



# **DECARB + THE RCFE**

**DECARBONIZATION AND THE FUTURE OF RCFE DESIGN**

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Participants will be able to identify how the 2022 California Energy Code Updates will impact RCFE design and construction.
  2. Learn how all-electric infrastructure requirements will impact commercial kitchens, laundries, and typical amenities in California.
  3. Participants will learn strategies for providing energy resilience that is independent of the grid.
  4. Learn how decarbonizing building infrastructure can result in long-term energy and cost savings.
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# DECARB + THE RCFE

## AGENDA

- A. Evolving Policy Landscape
- B. Technology of Rapid Electrification
  - Operational Cost
- C. CA Code Cycle Impacts to RCFEs
  - No more commercial classification
  - Commercial Kitchens & Laundries
  - Amenities in an All-Electric Development
  - EV Charging
- D. Using Renewables to Increase Resilience and Drive your Proforma
- E. Resources



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Discipline Leader



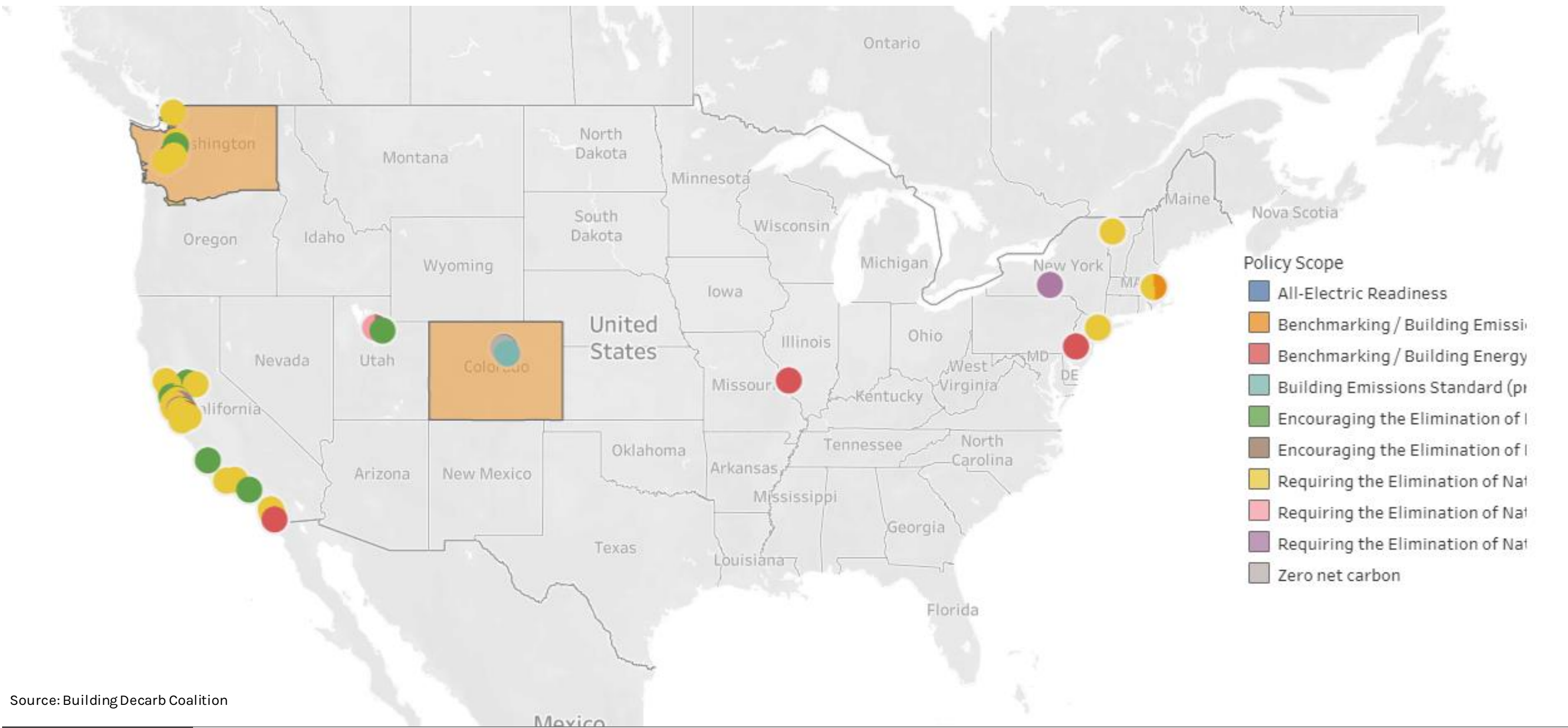
**ALEXIS BURCK**  
Principal, Senior  
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# A. EVOLVING POLICY LANDSCAPE

