

Regional Tribal Operations Committee EPA Region 9

Supporting California Tribal Communities with Solar, Storage and Clean Transportation Incentives

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Thank you to the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians for welcoming us to your community.

— We also appreciate the leadership of the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (EPA Region 9) in bringing us together, and we thank all Tribal representatives and attendees for joining today's discussion.

We are grateful for the opportunity to engage in conversation, learning and partnership together.

About CSE

Mission-driven national nonprofit

Center for Sustainable Energy® (CSE) is a national nonprofit that accelerates adoption of clean transportation and distributed energy through effective and equitable program design and administration.

- Administer cutting-edge programs valued at over \$4 billion for governments, utilities and the private sector across the U.S.
- Leader in data-driven incentive program design and administration, for:
 - Electric vehicle and EV charging incentive programs
 - Renewable energy incentive programs (solar and storage)
- Headquartered in San Diego with more than 250 employees across the nation

Objective and trusted

- Governments, utilities and the private sector trust CSE for its data-driven and software-enabled approach, deep domain expertise and customer-focused team.
- CSE's fee-for-service business model frees it from the influence of shareholders, members and donors, and ensures its independence.
- CSE's data and insights have informed policy at the local, state and federal level.

One mission —

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Our vision is a future with sustainable, equitable and resilient transportation, buildings and communities.



Pre-owned EV Programs



<https://evrebates.pge.com>



<https://evrebates.sdge.com>



<https://evrebates.sce.com>



Pre-owned EV Programs

1

Standard Rebate \$1,000

Eligible residents may receive \$1,000 for standard rebate

2

Rebate Plus \$4,000

Make less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for specific county and household size. Check the [Household Income Limit Table](#).

3

Purchase or Lease

Applicants can take advantage of these programs if they have purchased or leased a used EV

4

Requirements

Vehicle must be currently registered to the applicant's residential service address within their county

5

Vehicle Eligibility

Vehicle must be a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) or Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)

6

Application Submission

SDG&E - Applicants must submit application within 180 days after purchase

PG&E: Applicants must submit application within 90 days after purchase

Fast Charge California Project (FCCP)

Focus: Ready-to-build, publicly accessible fast charging projects statewide

Priority Locations:

- Tribal lands
- Disadvantaged communities
- Low-income communities

FCCP Window 2 Application

- Oct. 7, 2026 – Jan. 14, 2027
- Incentives covering up to 100% of eligible installation costs for DC fast chargers
- Up to \$100,000 per charging port

FCCP Window 3 Application

- Feb. 24, 2027 – May 27, 2027
- Incentive levels capped at \$55,000 per port regardless of power level with minimum charger output: 150 kW



Fast Charge California Project (FCCP)

Applies to Window Applications 2 & 3:

- Incentives covering up to 100% of eligible installation costs for DC fast chargers
- Projects must be **ready-to-build**
- Chargers must be **publicly accessible**
- All funded chargers must be **ENERGY STAR®** certified
- CEQA exemptions **not allowed** for unpaved sites
- Applicant must be both:
 - Incentive recipient
 - Charging equipment owner



Updated Program Requirements (FCCP)

No Longer Eligible

- Charging hubs
- Hotels
- Business districts

Additional Changes for Window 3

- Only one CCS connector required per site
- Removal of the 275+ kW rebate category
- All eligible equipment receives the \$55,000/port rebate

More Information:

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EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (EPACPRG)

*Our Partnership with the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
and San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians*



EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

Our Tribal Partners: La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians & San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

Tribal Goals:

- Emissions reductions
- Cost savings
- Planning for future generations
- Building capacity within the tribes' Environmental Departments

Timeline & Tasks:

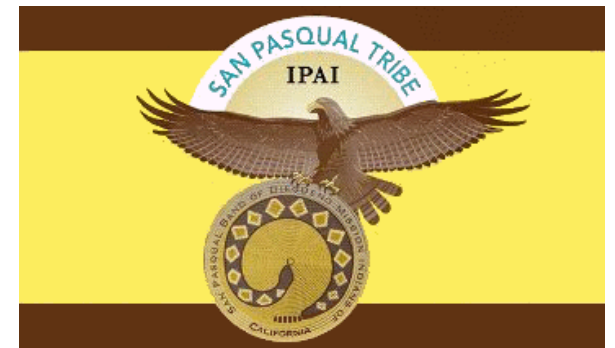
- 10/23 - 9/25: Grants awarded; Priority & Comprehensive Action Plans completed
- '25-'29: Implement Measures

\$400k

Planning Grant

\$22.8M

Implementation Grant



Implementation Grant Summary

MEASURE 1

Install Fleet and Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Installing four dual-port, public-facing DC chargers.

