

Program Support



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The Bay Area Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Ordinance Program, a project of the Bay Area Regional Collaborative, provides guidance to Bay Area jurisdictions interested in accelerating the installation of solar PV systems through requirements for new single-family and low-rise multifamily construction¹. The project provides technical assistance and information services to assist cities, counties, and special districts with implementation.

Jurisdictions using the Bay Area Solar PV Ordinance Toolkit receive the following resources to support their adoption process.

1. Solar ordinance toolkit, containing outreach materials, and templates such as an ordinance and a staff report
2. Direct one-on-one technical assistance to support the adoption process, including:
 - ◆ Interpreting and using the Toolkit
 - ◆ Considering ordinance modifications and enhancements
 - ◆ Strategy and guidance through implementation
3. Bimonthly call-in work sessions to connect with technical experts and local government colleagues from jurisdictions that have passed a solar ordinance to troubleshoot and accelerate the adoption process
4. Advocacy to City Councilmembers and Board Members

Participating jurisdictions can request specific technical assistance and support around specific topic areas that will inform the bimonthly call-in work sessions. This includes addressing ordinance enhancements to help further renewable energy and climate action plan goals.



FOOTNOTES



¹ The Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) is a consortium of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The agencies are working together to create coordinated policies, increase efficiencies, leverage resources, and provide better services to local governments and special districts to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area.