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# California Energy Commission

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# California's Investment in Clean Energy Innovation



Entrepreneurial Ecosystem



Building Decarbonization



Grid & Natural Gas System Decarbonization



Industrial & Agriculture Innovation



Resiliency & Safety



Low Emission Transportation



# Energy R&D funding programs



Core mission: strategically invest funds to catalyze change and accelerate achievement of policy goals

- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC),  
\$133 million annually
- Natural Gas Research, Development and Demonstration Program,  
\$24 million annually

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/electric-program-investment-charge-epic-program>

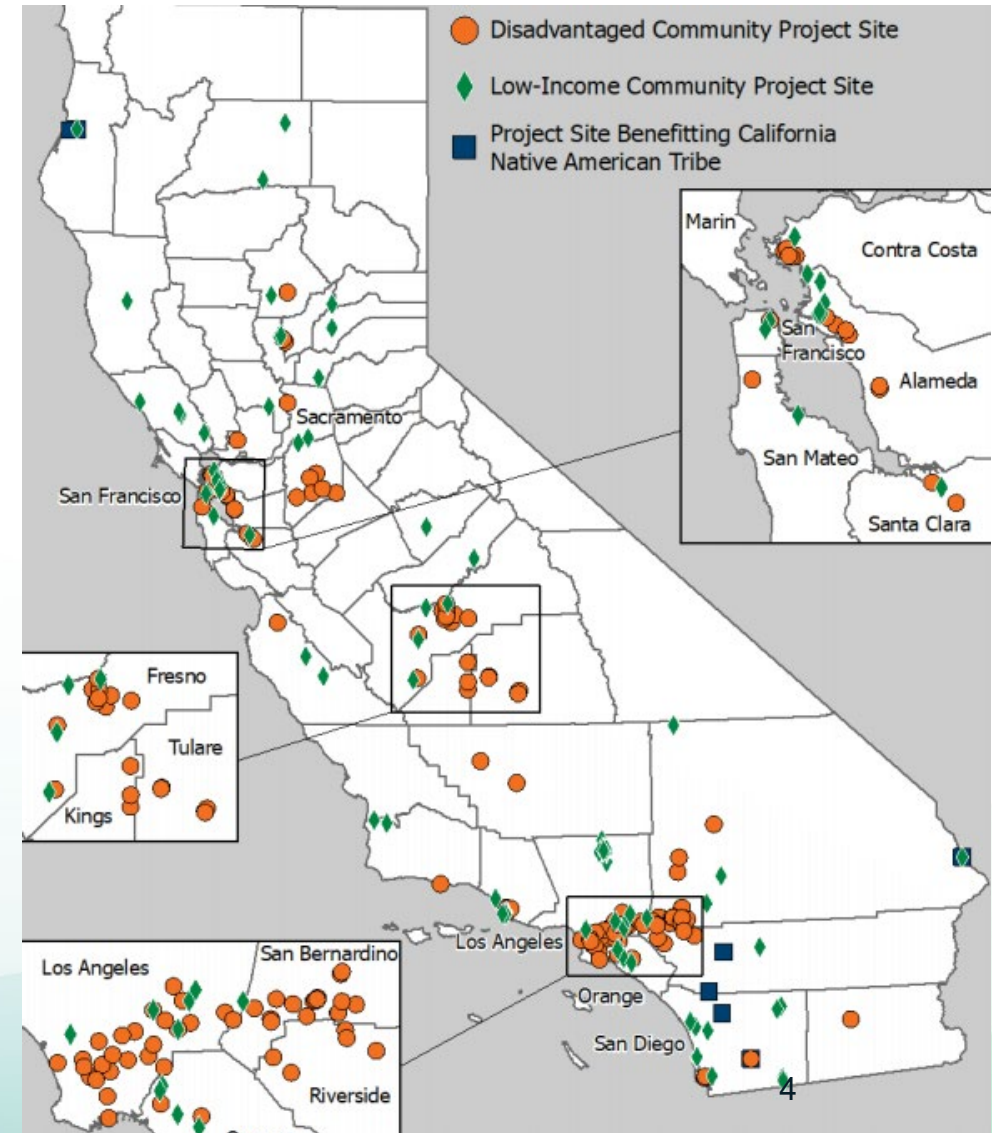
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# EPIC Demonstration Projects in Under-resourced Communities

## Affordability & Equity

- Lower energy burden
- Support vulnerable communities
- Address challenges
- Reduce costs
- Increase access to clean energy technologies
- 68% of tech demonstration investments in under-resourced communities