# CITY AND STATE POLICY DRIVERS

## NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION REACH CODES AND DECARB CODES

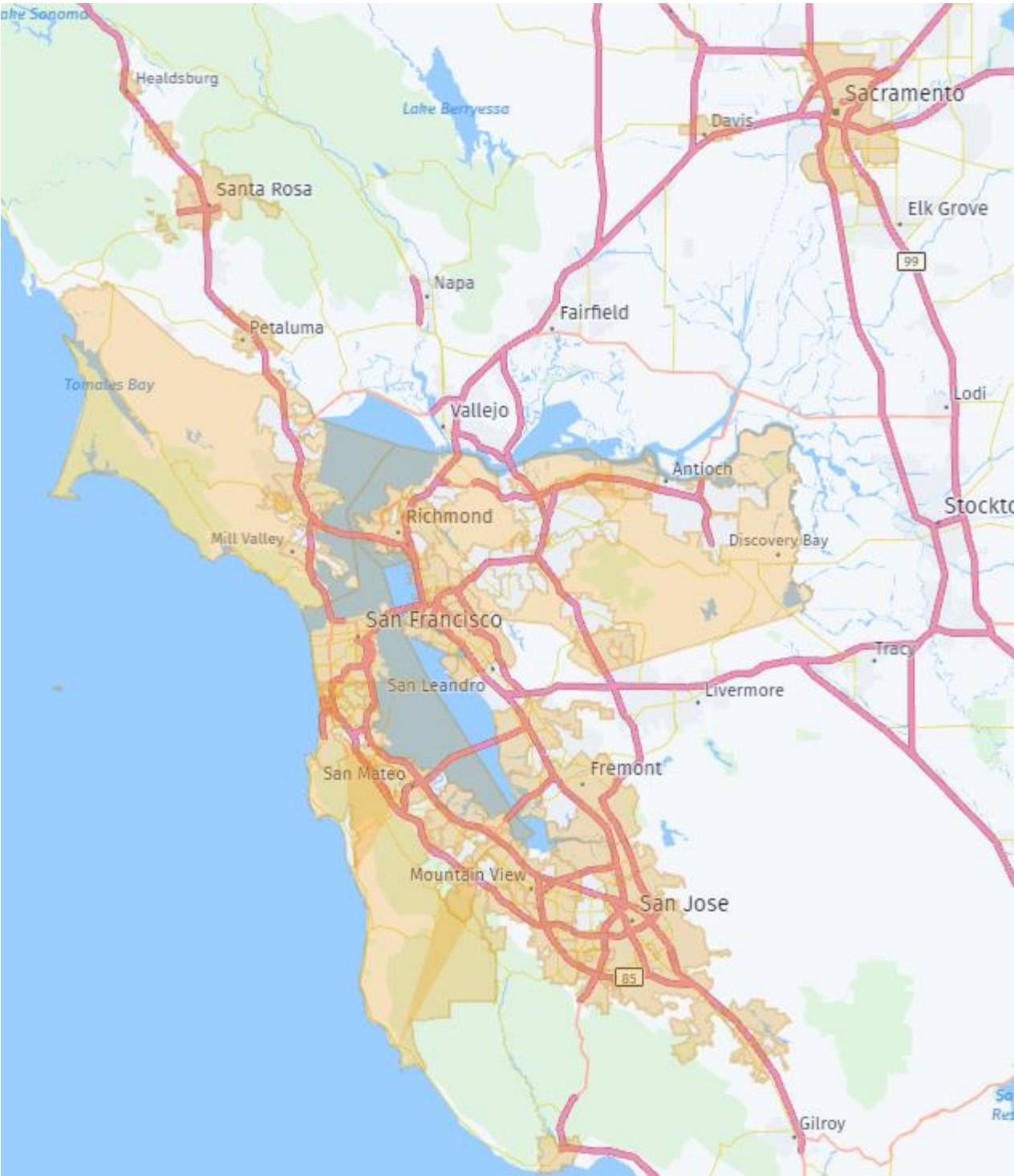
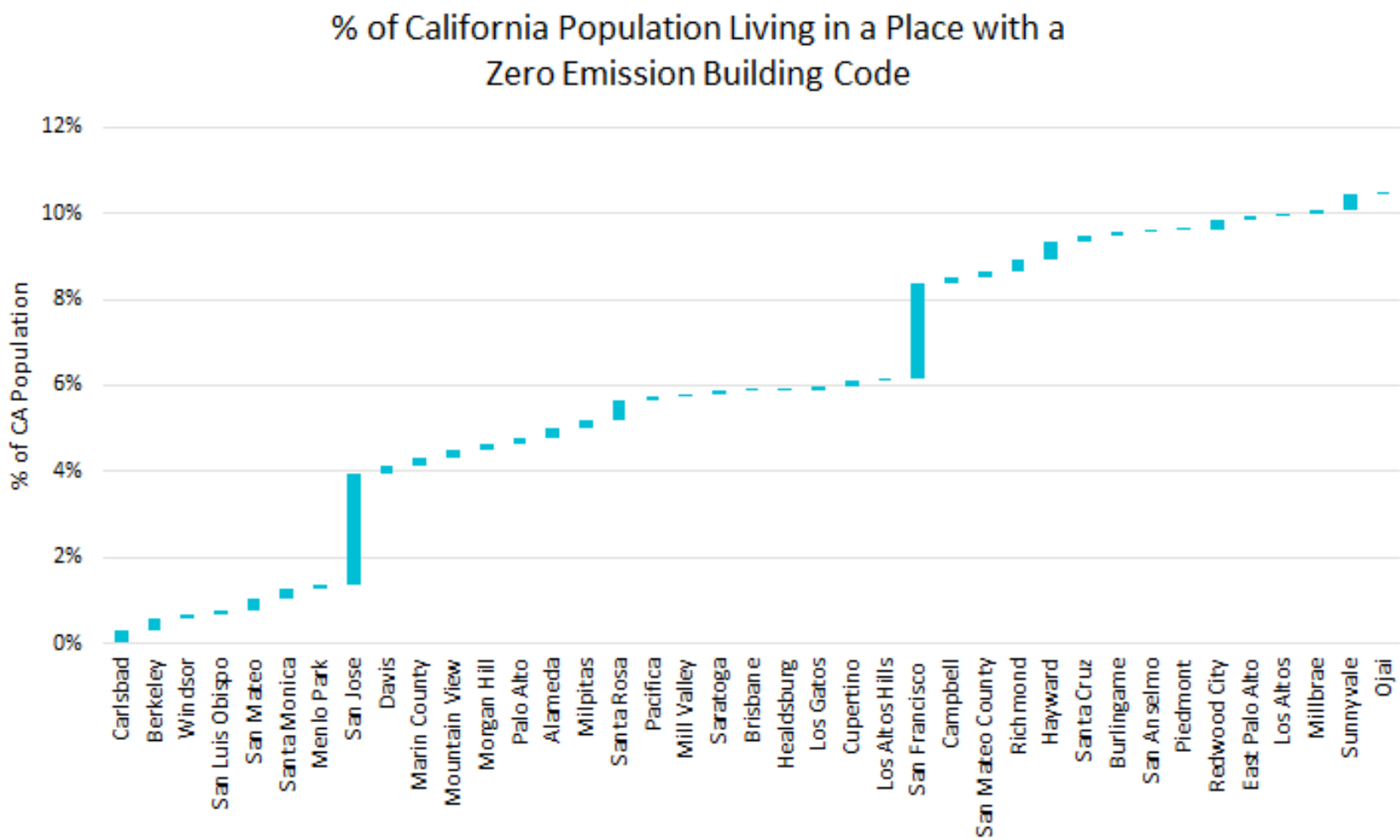


