



Local Governments Empowering Our Communities

Public Programs Workshop for Schools

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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview of BayREN Public Programs
- Discussion on School District Priorities, Needs, and Challenges
- Next Steps

About the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

- BayREN is a **coalition** of the Bay Area's **nine counties** partnering to **promote energy, water and greenhouse gas reduction** for residents, small businesses and local governments.



BayREN Priorities



- Promote **healthy, resilient, and energy efficient buildings** for residents and businesses
- **Build capacity** for local governments to increase their impact
- **Reduce carbon emissions** by catalyzing regional activities

166+

million tons
of **carbon**
avoided

\$88

million
incentives
paid

**Achievements
to Date**

2013 - 2024

76,000

housing units and
businesses
upgraded

13,500

attendees at
600+ technical
trainings

9 Innovative Programs



For Residents

Support for homeowners, renters and multifamily properties with personalized recommendations for energy upgrades, funding and technical assistance.

- EASE Home
- Bay Area Multifamily Enhancements Program
- Home Energy Score
- Green House Calls



For Businesses

Free or low-cost help for small and medium businesses to lower emissions, cut costs and improve comfort.

- BayREN Business
- Bay Area Refrigerant Replacement



For Local Governments

Training, policy guidance and building upgrade services to meet climate targets and reduce long-term operational facility costs.

- Codes & Standards
- Integrated Energy Services
- Targeted Decarbonization Services

Public Sector Programs

Integrated Energy Services

- Energy Concierge
- Energy Roadmapping

Targeted Decarbonization Services

- Decarbonization Education & Financing
- Decarbonization Showcase

Overarching Goals

- Support local governments so they can make full use of **energy efficiency products and services to achieve their energy goals** for public facilities and Community Resilience Centers
- Support local governments in efforts to advance the deployment of **technologies and strategies needed to achieve building decarbonization**

Program Eligibility

- Programs are **FREE*** for Bay Area local governments and special districts
- School districts are not currently eligible for participation
 - **Want to hear directly from school districts on whether there is interest to expand program eligibility in the future!**



*All facilities with an electric and/or natural gas account serviced by PG&E that lists an eligible public agency as the customer on record within the program geographic territory are eligible

Integrated Energy Services (IES)

Energy Concierge
Energy Roadmapping

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Energy Concierge Overview

- **Purpose:** Refer local government staff to applicable incentive, financing, and technical assistance programs to support energy upgrades of their public buildings and provide high-level application assistance, as needed
- **Website:** bayren.org/public-buildings-assistance/energy-concierge

What does the Energy Concierge offer?



Help from a human!

We provide a single point of contact (your concierge!) so you always have a go-to resource to identify support for your energy projects.



Program information tailored for you.

We sift through all the complex energy programs out there to give you the simplified information you need to meet your goals.

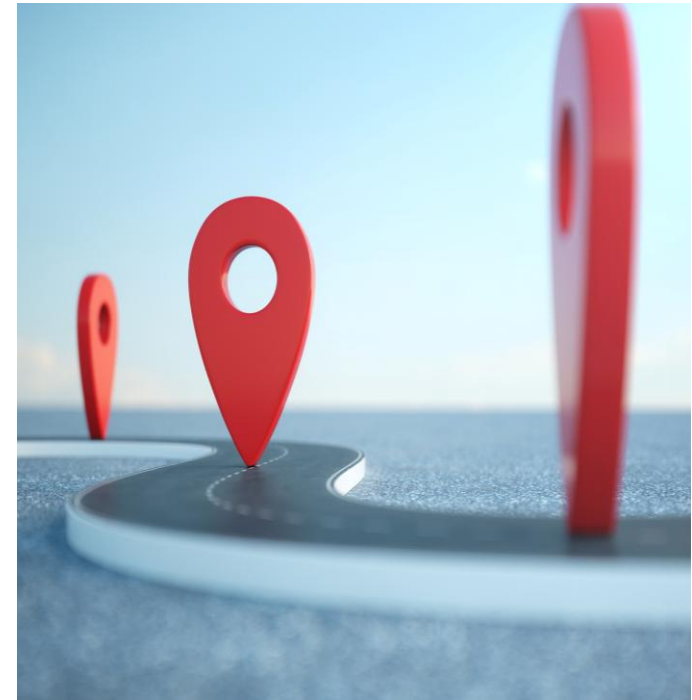


Expert technical guidance.

We offer insights on energy efficiency, demand response, decarbonization, and energy resilience projects.

Energy Roadmapping Overview

- **Purpose:** Provide technical and engineering assistance to develop customized, actionable roadmaps for public buildings or Community Resilience Centers (CRCs)
 - Roadmaps include:
 - Facility analysis including baseline energy usage, energy costs, and GHG emissions
 - Phased energy measures to improve facilities (e.g., energy efficiency, electrification, solar + batteries)
 - Electrification readiness assessments
 - Project financials, energy savings, and emissions savings for each recommended measure to inform decision-making
 - Resiliency analysis for CRCs (e.g., critical loads supported by a microgrid system)
- **Website:** bayren.org/public-buildings-assistance/energy-roadmapping



Targeted Decarbonization Services (TDS)

Decarbonization Education & Financing
Decarbonization Showcase

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Decarbonization Education

- **Purpose:** Provide trainings for local government staff to familiarize them with decarbonization equipment and financing strategies
 - Trainings for facilities staff: Heat Pump HVAC Operations & Maintenance (O&M) and Heat Pump Water Heater O&M
 - Trainings for finance staff: Public Sector Energy Financing 101 and 201 – coming later this fall!
- **Website:** bayren.org/decarbonization-education-and-financing



Decarbonization Financing

- **Purpose:** Address the cost of decarbonization technologies by leveraging other funding sources and testing incentive options
 - Identify where additional incentives and financing products are needed
 - Seek non-ratepayer funding to further augment program resources offered by BayREN and others
- **Website:** bayren.org/decarbonization-education-and-financing



Decarbonization Showcase

- **Purpose:** Pilot building decarbonization improvements in a small selection of public buildings to demonstrate practical solutions for reducing or eliminating emissions & develop detailed case studies to support replication by other local governments
- **BayREN provides the following no-cost services:**
 - Technical expertise and engineering support
 - Project management support
 - Access to BayREN gap funding
 - Identification of additional funding and financing opportunities
 - Development of a detailed case study and marketing materials
- **Website:** bayren.org/decarb-showcase





Quick Poll!



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Discussion: School District Perspectives

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Discussion Questions

- What are the top project priorities in the next few years for your district when it comes to managing energy use or improving sustainability in facilities? (e.g., lighting, weatherization, EV charging)
- Have you participated in other programs related to building energy projects? Did those programs work well? If not, why not?
- What unique needs do schools have that might not be addressed by BayREN's current program offerings?
- What opportunities do you see for regional collaboration among school districts on energy and decarbonization projects?

Contact Information & Resources

- Check out BayREN's Public Buildings page for additional resources:
bayren.org/public-programs



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