MEASURE 2

EV Fleet Electrification

Replacing over 26 Tribal-owned fleet vehicles with equivalent battery-electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles

MEASURE 3

Microgrid at Native Oaks Golf Course

18 kW solar generation with 81 kWh of battery storage to displace 86% annual electricity usage from fossil-fuel derived electricity.

MEASURE 4

Microgrid at Horizon Fuel Center

295 kW solar generation with 763 kWh of battery storage to displace 88% of annual fossil-fuel derived electricity.

MEASURE 5

Solar and Storage on Tribal Residences

Installing solar PV systems between 2 kW and 6.5 kW paired with battery energy storage between 7 kWh to 17 kWh on over 400 residential homes.

MEASURE 6

Space Heating Air Source Heat Pump Mini-Split Systems

Installing air source heat pump mini-split heating and cooling systems at over 600 tribal residences.

MEASURE 7

Air Source Heat Pump Hot Water Heaters

Installing air source heat pump hot water heater at over 600 tribal residences.

MEASURE 8

Energy Star Building Performance Standards on New Residential Construction

Equitable Building Decarbonization (EBD)

CSE currently administers EBD for the Central Region thru 2029

Free home energy assessment to identify electrification and efficiency upgrade opportunities for households:

- Earning less than 80% of area median income, and
- Enrolled in at least one public assistance program
 - Medicaid/Medi-Cal
 - CalFresh/SNAP
 - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 - CalWORKS / Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/ Tribal TANF
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Single-family, Multifamily, Manufactured Homes – owner & rental

Depending on assessment results, free equipment and installation of nine sets of eligible measures in up to 2,500 homes



More info here: <https://ebd.energycenter.org>

Eligible Measures



Heating and Cooling

- Heat pump for space heating
- Duct testing/sealing/replacement
- Smart thermostats
- Ceiling fan or whole-house fan



Water Heating

- Heat pump water heater (unitary and central)
- Low-flow showerheads and faucets



Building Envelopes

- Air sealing
- Insulation
- Solar window film



Cooking

- Induction range and cooktop



Laundry

- Electric clothes dryer (heat pump or electric resistance)



Lighting

- LED bulbs and fixtures



Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

- Air filtration



Electrical

- Electrical wiring and panel upsizing
- Automatic circuit sharing devices



Remediation & Safety

- Construction to facilitate measures

EBD Tribal Direct Install Program



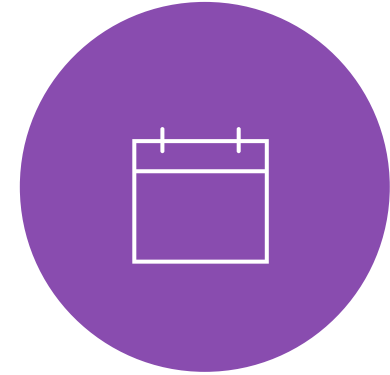
Program Goals

Provide energy-efficient electric appliances, energy efficiency improvements and related upgrades at no cost to participants



Budget

\$30M total with minimum \$75,000 allocated to each participating California Native American tribe



Timeline

Program Guidelines were adopted in January 2026 and Application for tribal participants anticipated for release Spring 2026

Tribes will have the option to receive funding directly as a grant and be responsible for implementing the program for their tribe OR receive funding in the form of services from a third-party program implementer.

SCE Charge Ready Home

Electric Panel upgrades to support Electric Vehicle charging



Photo courtesy: www.thespruce.com

Incentives to upgrade electric panels* in single family households with independent service accounts**.

- \$2,100 if eligible by geographic location (household is located within the SB535 Disadvantaged Communities Map: <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/sb535>)
- \$4,200 if eligible by income level (based on public assistance already offered to them, e.g. Tribal TANF or Head Start (tribal only). <https://evhome.sce.com/residents>)
- Applicant may qualify for only one rebate; easy application at: evhome.sce.com

Tribal members w/ a C-10 or General B license should register to install

*Avg. Total Cost ~\$4,800. Payment made to contractor.

**Many manufactured homes have 1 power bill for entire community. SCE working on mobile homes utility conversion by 2030.