Source: Building Decarb Coalition

# REGULATORY CONDITIONS

NEW CONSTRUCTION → BAY AREA  
AGGRESSIVELY DRIVING ELECTRIFICATION

50 California Cities with All-Electric Codes or Reach Codes

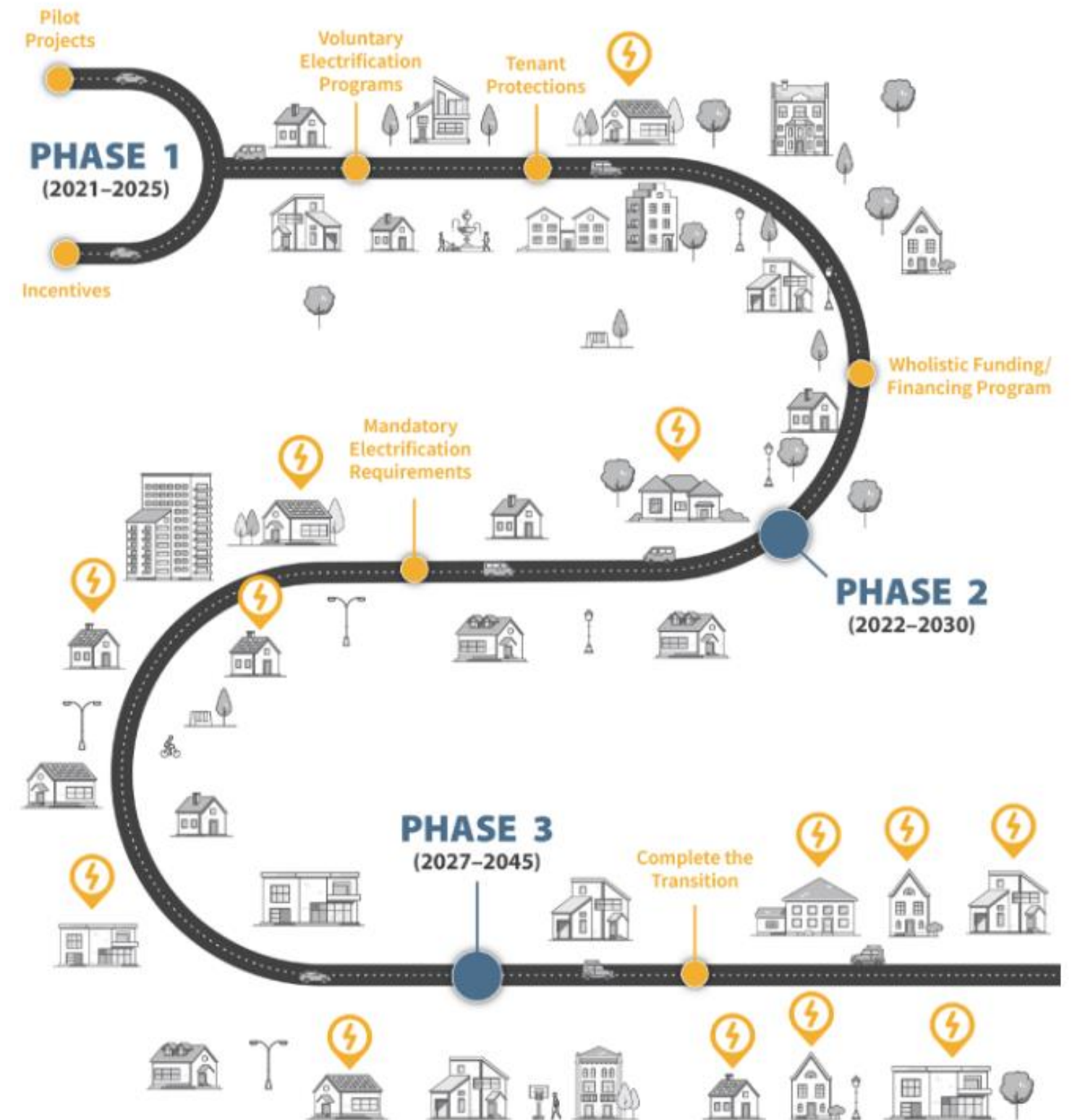




# LOCAL POLICY DRIVERS

## CITY OF BERKELEY – ELECTRIFICATION RETROFIT PLANNING

- **Phase 1**
  - Focuses on expanding and verifying the identified cost effectiveness and equity impacts implementing foundational programs and building community capacity.
- **Phase 2**
  - Increases the stringency of the policies and begins to introduce **mandatory measures**, once sufficient supports are in place.
- **Phase 3**
  - Policies finalize the move toward all-electric buildings through **mandatory measures**.



Source: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Berkeley-Existing-Buildings-Electrification-Strategy.pdf>

**A POWERFUL COALITION OF CITY GOVERNMENTS,  
UTILITIES, NGO'S, NON-PROFITS, DESIGNERS,  
ENGINEERS, MANUFACTURERS AND MANY MORE**



