

Electrification Subcommittee Update

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Building Electrification – Subcommittee Objectives

Support and accelerate building electrification in Los Altos in alignment with CAAP through:

- Policy
- Incentives
- Community Engagement



Policy: Ordinances & Guidelines

- Review policies from neighboring and other CA cities

In process

- Align local ordinances with BAAQMD goals

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- Evaluate/Adopt a model SVCE electrification REACH code

AB 306; city risk profile; will look at NOx options

- Require energy audits in City permit applications



Incentives: Encouraging Electrification

•Research incentive programs in other cities	In process
•Add City-funded bonuses to SVCE rebates	What is material amount?/Pending discussions with other cities
•Explore reducing permit fees for electrification projects	Under investigation
•Consider permitting variances to support electrification	Under investigation
•Expedite permit review for electrification projects	Under investigation
•Support City's RFP for Residential Electrification Support Services	Aligning with SVCE capabilities



Community Engagement: Education & Outreach

•Promote SVCE yard sign campaign	
•Promote free home energy audits	
•Distribute educational materials via Building Department	
•Use City announcements & Town Crier for outreach	
•Host an annual Electrification Fair	
•Educate residents & HVAC contractors on electrification benefits	
•Promote SVCE programs:	Provide link/leads to SVCE via city website
• Go Electric Advisor	
• Emergency Water Heater Replacement	Not available
• Full-Service Home Upgrades	
• On-Bill & Tariff On-Bill Financing	