

MBCP Energy Programs Policy

To achieve MBCP's mission, JPA goals and support California's robust and necessary climate goals, it's imperative MBCP invest in the region through energy programs. MBCP's energy programs play a vital role in helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy efficiency, support local economic opportunities, job creation, and local control of electric generation resources, catalyze innovation, decarbonization, electrification and cost savings.

This policy guides how MBCP determines which energy programs to investigate, pilot or fund.

Energy Programs Vision Statement

The intent of the energy programs vision statement is to guide and focus MBCP's investment in the region consistent with its JPA goals and its identity as a California public joint powers authority which is the default electric service provider for 21 jurisdictions across Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo and San Benito Counties. It is the purpose of MBCP to influence how the region and our customers use electricity and support the transition to electrifying their homes, businesses and vehicles as a safer, more reliable, cleaner and more cost-effective approach than the current model dominated by fossil fuels. MBCP's vision statement is the following:

Our vision is to support innovative energy programs, equitably and effectively, to MBCP customers through electrification of the transportation and building sectors as well as support local development and distributed energy resources.

List of Eligible Programs

Focusing on transportation electrification, building electrification and distributed energy resources as the key pillars to guide the funding and support of energy programs, MBCP has identified an initial list of potential programs to fund presently and in the future. MBCP will continually engage the boards, public, re-evaluate market and regulatory conditions, as well as market and technology advances, to recommend the best possible programs for the Board's consideration to benefit our customers and the region.

Transportation Electrification

- Light Duty Electric Vehicle Rebate Program (New & Used vehicles)
- Public & Private Level II Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program at Public Agencies, Worksites, MUDs and additional locations that are applicable

- DCFC Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- Fleet Electrification
- Transit Agency Electrification
- School District Vehicle Electrification
- Agricultural Vehicle & Equipment Electrification
- Electric Bicycles

Building Electrification

Residential

- Electric Appliances & Infrastructure
- Demand Response & Aggregation of DERs
- Low Income Solar + Storage
- Electrification of new residential development

Commercial

- Electric Appliances & Infrastructure
- Demand Response & Aggregation of DERs
- Electrification of new commercial development

Local Energy Resources & Development

- Economically feasible Local Renewable Energy Generation
- MicroGrids
- Customer sited Storage capacity
- Aggregation of DERs: EVSE, Storage, Electrified Appliances
- Energy efficiency

Other Energy Program Opportunities

MBCP recognizes there are additional energy program opportunities to either support, champion or invest in which are consistent with encouraging greater access to electrification:

- Advocating for codes and policies which support faster and easier access to electrification technology in homes, businesses, infrastructure and transportation
- Advocating for codes and local policies which support utilizing land for local energy generation and economic development
- Collaborating with local regional agencies to scale up or partner on grant/funding opportunities that meet MBCP's energy programs policy
- Additional MBCP customer rebates for income qualifying customers
- Supporting workforce development and economic opportunities

Customer Eligibility for MBCP Energy Programs

MBCP will provide resident, business and agricultural customers access to its suite of current energy programs if the following criteria are met:

- An active MBCP customer
- \$0 account balance on their PG&E bill for MBCP charges

MBCP will review the financial standing of each customer which applies for energy programs funds. If a residential customer is over 21 day past due on their account or a commercial or agricultural customer is over 17 days past due on their account, MBCP staff will notify the customer that they must pay their MBCP charges in full in order to access the particular energy program. MBCP staff will hold the spot for the potential customer during the period of the program and will grant the customer access once the customer has furnished a record of full payment.