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Project Title:	Equitable Building Decarbonization Program
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Document Title:	Notice of Tribal Listening Sessions for Direct Install Program Guidelines
Description:	The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host two Tribal Listening Sessions on the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program Guidelines on May 24 and 25. It is open to all California Native American Tribes and related partners. Both sessions will cover the same topics.
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Notice of Tribal Listening Sessions Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program Guidelines

Option 1: May 24, 2023

Start Time 3:00 p.m. – End Time 5:00 p.m.

Option 2: May 25, 2023

Start Time 5:00 p.m. – End Time 7:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only
See Attendance Instructions Below

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host two Tribal Listening Sessions on the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program Guidelines open to all California Native American Tribes and related partners. Both sessions will cover the same topics.

The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the scheduled presentations and proposed topics for discussion. Sessions may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

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 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 the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program. The program will include 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 owned or managed by California Native American tribes or tribal organizations, and buildings owned by members of California Native American tribes through a specific tribal funding component. Tribes will be able to access the general statewide program as well.

In December 2022, the CEC released a Request for Information and held an initial workshop to solicit input on key topics related to the design of the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program. Public input received at the December workshop and in written comments was used to develop the draft guidelines that can be found at the program's [website](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/equitable-building-decarbonization-program): <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/equitable-building-decarbonization-program>. The proposed tribal elements of this program have yet to be developed and incorporated into the proposed guidelines. The CEC is conducting these listening sessions to better understand priorities from tribal communities on the overall program guidelines draft, as well as the forthcoming tribal specific funding guidelines.

The Equitable Building Decarbonization Program includes a preference for certain types of buildings, including those owned or managed by a California Native American tribe or a California tribal organization or owned by a member of a California Native American tribe.

Overview

Presentations from Agency Staff

- Overview of the direct install program and the draft guidelines.
- Overview of the tribal preferences under the program.

Guiding Questions for Discussion

1. How can we reach more buildings under the tribal program preferences detailed above?
2. Are there trusted partners that can help implement this program?
3. Are there obstacles getting contractors for clean energy building installations such as electrification measures in tribal communities? Are there contractors in your own community that you trust and rely on?
4. What should we include in the tribal specific funding component of the guidelines? What should we avoid?
5. Are there any foreseeable challenges with electrifying (decarbonizing) existing homes under the program (e.g., changing out gas stoves to electric)?
6. Do you have any feedback on the broader program components presented in the Questions to Guide Public Input on Draft Equitable Building

Decarbonization Direct Install Program Guidelines at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2023-05/staff-workshop-draft-equitable-building-decarbonization-direct-install>.

7. Is there additional feedback on this program broadly or the tribal component?

Attendance Instructions to Join Zoom by Internet or Telephone

Option 1: May 24, 2023, beginning at 3:00 pm

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Option 2: May 25, 2023, beginning at 5:00 pm

- **Internet.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/86384816500?pwd=eE9neGJxbHJ6NlVTS3doR1lITVhFdz09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and use Webinar ID **863 8481 6500** and passcode **389677**.
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Written Comments. CEC welcomes written comments, including written responses to the above question. The deadline to submit written comments for consideration is 5:00 p.m. on **June 30, 2023**.

Comments can be submitted through the CEC docket system. The CEC maintains publicly accessible online dockets for its proceedings where public comments, notices, agendas, and other documents are filed and maintained. The docket associated with this event is 22-DECARB-03, Equitable Building Decarbonization Program. The CEC encourages the use of its quick and easy e-commenting webpage where anyone can “Add Comment” to a docket. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket at [Submit Comment \(22-DECARB-03\)](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03>.

A paper copy of your comment may be mailed to California Energy Commission, Docket Unit MS-4, Docket No. 22-DECARB-03, 715 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814. Please note that docketed comments, attachments, and associated contact information will become part of the public record and available via internet search.

Agency Contacts

- General and Technical Subject Inquiries: Email Jennifer Nelson at Jennifer.Nelson@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.
- Government-to-Government Consultation: If your Tribe would like to engage in direct consultation, please contact CEC Tribal Liaison, Katrina Leni-Konig at katrina.leni-konig@energy.ca.gov to set up an initial consultation.
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Availability of Information and Documents: Available at [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>.

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