

SF Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee Draft Findings and Recommendations – Version 10.17.16

Category	Recommendation	Problem	Source
Expand Programs for Low Income Residents	Recommend that the CPUC lower the threshold for the Energy Savings and Assistance Program.	Eligibility requirements for the Energy Savings and Assistance Program (\$9,000 household) are the same statewide using federal poverty thresholds. This means that many low-income San Francisco residents who suffer from the high cost of living may not be eligible for this low threshold.	Conversation about ESAP (7/18/16)
	Pool multiple houses in the Southeast to make them eligible for BayREN multifamily housing programs.	Single family homes that are in need of energy efficiency upgrades are not being upgraded due to the high cost of the upgrades, and low amounts of energy savings available in San Francisco housing, such that projects exceed the cost-effectiveness criteria.	Conversation on the Bay Area Regional Energy Network Program (6/20/16)
Bolster Workforce Development Opportunities	Create longterm contracts for workers interested in energy efficiency upgrades so the Office of Economic and Workforce Development can be strategic in planning for and training workers in energy efficiency upgrade construction.	Currently energy efficiency projects are performed by many small contractors on small projects over many customers. This makes it virtually impossible for the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to develop agreements that would enable them to recruit and anticipate the number of workers that are needed in this industry.	Conversation about workforce and economic services (5/16/16)
	SF Office of Economic and Workforce Development (CityBuild) does upskill training and could expand it into energy efficiency.		Conversation about workforce and economic services (5/16/16) Member Steichen – email.
Increase Financing for Small Businesses Upgrades	Create on-bill repayment for small businesses for projects below \$5,000.	Small business owners receiving energy efficiency upgrades are responsible for paying whatever is not covered by rebates which averages around 22% of the projects cost. Currently on bill repayment has a \$5,000 loan amount minimum which precludes small businesses from the program since some of them do not have the cash to pay the co-pay up front.	Conversation about small business sector (5/16/16)
	Move towards the multifamily BayREN model for Energy Watch.	Under the BayREN model there is more flexibility for the San Francisco Department of the Environment to provide energy efficiency upgrades versus the Energy Watch program which has more stringent restrictions preventing looking at comprehensive upgrades for the customer.	Conversation about small business sector (5/16/16)
	Recommend PG&E allow Energy Watch clients to receive actual not claimable savings.	The rebate amount available to the commercial sector is only for changes that are made that surpass current code. This means that businesses far behind code are not eligible to receive incentives for the savings coming up to code; therefore, the incentives are relatively small compared to the cost.	Conversation on the Bay Area Regional Energy Network Program (6/20/16 – 56:00)
	Form a model in which independent businesses of similar type can be considered together in terms of energy savings.	Small businesses are not seeing the same subsidies as large buildings and businesses because they are using less energy. This is in fact the same problem independent grocers face in competition in wholesale purchasing and retail	Member Zouzounis – email.

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		pricing with Formula Retails like Walgreens who may be ordering less product (or using less energy per individual location) but have bulk purchasing power and are considered cumulatively in their numbers.	
Streamline the Process for Upgrades	Increased outreach on existing energy efficiency programs from various city agencies.	There are many opportunities for encouraging energy efficiency upgrades when individuals come into contact with the City including at the City Assessors Office and Small Business Office.	Conversation about small business sector (5/16/16)
	Create benchmarking for multifamily buildings.	The City already has a benchmarking ordinance for the commercial sector that allows the City to analyze energy usage for certain businesses – this currently does not extend to multifamily buildings.	Member Jamdar. Discussion of energy efficiency matrix (5/16/16)
	Modify San Francisco’s historical preservation requirements to allow for efficiency and renewables.		Member Kaufman – email.
	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission continue to work with the San Francisco Department of the Environment on CleanPowerSF energy efficiency programs.	The San Francisco Department of the Environment has the knowledge, infrastructure and track record to continue to implement the energy efficiency programs being developed by CleanPowerSF.	Discussion of CCAs (9/19/16)
	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the San Francisco Department of the Environment work with Marin Clean Energy on lessons learned for energy efficiency and workforce development (e.g. Richmond Build workforce development program, on-bill financing)		Member Steichen – email.
	Recommend that the California Public Utilities Commission create increased flexibility to allow the layering of energy efficiency programs.	There are various programs	Conversation on the Bay Area Regional Energy Network Program (6/20/16)
Remove Barriers to Data Collection	Create one database for benchmarking for all sectors.		Member Kaufman. Discussion of energy efficiency matrix (5/16/16)
	Recommend that the State of California change its data consent law.	The only way to obtain data on energy usage in California is by showing that each utility customer consents to the use of that data. This prevents a comprehensive study of energy usage. AB 802 attempted to address the questions of benchmarking.	Conversation on energy data (7/18/16 – 27:00)
	San Francisco Department of the Environment do a survey of individuals served by energy efficiency programs to learn of their challenges.		Member Steichen – email.