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Equitable Building Decarbonization Program

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has an open proceeding to develop and implement the statewide Equitable Building Decarbonization programs, and has a series of upcoming workshops to receive public comments on the first set of program guidelines for the direct installation program. These workshops will be held virtually and in cities across the state on weekdays and weekends. In those workshops, the CEC wants to hear from Californians, local governments, community-based organizations, and others with experience participating in and running such programs through comments to the docket. Comments submitted to the docket or spoken at a workshop will help the CEC shape the programs being offered.

Here is a link to the <u>draft guidelines</u> for the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program (https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2023/equitable-building-decarbonization-direct-install-program-draft-guidelines) and a link to the <u>notice for the workshops</u>

(https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=250306&DocumentContentId=85041).

Inflation Reduction Act

The CEC is also planning to implement the federal Inflation Reduction Act including two residential energy rebate programs – the HOMES (Homeowner Managing Energy Savings) and HEEHRA (High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate) incentive programs with over \$300 million in rebates for each program.

The residential energy rebate programs under the Inflation Reduction Act are currently under development by the United States Department of Energy. Once the Department of Energy has developed its guidelines, the CEC will have the opportunity to engage in a stakeholder process to inform the design and implementation of the programs in California.

Also in the Inflation Reduction Act, Congress allocated funds for tax credits for many energy-efficient and low emission technologies that are available now for purchases made last tax year. Here is a link to information about the <u>federal tax credits</u> (https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/energy-efficient-home-improvement-credit).

To receive additional information on program development, please subscribe to the State and Local Spotlight newsletter for updates from the <u>DOE Office of State and</u>

<u>Community Energy Programs</u> (https://www.energy.gov/scep/office-state-and-community-energy-programs) and the CEC subscription list for "Federal IRA Residential Incentives" in the subscription box on this <u>web page</u> (https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/inflation-reduction-act-residential-energy-rebate-programs-california).

Thank you for your interest in the CEC's programs.