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# Decarbonization and Affordable Housing

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#### ABOUT SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES...

- ✓ Established in 1965 community-based non-profit
- Helped more than 6,400 families to build their own homes & developed 1,600 units of rental housing
- ✓ Work with over 60 community services districts or small water systems; active in the emergency services & energy solutions
- Active Participant in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Programs, LIWP, SOMAH and zero-net energy development
- Value sustainability through the lens of disadvantaged community members and impacts on low-income families







#### RECENTLY COMPLETED DEVELOPMENTS



Sequoia Commons





#### Palm Terrace



#### FUTURE VISION – SANTA FE COMMONS



#### **Decarbonization Challenges - Cost**

- Costs associated with all electric technology
  - Example: The Lofts at Fort Visalia
  - Direct conflict with State funding goals driving down cost
- Costs associated with emerging technology and lack of labor markets and supply chain
- Cost of electricity vs. natural gas in absence of solar PV (shifts cost burden to low-income residents)



The Lofts at Fort Visalia

### **Decarbonization Challenges – Solar PV**

- Uncertainty with time-of-use changes
- Threatening legislation (AB1139)
- Pending CPUC VNEM process
- Physical constraints limiting enough solar to off-set electrical loads and need for storage to mitigate grid dependence
- Need for ongoing solar PV incentive programs like LIWP, SASH, MASH, SOMAH etc.





#### COMMUNITY WIDE SOLUTIONS

- Conversation is too narrow
- Keep focus on Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- Need solutions for single-family homes and mobile homes
  - SJV DAC Pilot with 11 communities
- Increase access to roof top solar for all socio-economic segments
- The State should begin to explore "community-wide" decarbonization projects and technologies
  - True community solar, solar micro-grid
  - Fund pilot projects in the communities you want to change
  - Include extensive technical assistance in community design
  - Engage local implementers



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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." --- Mark Twain