



Local Government Climate Newsletter

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District

To date, green building ordinances have focused on reducing operational energy use through increased energy-efficiency requirements and an emphasis on low-emission fuel sources. In general, standards have focused little on reducing embodied carbon emissions generated by the processes associated with the production of a building, including material extraction, transportation, manufacturing, and building construction.

This past Fall, the County of Marin adopted an ordinance to address embodied carbon emissions in concrete by introducing scaling requirements for building permit applicants by either reducing cement levels or using lower-emission supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs). The standards establish a sliding scale of requirement for the maximum amount of cement used for different strength concrete mixes. The new standards apply to all projects requiring a building permit that includes newly poured concrete, and to all public projects developed by the County of Marin.

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The [Climate Tech Finance](#) program strives to accelerate technology deployment that reduces greenhouse gas emissions by offering its financial products to support projects that reduce the carbon footprint of industrial facilities and the built environment of the Bay Area.

- Public organizations can obtain low-interest loans of up to \$30 million and terms up to 30 years.
- Small businesses can obtain up to 90% loan guarantees up to \$2.5 million.

The loan review and approval process can disburse money in as little as four months. Please reach out to discuss your project: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/ctf>



The [Clean Cars for All](#) program provides incentives for low-income Bay Area residents to retire their older vehicle and replace it with a hybrid electric, plug-in hybrid electric, or battery electric car, or to get a Clipper Card for public transit. Feel free to reach out to rfisher@baaqmd.gov for outreach materials to spread the word in your region.

After Disaster



Deconstruction



Reuse & Rebuilding



**US EPA Webinar: After Disaster -
Deconstruction, Rebuilding and Resilience**

On March 5th, from 10 - 11 am PT, EPA will host a webinar exploring lessons learned from innovative post-disaster deconstruction projects following Hurricanes Katrina and Irene. Both projects found opportunities to build a more resilient future by reducing disaster debris, creating jobs, and rebuilding community. During this webinar, you will learn about disaster recovery projects using resource conservation approaches. Instead of land-filling buildings, these projects have deconstructed damaged structures and reused the materials to build a resilient floodplain park and new buildings outside of vulnerable areas. Lessons can inform pre-disaster and resilience planning, as well as recovery efforts.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

ENERGY RESILIENCY BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

MONEY-SAVING SOLUTIONS for
BUSINESSES, LANDLORDS, & DEVELOPERS

The City of Fremont is hosting an Energy Resiliency Symposium the morning of Wednesday, March 25th at Delta Electronics in Fremont. The event is focused on showcasing ways to enhance building energy performance and ensuring business continuity in the aftermath of the PG&E outages and will cover microgrids, smart building controls, and a case study on Sonic Manufacturing, the first zero net manufacturing facility in the country.

The event also includes an optional tour of Delta Electronics' LEED Platinum headquarters that features many of the company's technologies.

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