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Description:	Notice of Workshop to be held March 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. via remote access. The Notice provides an overview of the workshop agenda, background and remote attendance instructions.
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*IN THE MATTER OF:*

*Inflation Reduction Act Home
Efficiency Rebates Program*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS WORKSHOP

RE: Inflation Reduction Act Home Efficiency
Rebates Program

**Notice of Workshop on
Inflation Reduction Act
Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) Program**

March 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. (PST)

Remote Access Only
See Attendance Instructions

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/82217507281?pwd=Vzh4S0ZYTkNGdnZteHFQSGhpdXFIQT09>
Webinar ID: 822 1750 7281 and passcode: 833445

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-access workshop for the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Efficiency Rebates, known as the HOMES Program. The CEC is seeking input from the public on the program.

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

The workshop will explore California's implementation of the federal IRA-funded HOMES Rebate Program design and implementation. The workshop will explore a Pay-for-Performance approach to whole home energy efficiency aligned with the state's decarbonization goals, the enabling federal IRA legislation, and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) guidelines for the HOMES rebates. Staff will provide an overview of the IRA legislation and HOMES Program requirements and a survey of existing Pay-for-Performance programs in the state. Discussion will include topics

such as gaps in the existing Pay-for-Performance landscape; options for implementation (e.g., single statewide program or multiple local programs); incentive structure and alignment with grid-related policy priorities; design considerations for low-income households and multifamily buildings; and approaches to layering funds with other programs.

There will be opportunities for the public to ask questions and provide comments during the workshop.

A more detailed agenda 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 Inflation Reduction Act Residential Energy Rebate Programs Docket [23-DECARB-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-DECARB-01), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-DECARB-01>.

Background

On August 16, 2022, President Biden signed the IRA, Pub. L. 117-160, into law. The law provides \$391 billion nationwide to support clean energy and address climate change, including \$8.8 billion designated for the HOMES Program and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEEHRA) Program. The goals of HOMES and HEEHRA, which comprise the IRA's Home Energy Rebate Programs, are to help households save money on energy bills, improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve indoor air quality, benefit disadvantaged communities, and spur market transformation. The DOE estimates the Home Energy Rebate Programs will save American households up to \$1 billion on energy bills each year and support over 50,000 U.S. jobs.

California has been allocated approximately \$292 million in HOMES funding to support whole-home energy retrofits. 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. The CEC plans to develop programs to advance California's energy and climate goals, including reaching carbon neutrality by 2045, installation of 6 million heat pumps by 2030, and prioritizing energy equity.

Remote Attendance Instructions

Participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/82217507281?pwd=Vzh4S0ZYTkNGdnZteHFQSGhpdXFIQT09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID 822 1750 7281 and passcode 833445 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 822 1750 7281 and passcode 833445.

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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, 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 **April 5, 2024**. The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. To submit comments on the development of IRA HOMES Program, visit the e-commenting page for the Inflation Reduction Act Residential Energy Rebate Programs docket [23-DECARB-01](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-DECARB-01>.

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 23-DECARB-01 and IRA HOMES Programs in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 23-DECARB-01
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Media Inquiries. Email mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.

Technical Subject and General Inquiries. For questions on the IRA HOMES Program, please email Miriam Joffe-Block at miriam.joffe-block@energy.ca.gov or call at (916) 883-6262.

Availability of Documents. Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [23-DECARB-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-DECARB-01), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-DECARB-01>.

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: March 4, 2024, at Sacramento, California.

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