**BUILDING  
DECARBONIZATION  
COALITION**

## FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



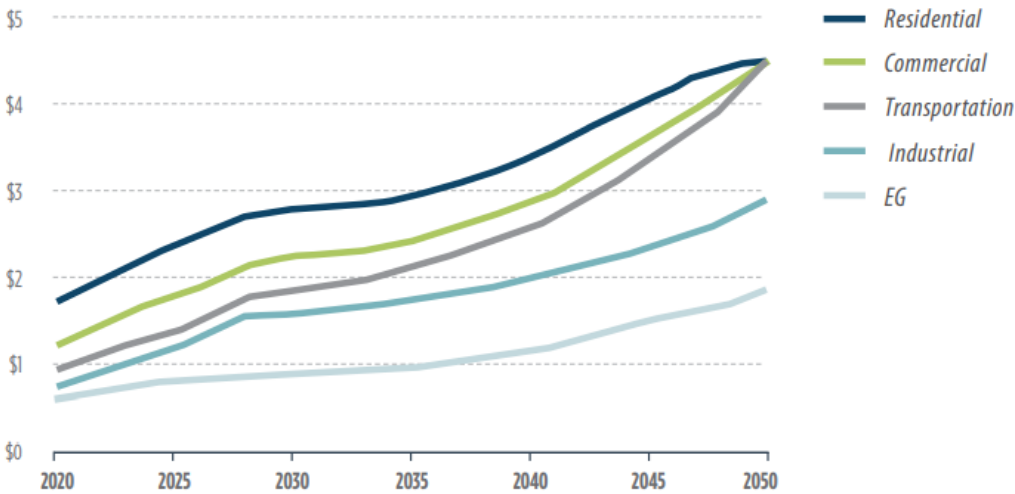


# REGULATORY CONDITIONS

## MITIGATING FUTURE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY



**FIGURE 9.** Projected Gas Rates with 50% Reduction in Gas System Expenditures, Accelerated Depreciation, and Change in Cost Allocation  
*Source: E3*



### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Under Nichols’ leadership, the board has helped set national standards on tailpipe emissions, which dictate gas mileage, and battled with Washington as the Trump administration tried to roll back those rules.



Liane Randolph (California Public Utilities Commission)

Randolph is a current commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission, which regulates electric, natural gas and water utilities, telecommunications and transportation companies including Uber and Lyft.

She previously worked in the California Natural Resources Agency and chaired the Fair Political Practices Commission, which oversees and enforces California’s campaign finance and political ethics laws.

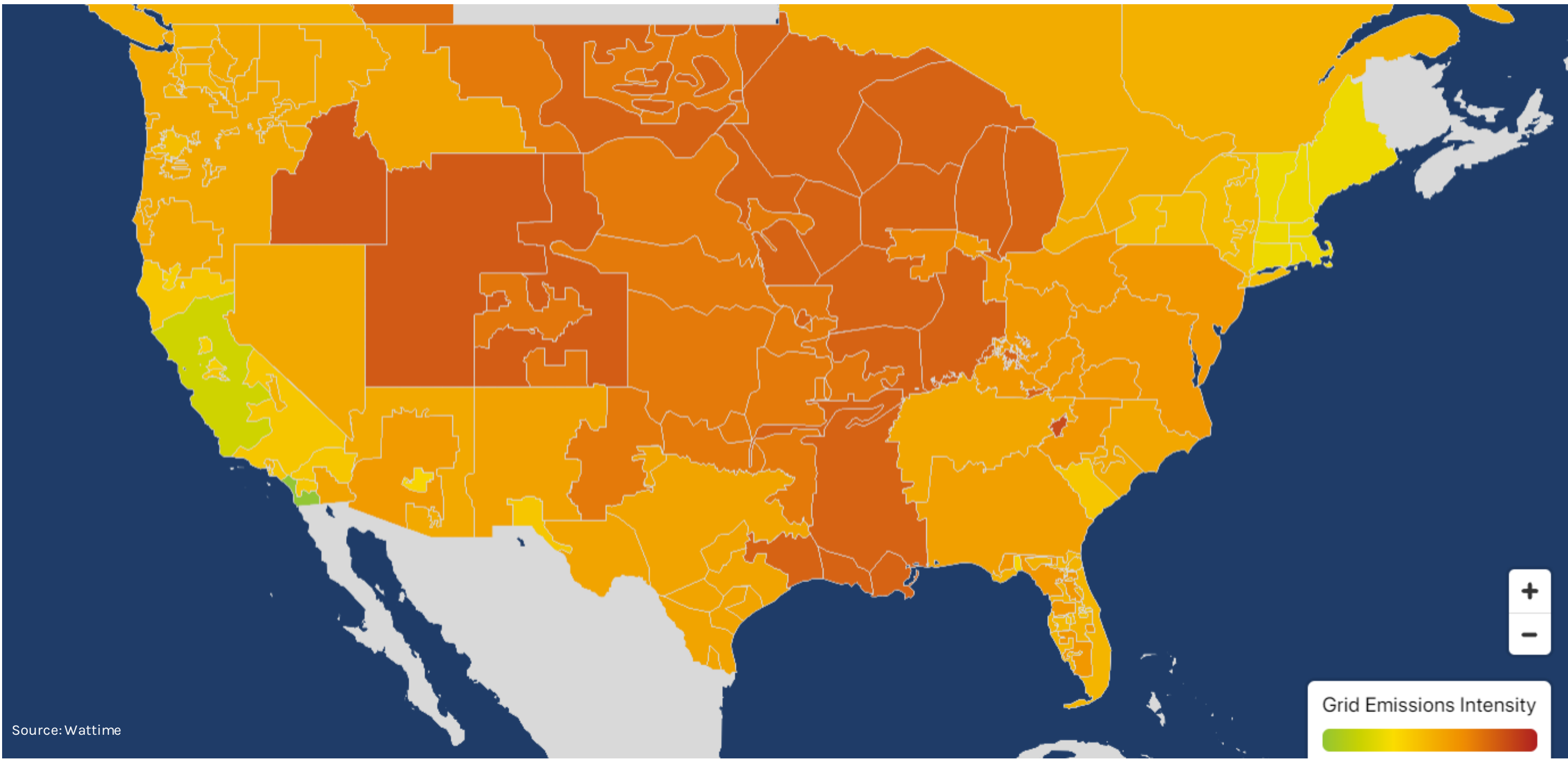
At the air board, she’ll be charged with overseeing some of California’s ambitious plans to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions and regulate air pollution.

Those goals include achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2045 and halting the sale of new gas-powered passenger vehicles by 2035.



