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Low-Income Barriers Study Implementation Workshop

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Barriers Study Implementation

- December 14, 2016:** Barriers Study, Part A Adopted
- April 12:** Barriers Study, Part B Draft Published
- May 9:** Multi-Agency Task Force Kickoff
- May 16:** Barriers Study Implementation Workshop #1
- July 6:** CPUC En Banc on Disadvantaged Communities
- August 1:** Barriers Study Implementation Workshop#2
- August 2:** Multi-Agency Task Force Meeting #2
- Aug – Sep:** CARB Community Outreach Meetings
- Aug – Sep:** Revised Indicators Framework Draft
- December:** Publish Tracking Progress Report





Discussion Topics (May 16)

- Establish a coordinating task force, with key priorities to:
 - Focus on solutions for multifamily buildings
 - Strategize on effective green workforce and education goals in disadvantaged communities
 - Continue developing a series of energy upgrade financing pilot programs
 - Collaboration to establish common metrics
 - Establish regional one-stop shop pilots



Multifamily Buildings

- Strong priority for state agencies/task force
- Important to work directly with building owners
- Need multi-year program funding to provide market certainty
- One-stop intake/technical assistance program
- Leverage lessons learned from existing programs / other states' efforts



Regional One-Stop Shop Pilots

- Combination of online and brick-and-mortar for one-stop shops (bricks and clicks)
- Partner with local organizations
- Strive for transparency and communicating lessons learned quickly
- Combine / leverage existing programs that have shown some success



Green Workforce Strategy

- Coordination across energy and transportation programs is key
- All training should be demand driven
- Need to consider perspective of businesses as well as community benefits
- Pre-apprenticeship programs show success



Financing Pilots

- Creative market solutions, public-private partnerships are needed
- Tariffed on bill financing shows potential
- CA should leverage efforts from other states
- Financing can unlock greater benefits, including job creation, etc.
- Diversity among existing utility offerings, but more options needed



Energy Equity Indicators

- Initial staff draft paper posted in May 2017
 - 12 proposed indicators and draft framework
- Revised draft to be posted late August or early September for further comment
- Tracking progress to be developed by December



Joint Agency Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group

- “an advisory group consisting of representatives from disadvantaged communities... shall review and provide advice on programs proposed to achieve clean energy and pollution reduction...” (SB 350)
- Draft framework posted 8/1 for public comment
 - Key questions posed for stakeholders
 - Submit comments by 8/14 at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/commission/diversity/>





Discussion Topics (Today)

- Utility efforts to enable low-income / disadvantaged community benefits
- Heightened consumer protection
- Research, development, demonstration, and market facilitation programs to include targeted benefits
- Follow-on study to increase small business contracting opportunities
- Plug-load efficiency opportunities for low-income customers



Next Steps

- Participate in future task force meetings
- Coordinate with CPUC, ARB, other state and local agencies, and key stakeholders
- Regional community outreach
- Tracking Progress on SB 350 Goals & Barriers Recommendations
- Report in Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)



Questions / Comments



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