

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District

# Local Government Climate Newsletter

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## Funding Opportunity: Commercial ZEV Infrastructure

EnergIZE Commercial Vehicles is a \$50 million incentive project funded through the California Energy Commission and administered by CALSTART. EnergIZE provides infrastructure incentives for public and private commercial fleets seeking to deploy battery-electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicle technology.

The first block of funding available is \$16 million and will be first-come first-serve. The EV Fast Track application submittal window opens 9 AM on March 23, 2022. Applications and an updated Implementation Manual are now available on the EnergIZE website.

[Apply Here](#)

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## CalEEMod update & New GHG Handbook

The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) offers GHG and air pollutant quantification tools, developed to assist local governments in reducing emissions from land use projects.

### CalEEMod

[CalEEMod](#) estimates air pollutants and GHG emissions integrating data from CalEnviroScreen, Cal-Adapt and the Healthy Places Index. Users can select measures to reduce emissions and climate risks.

Updates to CalEEMod were beta tested in December 2021 with a small group

of experienced users, and the project team is now hard at work programming the feedback and comments. Official launch and trainings are expected April and May 2022.

### **GHG Handbook**

CAPCOA has released the updated *GHG Handbook for Analyzing Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions, Assessing Climate Vulnerabilities, and Advancing Health and Equity: Designed for Local Governments, Communities, and Project Developers*. The Handbook provides measures to improve health and equity, as well as methodologies to quantify GHG emission reductions and to assess potential benefits of different climate vulnerability reduction measures.

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## **Bay Area Reach Codes**

The 2022 Building Electrification & EV Infrastructure Reach Code Initiative aims to coordinate multiple-city adoption of reach codes with the new Title 24 Standards taking effect January 1, 2023. Lead by Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE), East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), Alameda County, Santa Clara County and the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability, the initiative held their [kick-off on January 26, 2022](#).

Resources will include model codes; stakeholder meetings; and an online repository for tools such as cost-effectiveness studies and templates for staff reports or slide decks. Jurisdictions served by one of the respective community choice aggregators will also receive on-going technical assistance i.e., code customization and permit simplification support, and may qualify for funding support.

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## Air District Updates CEQA Thresholds of Significance for Climate Impacts

The Air District has updated its thresholds of significance for climate impacts for land use projects and plans under CEQA. The [Draft Thresholds of Significance Justification Report: CEQA Thresholds for Evaluating Climate Impacts From Land-Use Projects and Plans](#) is now available for review during a 30-day public comment period from February 16 to March 18, 2022. Updated CEQA Guidelines to support the use of the thresholds will be publicly available once the updated thresholds of significance for climate impacts are adopted by the Air District Board of Directors (projected for April).

A virtual public workshop will be held on the Draft Justification Report on March 10, 2022, at 9:30 AM.

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## CARB 2022 Scoping Plan – Public Health Workshop

On February 15, 2022 CARB held the 2022 Scoping Plan Update-- Public Health Workshop to discuss planned qualitative and quantitative health analyses, building upon and broadening the assessment of public health included in previous scoping plans. In collaboration with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), speakers discussed the public health benefits and challenges in meeting the State's energy, climate, and air quality goals.

This workshop was recorded and will inform the 2022 Scoping Plan Update. Stakeholder input and feedback are encouraged, and public comment is open until March 27, 2022 at 11:59 pm.

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