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR REGIONAL GRID

## REGIONAL GRID MARGINAL EMISSIONS RATES



Source: Wattime

# **B. TECHNOLOGY OF RAPID ELECTRIFICATION**

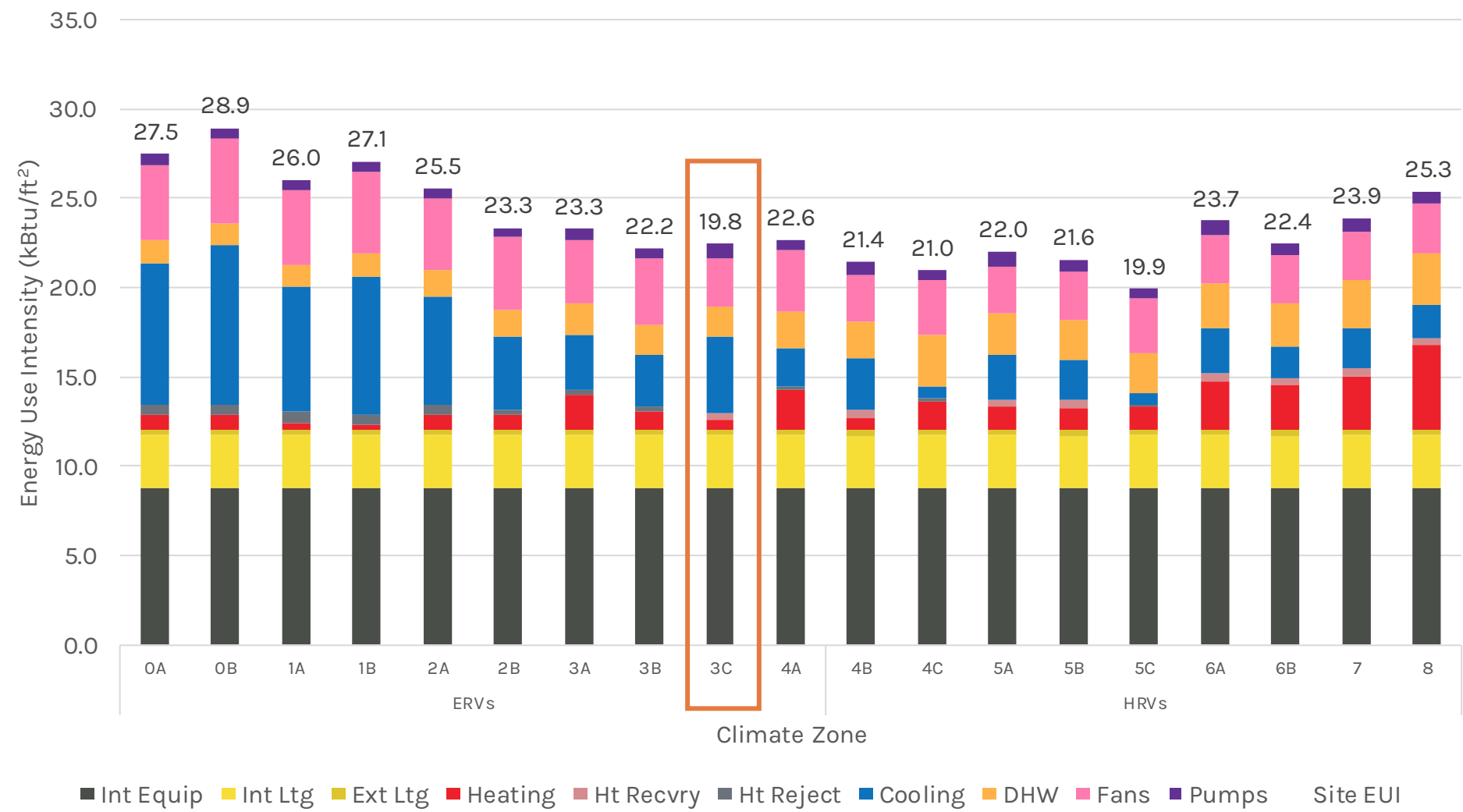
# THE FUTURE OF HOUSING

## MEP SYSTEMS FOR ALL-ELECTRIC DESIGN

<https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/aedgs>



Site EUI Targets with End-Use Breakdown



# DECARB ELECTRIC SYSTEMS

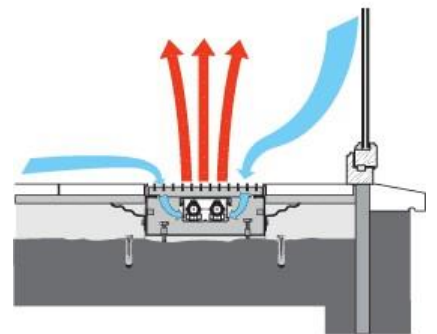
## HEATING AND COOLING: MINI-SPLIT AND VRF HEAT PUMPS





# DECARB ELECTRIC SYSTEMS

HEATING AND COOLING: AIR TO WATER HEAT PUMPS



# DECARB ELECTRIC SYSTEMS

## DOMESTIC HOT WATER





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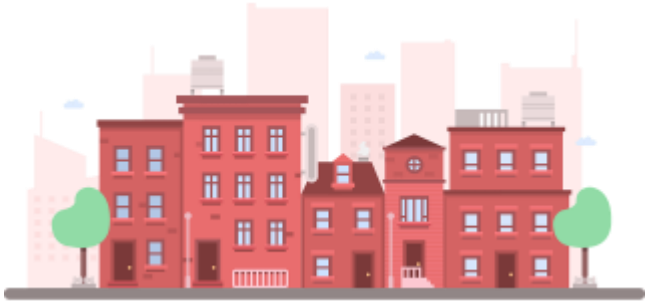
## DOMESTIC HOT WATER: WHY CO2 HEAT PUMPS MAY BE YOUR BEST FRIEND



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4 Air-Source R-134a Heat Pumps  
4 x 70 A CB @ 480v  
176 KVA



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2x 125A CB at 480v  
138KVA

1,500 Gallons of Storage  
(@ 180F)

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2 x PIRANHA T15 HC Waste Heat  
Recovery Heat Pump (R-513a)  
2x 110A CB @ 460v  
88 kVA

2,750 Gallons of Storage  
(@ 140F) + ~2,250 Gal  
Waste Storage Below  
Grade

# DECARB ELECTRIC SYSTEMS

## OPERATING COST: WHY YOUR COP MATTERS



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Single Day Cost	\$119.10/Day	\$102.45/Day
	Bay Area Cost Parity ~ COP 2.7 Chicago Cost Parity ~ COP 3.06 Denver Cost Parity ~ COP 3.4	