# Residential HVAC Advancements



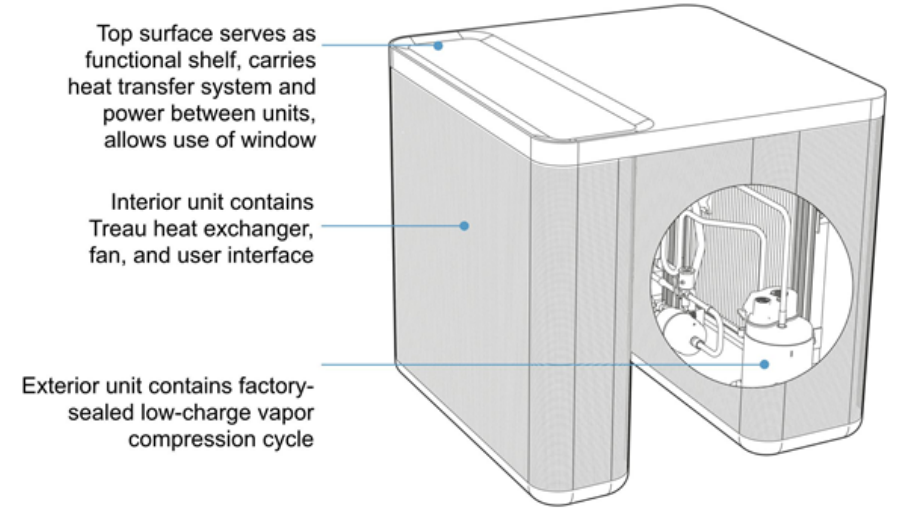
## Advanced Heat Pumps (EPRI)

- Reduce cooling energy by 22-32%
- Provide over 90% annual heating load



## Mechanical Modules (Rocky Mountain Institute)

- Integrated HVAC and hot water heater, controls and real time energy monitoring
- Designed for mass production & installation

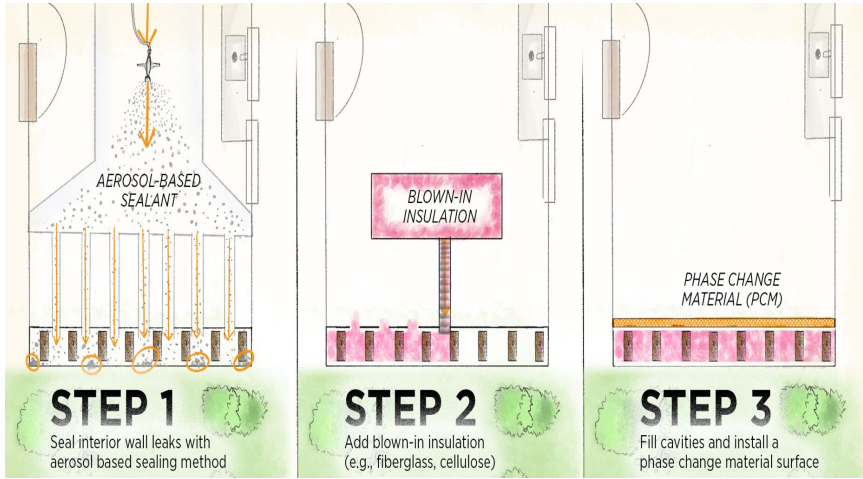


## Low GWP Heat Pumps (Treau)

- Low cost polymer heat exchanger
- Easy to install
- 30% reduction in energy use
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50%

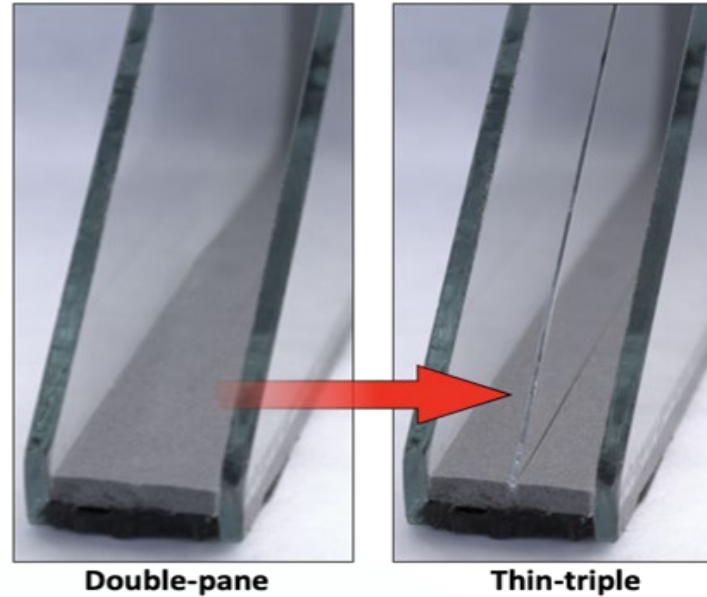


# Envelope Improvements



## Phase Change Material-Enhanced Insulation (UC Davis)

- Retrofit insulation solution combines sealing, blown-in insulation and PCMs.
- Tests the process for aerosol sealing wall cavities in retrofit applications
- Identify most cost-effective applications of PCMs retrofit wall in a range of California climate zones.



