induction is the safest and most energy-efficient cooking technology available today. The difference is in the technology. See for yourself!

- **EBCE:** <u>Reserve your Induction Lending Kit today</u>, including a portable cooktop and compatible pan, operating instructions, and recipes. The loan period is 21 days. The induction Cooktop lending Program is available to all residential electricity customers residing in the East Bay--EBCE customers as well as non-customers who receive service from PG&E.
- **PG&E**: PG&E's new Induction Cooktop Loaner Program offers plug-in countertop induction units for two-weeks, at no cost, to all residents. To borrow and learn more about induction cooking, visit <u>pge.com/inductionloaner</u> where you can start the loan process. PG&E will provide shipping details and cover shipping costs.

EBCE is also offering **up to \$300** per eligible residential customer for an induction cooktop/range, when you replace an existing gas appliance. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis for qualifying residents with homes built in 2016 or earlier. Restrictions apply. Learn more and apply <u>here</u> today!



EBCE Resilient Home Program

With **Resilient Home**, EBCE has done the upfront legwork to select an experienced partner, Sunrun, and pre-negotiated solar and battery backup system incentives for Oakland homeowners. To further lower customer costs, Sunrun will pay homeowners \$500 after installation for agreeing to share their stored energy with EBCE when demand on the power grid is high. This will help the grid operate more reliably, and cut carbon emissions and costs for all EBCE customers.

Keep the lights on and the fridge cold. <u>Sign up now</u> to see if a solar and battery backup system is a good fit for your home

Urban Greening



Oakland Urban Forest Plan Update

The Urban Forest Plan has a new webpage! Please visit <u>https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/oakland-urban-forest-plan g</u>oing forward for updates on project progress and to sign up for email notifications to be notified when the draft plan is available for public review.

Announcements



C2C Summer Youth Program at Mills College

This summer, Mills College at Northeastern partnered with the Lao Family Community Development, Inc., the City of Hayward, and the Hayward Unified School District to launch a "Learn and Earn" summer youth employment program on our Oakland campus. The program has awarded positions to rising juniors and seniors from five East Bay high schools. Participants are engaged in a variety of paid roles across the campus, in the Sustainability Department, Facilities, The Farm, and other on-campus organizations to gain professional experience and attend career. Two are helping with Zero Waste and donation initiatives, helping solicit over 1500 ft² of donations out to local Oakland non-profits! And three have been working on our Community Farm, learning sustainable agriculture practices while supporting a local community CSA program. Participants also get to attend college preparation workshops on financial literacy, building a professional profile, discovering your purpose, Excel, resume writing and interviewing, and college essay writing. Under the leadership of C2C Regional Director Chagi-Starr, the program provides youth the chance to experience a college campus and build career confidence while earning a paycheck. Almost a decade of C2C research demonstrates that summer jobs program boost employment and wages, increase high school graduation and college enrollment rates, and reduce rates of criminal justice involvement. The Mills summer youth employment program brings this learning to the Oakland context, transferring knowledge and best practices from one community to another.

If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at <u>climate@oaklandca.gov</u>.



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