# C. IMPACTS TO RCFES

UPCOMING CALIFORNIA CODE CYCLE

# ENERGY CODE CHANGES

The California Energy Commission (CEC) estimates that over 30 years the 2022 Energy Code will provide **\$1.5 billion in consumer benefits** and **reduce 10 million metric tons of GHGs** – equivalent to taking **nearly 2.2 million cars off the road for a year.**

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# ENERGY CODE CHANGES

## BUILDING RECLASSIFICATION



2019: RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL

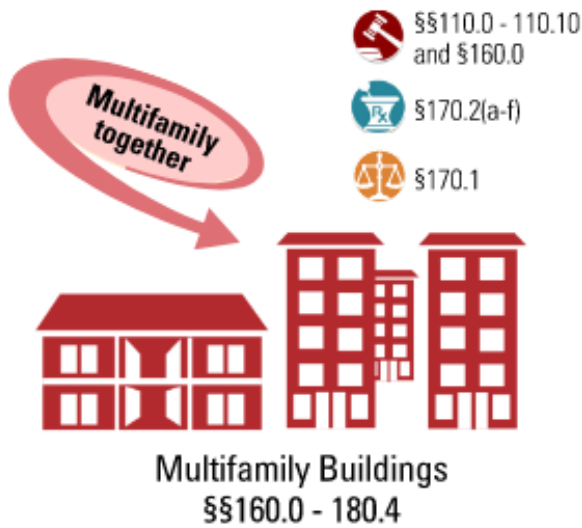


2022: RESIDENTIAL RESIDENTIAL

# ENERGY CODE CHANGES

## BUILDING RECLASSIFICATION

### Where to Find Multifamily Building Requirements in the 2022 Energy Code



One of the largest changes to the structure of the 2022 Energy Code is that the Energy Code requirements for all multifamily buildings have been moved into their own subchapters, rather than being combined with single-family residential or nonresidential building types.

In past Energy Code cycles, the requirements for multifamily buildings with three or fewer habitable stories were grouped together with single-family residences and duplexes in the category of "low-rise residential," while multifamily buildings with four or more habitable stories were considered "high-rise residential," and their Energy Code requirements were part of the nonresidential standards. The 2022 Energy Code still has some distinctions between multifamily buildings with three or fewer stories versus four or more stories, but the new Energy Code structure makes it easier to find all multifamily requirements.

2022 Energy Code sections that apply to multifamily buildings are listed in Table 1.

	Subchapter	Requirements
	<b>Subchapter 2</b>	<b>All Occupancies: Mandatory Requirements for the Manufacture, Construction and Installation of Systems, Equipment and Building Components</b> §§110.0-110.10: Mandatory measures that may apply to all occupancy types depending on the equipment types and systems proposed The structure of Subchapter 2 of the Energy Code remains essentially the same as in past code cycles.
	<b>Subchapter 10</b>	<b>Multifamily Buildings: Mandatory Requirements</b> §§160.0-160.9: Mandatory requirements for dwelling units and common use areas in multifamily buildings §160.0 General §160.1 Mandatory Requirements for Building Envelopes §160.2 Mandatory Requirements for Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality §160.3 Mandatory Requirements for Space Conditioning Systems in Multifamily Buildings §160.4 Mandatory Requirements for Water Heating Systems §160.5 Mandatory Lighting Requirements for Indoor and Outdoor Spaces §160.6 Mandatory Requirements for Electric Power Distribution System §160.7 Mandatory Requirements for Covered Process §160.8 Mandatory Requirements for Solar Ready Buildings §160.9 Mandatory Requirements for Electric Ready Buildings
 	<b>Subchapter 11</b>	<b>Multifamily Buildings: Performance and Prescriptive Compliance Approaches</b> §170.0 General §170.1 Performance Approach §170.2 Prescriptive Approach
  	<b>Subchapter 12</b>	<b>Multifamily Buildings: Additions, Alterations and Repairs to Existing Multifamily Buildings</b> §180.0 General §180.1 Additions §180.2 Alterations §180.3 Repairs §180.4 Whole Building

Table 1. 2022 Energy Code Sections Applicable to Multifamily Buildings





# ALL-ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE





# COMMERCIAL KITCHENS

## THE ALL-ELECTRIC KITCHEN





# COMMERCIAL KITCHENS

FROM FAST SERVE TO FINE DINING – ALL ELECTRIC





# COMMON RCFE AMENITIES

## ELECTRIC FIREPLACES







# PV ARRAYS & BATTERY BACK-UP



# **D. INCREASE RESILIENCE**

**USING RENEWABLES TO IMPACT RESILIENCE & SAVE MONEY**

# RISK AND RESILIENCE

## HURRICANES



“The state’s care facilities — about 700 nursing homes and 3,470 assisted-living facilities — have been preparing for the storm for days. As of Wednesday morning, at least 35 facilities housing 3,000 residents had evacuated, mostly in low-lying areas like Collier and Sarasota counties, according to Knapp. In the last week, FHCA’s members have been performing fuel checks for generators, restocking supplies and hardening building exteriors.” - Kelsey Butler and Ella Ceron Bloomberg News

## Hurricane Ian barely affects solar community in Florida

Babcock Ranch, a community near Fort Meyers, Florida, was built with climate resiliency in mind.

OCTOBER 10, 2022 RYAN KENNEDY

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The Babcock Preserve Solar Energy Center

Image: Florida Light and Power



# RISK AND RESILIENCE

## WILDFIRE & HEAT WAVES

Los Angeles Times

SUB

### Op-Ed: California's giant new batteries kept the lights on during the heat wave

“...California has a clear lesson for the world: Battery storage is a powerful tool for grids facing new strains from heat, cold, fire, flood or aging networks. And just as important, batteries are key to the zero-carbon future we need to avoid even greater stresses down the line.”

Mike Ferry,  
Los Angeles Times,  
9/23/2022



#### ***For the record:***

**9:22 a.m. Sept. 13, 2022:** An earlier version of this article incorrectly stated that batteries contributed 50 megawatts on average to California's grid during two peak hours of an August 2020 heat wave. They contributed 125 megawatts on average during that time.

