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Setting the Context



- Basic Infrastructure skirts disadvantaged communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley including basic energy infrastructure
- Many communities are reliant on small water systems or wastewater systems that have high energy demands
- The San Joquin Valley has among the highest levels of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants
- Low wage jobs and lack of career and professional opportunities impacts economic security and development
- People already face among the highest energy burdens in the state
- Climate change will only exacerbate these vulnerabilities unless we act now

A Path To Reliability And Affordability



- Implement clean energy programs and projects that respond to region's needs / opportunities
 - E.g. Community Solar Project that Allows Greater Distance between Solar Array and Communities
- Invest in weatherization and energy efficiency
- Invest in reliability
 - E.g. battery and other forms of storage
- Invest in efficient water heating appliances to reduce costs and energy demand
- Invest in community assets including small community water and wastewater systems
- Protect groundwater supply to prevent increased costs associated with lowered water table

A Path to Equity and Environmental Quality



- Ensure community participation throughout the process
- Invest in renewable energy that does not come at the expense of air quality, water quality, or quality of life
- Prioritize investments to address energy needs (clean, affordable, reliable) of most vulnerable households and communities
- Incorporate clean and equitable energy policy into broad environmetal justice strategy
 - Truly clean and renwable energy
 - Land use and transit priorities that support existing neighborhoods and reduce vehicle miles traveled

Further reading

- Economic Impacts
 http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/pdf/2017/economic-impacts-climate-programs-san-joaquin-valley.pdf
- Energy and Water, PPIC https://www.ppic.org/wp-content/uploads/californias-water-energy-and-water-november-2018.pdf
- Working Paper on GGRF Dairy Digester Program
 https://leadershipcounsel.org/wp content/uploads/2019/04/A-Working-Paper-on-GGRF Dairy-Digester-Program.pdf