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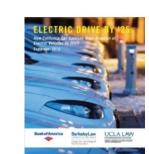




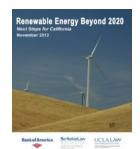


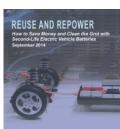






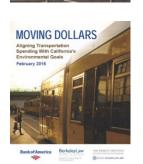




















Background

 LIMF sector lags in implementing efficiency retrofits necessary to achieve SB 350 targets

California Energy Commission: SB 350 Barriers Study, Part A
Barriers Limiting Access to Clean Energy for Low-Income Customers

Structural Barriers		Policy and Program Barriers		
•	Low home ownership rates	•	Market delivery	
•	Complex needs, ownership,	•	Program integration	
	and financial arrangements for	•	Data limitations	
	low-income housing	•	Unrecognized non-energy	
•	Insufficient access to capital		benefits	
•	Building age			
•	Remote or underserved			
	communities			



Berkeley/UCLA Law Convening

- 20 participants representing key state agencies, utilities, housing developers, housing advocates, environmental advocates, efficiency specialists
- Format:
 - Describe vision
 - Identify challenges
 - Propose and discuss solutions
 - Prioritize near-term solutions



LIMF Energy Savings Vision

A single entity for energy efficiency program administration

Guarantees of minimum retrofit performance

Long-term funding for state efficiency programs

Widespread owner, tenant and program access to building energy data

Financing opportunities that align with renovation and refinancing plans

Support for tenant benefits and protection of affordable housing

Top Challenges for LIMF Energy Savings

- Lack of Program Coordination and Complexity for End Users
- 2. Lack of Reliable, Long-Term Public Funding for Market Transformation
- 3. Lack of Confidence in Savings and Non-Energy Benefits



Top Solutions for LIMF Energy Savings

- A single, statewide "one-stop-shop" efficiency program administrator
- New utility tariffs to finance LIMF energy savings retrofit programs that share benefits with customers
- Metrics to measure and establish the value of nonmonetary benefits such as quality of life improvements



Next Steps

- Follow-up discussions on owner/developer LIMF retrofit project case studies and breakdown of reform/program proposals
- UC Berkeley/UCLA to draft summary and research report based on vision, challenges and solutions identified



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