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##### **FOR SUBSCRIBERS**

12 secret stops on California's iconic road to Big Sur

##### **FOR SUBSCRIBERS**

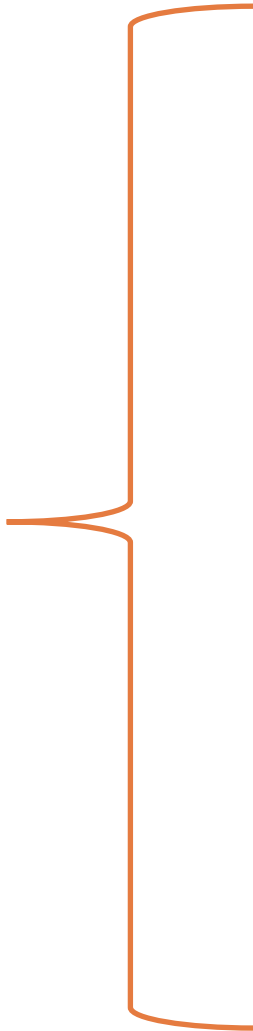


# A MORE RESILIENT STRATEGY

MORE RESILIENCE; MORE OPTIONS



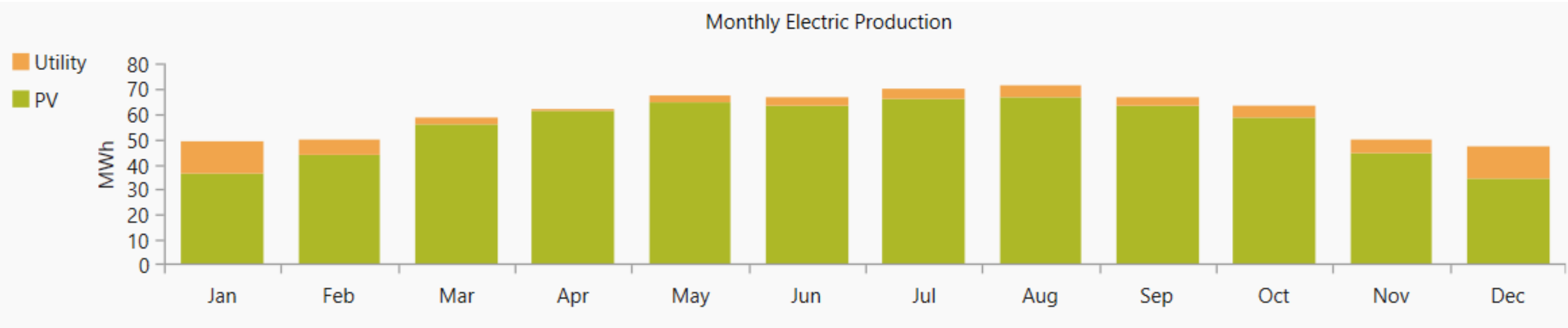
Outage Duration  
0 - 12 Days



# A MORE RESILIENT STRATEGY

## MORE RESILIENCE; MORE OPTIONS

Resilience	PV	Battery	Initial Capital Modeled	Simple Payback	Levelized Cost of Energy	Internal Rate of Return	Cont PV Cost	Cont Battery Cost	Cont Total
Days	KWdc	kWh	\$	years		%	\$		\$
0	205	0	\$ 443,636	12	\$ 0.0934	%	\$ 443,620	\$ -	\$443,620
1	205	59	\$ 517,204	12.3	\$ 0.1240	6.8%	\$ 443,620	\$ 91,450	\$535,070
2	352	195	\$ 1,010,000	17	\$ 0.1050	3.6%	\$ 754,688	\$ 242,580	\$997,268
3	311	197	\$ 933,146	20	\$ 0.1270	2.5%	\$ 700,061	\$ 245,068	\$945,129
4	393	216	\$ 1,130,000	14	\$ 0.0990	3.9%	\$ 841,806	\$ 263,952	\$1,105,758
5	414	316	\$ 1,300,000	23	\$ 0.1230	1.3%	\$ 872,712	\$ 375,724	\$1,248,436



# FINANCIAL TOOLS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

BIG OPPORTUNITIES IN THE IRA TAX BILL!!



		179D Commercial Building Energy Tax Deduction	Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System	Bonus Depreciation	Business Energy Investment Tax Credit	Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit	Rural Energy for America Program Grants
Basic Project Attributes	Project Type	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction
		Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits
	Eligible Technology	Energy Efficiency	Energy Efficiency	Energy Efficiency	Energy Efficiency	Renewables	Energy Efficiency
			Renewables	Renewables	Renewables		Renewables
			Energy Storage	Energy Storage	Energy Storage		
	Eligibility Notes	Envelope, HVAC, Hot Water, Lighting	Equipment or property must largely be used for commercial purposes	Recovery Period for depreciation must be less than 20 years	Technology Dependent	As of 2022, only applicable to wind energy	Only available to Rural Businesses or Agricultural Producers

