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*IN THE MATTER OF:**Equitable Building Decarbonization  
Direct Install Program*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS WORKSHOP

RE: Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct  
Install Program**Notice of Pre-Solicitation Workshop for  
Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program**

March 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (PST)

**Remote Access Only**  
See Attendance Instructions

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/81642877081?pwd=SkNoZmc1L0Q4LzlyOG5Kd3M1aENBdz09>  
Webinar ID: 816 4287 7081 and passcode: 360011

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-access workshop to seek input on the draft solicitation for the Equitable Building Decarbonization (EBD) Direct Install program regional administrators.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

**Agenda**

Staff will provide an overview of the EBD Direct Install Program's draft solicitation for three regional administrators. Topics will include applicant eligibility requirements, budget, scope of work, timeline, scoring criteria, integration of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES) Program funding and requirements, and opportunities for prospective administrators to find partners using the Empower Innovation website. There will be opportunities for the public to ask questions and provide comments during the workshop.

A more detailed schedule will be posted prior to the workshop on the [CEC Event Calendar](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event-calendar), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event-calendar>, and in the EBD Docket, [22-DECARB-03](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03>.

## **Background**

The State of California is committed to a just and equitable transition to carbon neutrality by 2045. Residential and commercial buildings account for about 25 percent of California's greenhouse gas emissions, so the decarbonization of existing buildings is essential to achieving the state's carbon neutrality goal.

In September 2022, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 209 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 251, Statutes of 2022), which directs CEC to develop and implement a new Equitable Building Decarbonization Program. The program includes two components: a direct install program focused on low-income and moderate-income households, and a statewide incentive program to accelerate deployment of low-carbon building technologies. The direct install program will give preference to buildings located in underresourced communities and to buildings owned or managed by a California Native American tribe or a California tribal organization, and buildings owned by members of California Native American tribes.

The CEC adopted the EBD Direct Install Program Guidelines on October 18, 2023. The Guidelines outline the initial rules and requirements for the program, including funding allocations, household and property eligibility requirements, and eligible measures. The EBD Direct Install Program will be administered separately in Northern, Central, and Southern California to better ensure a broad distribution of funds by three regional administrators. Regional administrator teams will be required to include community-based organizations (CBOs) and ensure culturally appropriate outreach, education, and support for participating households and communities, and to have expertise in residential building decarbonization, including decarbonization of single-family homes, multifamily buildings, and manufactured housing.

The draft solicitation states CEC's intent to integrate a portion of the \$292 million in funding from the IRA HOMES program into the EBD Direct Install Program, pending U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) approval, to realize implementation efficiencies and allow more funding to go directly to decarbonization activities that benefit Californians. While funding is formula-driven (non-competitive), states must submit applications to DOE that include detailed plans covering program design criteria in accordance with the HOMES Program Requirements.

Following the workshop, the solicitation will be finalized and published.

## **Remote Attendance Instructions**

Participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/81642877081?pwd=SkNoZmc1L0Q4LzlyOG5Kd3M1aENBdz09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID 816 4287 7081 and passcode 360011 and follow all prompts.
- **To join by telephone.** Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the Webinar ID 816 4287 7081 and passcode 360011.

- **Zoom Closed Captioning Service.** At the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose "Show Subtitle" or "View Full Transcript" from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the "Live Transcript" or select "Hide Subtitle" from the pop-up menu. If joining by phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors. A more accurate transcript of the workshop will be docketed and posted as soon as possible after the meeting concludes.
- **Zoom Difficulty.** Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov), or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

### Public Comment

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

- **Oral comments** will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the workshop administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press \*9 to "raise your hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute.
- **Written comments** may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **March 29, 2024**. The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Please note the two workshops have different dockets. If your comments cover topics in both workshops, please submit to both dockets. To submit comments on the Draft Solicitation for EBD Direct Install Program, visit the e-commenting page for the EBD Program docket [22-DECARB-03](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03>.

Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®, consistent with title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 22-DECARB-03 and EBD Program in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

A paper copy may be mailed to:

California Energy Commission  
 Docket Unit, MS-4  
 Docket No. 22-DECARB-03  
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**Media Inquiries.** Email [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov) or call (916) 654-4989.

**Technical Subject and General Inquiries.** For questions on the draft solicitation for the EBD Direct Install, please email Susan Mills at [susan.mills@energy.ca.gov](mailto:susan.mills@energy.ca.gov) or call at (916) 903-4686.

**Availability of Documents:** Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [22-DECARB-03](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the following email topics: Adaptation; Barriers Report SB 350; Decarbonization Topics; Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group; Efficiency Topics; Energy Efficiency Programs for Existing Buildings; Federal IRA Residential Incentives; Health, Equitable Energy Transition (HEET) Working Group; Tribal Program.

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**Dated:** February 20, 2024, at Sacramento, California.

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