## Thin Triple Pane Windows (LBNL)

- Same size and weight as double pane windows
- Same thermal performance as traditional triple pane windows
- \$450-\$650/ window installed

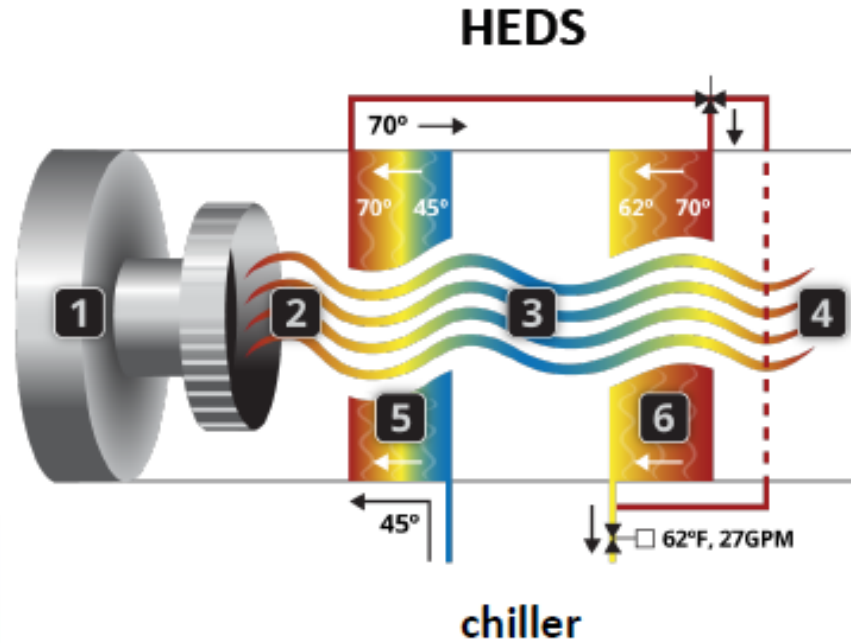


## PV Embedded in Windows (Ubiquitous Energy)

- PV absorbs UV and IR radiation to generate energy
- Visible light to pass
- Reduce solar heat gain



# Commercial Buildings



## Decarbonizing Healthcare (EPRI)

- Demonstrate a cost-effective novel dehumidification process,
- **Reduce or eliminate the need for reheat**
- Goal of 30% reduction on natural gas use and 20% reduction on cooling load



## Decarbonizing Healthcare Guidebook (Mazzetti)

- Identifies emerging energy efficiency equipment, systems, and improvements
- Provides a clear path to decarbonizing the healthcare industry
- **Interactive online platform**  
website: <https://decarbhealthcare.com/>





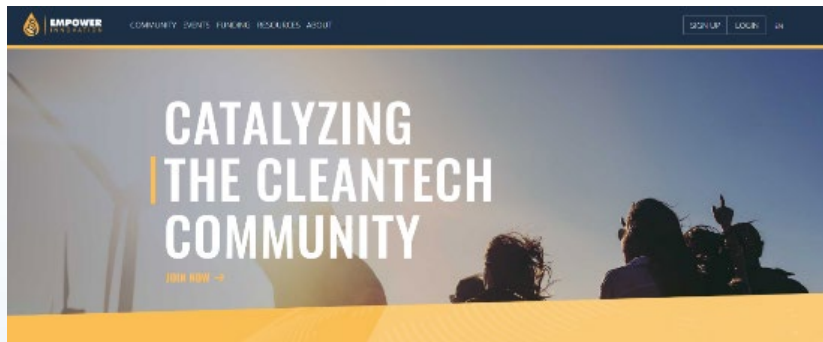
# Investing Across California, for All Californians



## *Building a Diverse Base of Innovators*

### Empower Innovation Tool

- Web platform to connect underserved communities, researchers, technology developers, and investors
- Browse resource libraries, funding sources, tools, and databases



**Over 30%** of prime or subcontractor recipients are women, minority, disabled veteran, or LGBT owned

Visit: <https://www.empowerinnovation.net/>



# Ideas for Building Decarbonization Research?

- Electric Program Investment Charge program
  - Developing 4-year investment plan
  - Upcoming workshops planned for June and July to obtain stakeholder input on potential technology gaps that could be addressed with research. Potential topics:
    - Hydrogen roadmap
    - Load flexibility and distributed energy resources
    - Building and industrial decarbonization
    - Offshore Wind
    - Energy Storage
    - Entrepreneurial Ecosystem
  - Sign up for notifications at: [Electric Program Investment Charge Program - EPIC | California Energy Commission](#)



**Thank You!**