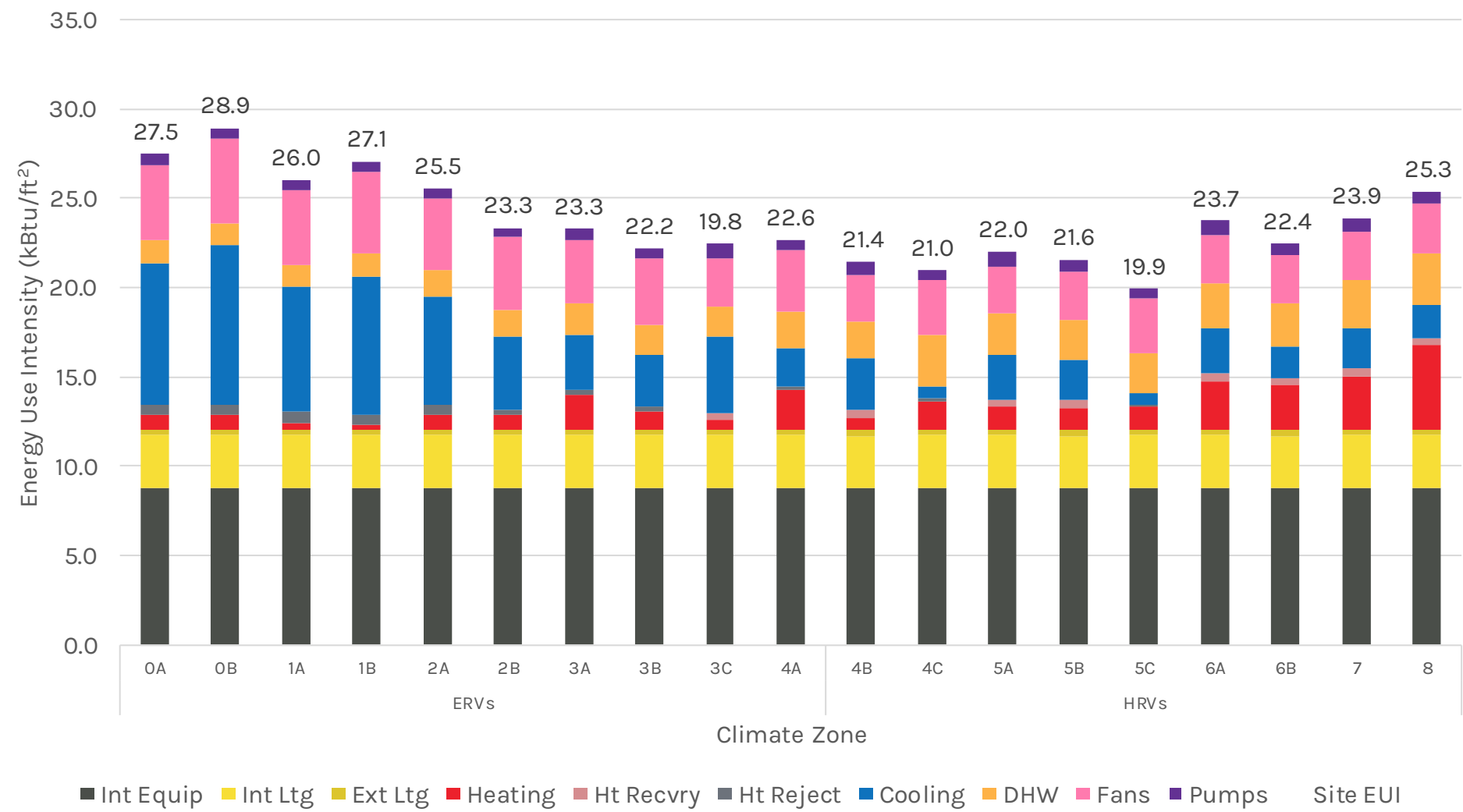


# ASHRAE ADVANCED ENERGY DESIGN GUIDES

## MEP SYSTEMS FOR ZERO ENERGY DESIGN



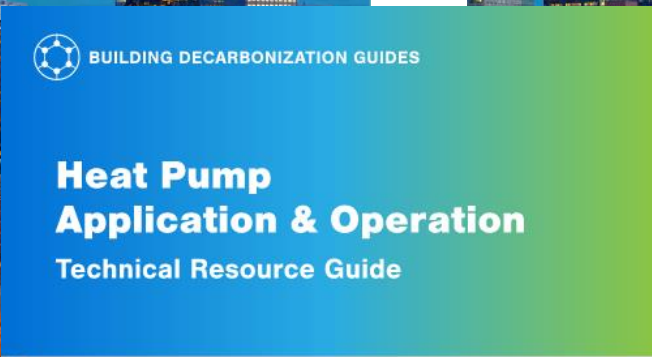
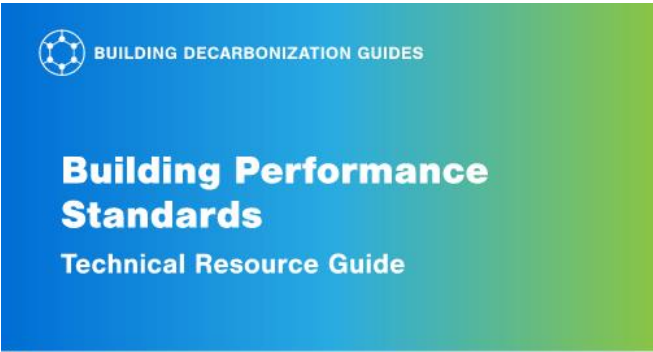
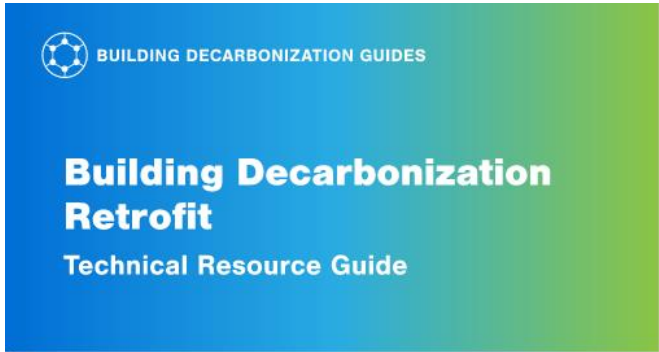
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# DECARBONIZATION DESIGN GUIDES COMING SOON!

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We encourage all attendees to complete the post course survey at <https://www.research.net/r/MN8BK7K> by **Friday October 28, 2022**, at **5pm ET**.

Please email [knowledgecommunities@aia.org](mailto:knowledgecommunities@aia.org) if you have any questions.



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The mission of the AIA **Design for Aging** (DFA) Knowledge Community is to foster design innovation and disseminate knowledge necessary to enhance the built environment and quality of life for an aging society. This includes relevant research on characteristics, planning and costs associated with innovative design for aging. In addition, DFA provides outcome data on the value of these design solutions and environments.

COVID resources

Strategies for Safer Senior Living Communities  
This resource includes strategies for dining facilities, amenity spaces, and individual units. [Download >](#)

Manage Your Communities

Upcoming Events

9 Sep

**DFA: Call for leadership applications**  
Sep 9 - Oct 17, (ET)

19 Sep

**Live course: Intergenerational Living, Inclusive Communities: Strategies for Planning and Design**  
Sep 19, 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM (ET)

See All Events →