NESCO

Native Energy Services Company

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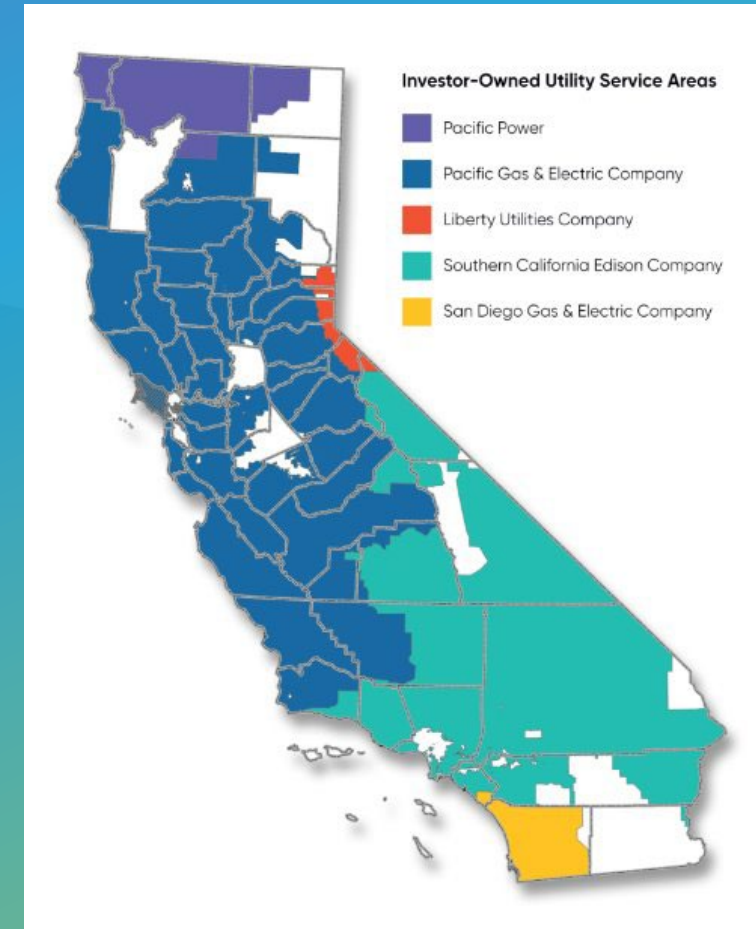


Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH)

Incentives for **solar** and **storage** on deed-restricted multifamily affordable housing properties in Investor-Owned utility territories

Property Requirements:

- Existing or retrofit rental housing building(s) or mobile homes
- Five (5) or more units
- Individually metered units
- Deed-restricted via an affordable housing regulatory agreement with at least 10 years remaining on term, e.g.:
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA): BIA lease document or similar
 - Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program: Indian Housing Plan (IHP)
 - Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA): Useful Life/Use Restriction Agreements
- Meet one of the following:
 - 66% of property units have incomes at or below 80% of the area median income(AMI)
 - Located in a disadvantaged community (DAC)
 - Property is owned by a tribe or a public housing authority



Incentives

Construction Incentive Solar:

Tax Credits		\$ per AC Watt Incentive	
ITC	LIHTC	Tenant	Common Area
No	No	\$3.50	\$1.19
Yes	No	\$2.45	\$0.87
No	Yes	\$2.45	\$0.87
Yes	Yes	\$1.75	\$0.65

Storage:

- Incentive = Energy capacity (Wh) * \$1.10/Wh
- Tenant allocations for the solar and storage must be the same
- Example: 60 unit building, 120 kW, with 82% savings going to tenant cost \$300,000 to build and SOMAH paid for
- \$260,000 (88%) - expected to cover ~60% of previous years' electricity consumption

Generation Incentive:

- Virtual Net Energy Metering (VNEM) is a billing arrangement that provides credit to customers for excess generation from the solar
- SOMAH uses VNEM to apply solar credits directly to tenants' utility bills
- At least 51% of the solar or solar+storage output must directly offset tenant loads
- Varies by utility

SOMAH Tribal Resources and Projects

Resources @ calsomah.org/tribes includes:

- Bishop Paiute Tribe Case Study
- Application Guide for Tribes
- Check Property Eligibility Form
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- Free and limitless affordability prescreen service @ calsomah.org/prescreen
- Free solar feasibility review
- Check Property Eligibility Form

Projects:

- Coyote Mountain - Bishop Paiute Tribe – Bishop (completed)
- Arrowhead Trails Apartments - Bishop Paiute Tribe – Bishop (completed)
- RVIHA Townhouse Project - Round Valley Indian Housing Authority – Covelo (completed)
- Hopland Tribe of Pomo Indians – Hopland (active)



Question and Answers

- Might these programs work for your community?
 - If no, why not?
- Have you heard about the programs?
- How can we be more effective at "spreading the word" and building connections so folks don't miss out?
- What are Tribal concerns and interest areas?

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For your time, guidance, and partnership

