# **TECH Clean California:**

Lessons from Year 1 of California's Heat Pump Market Transformation Program

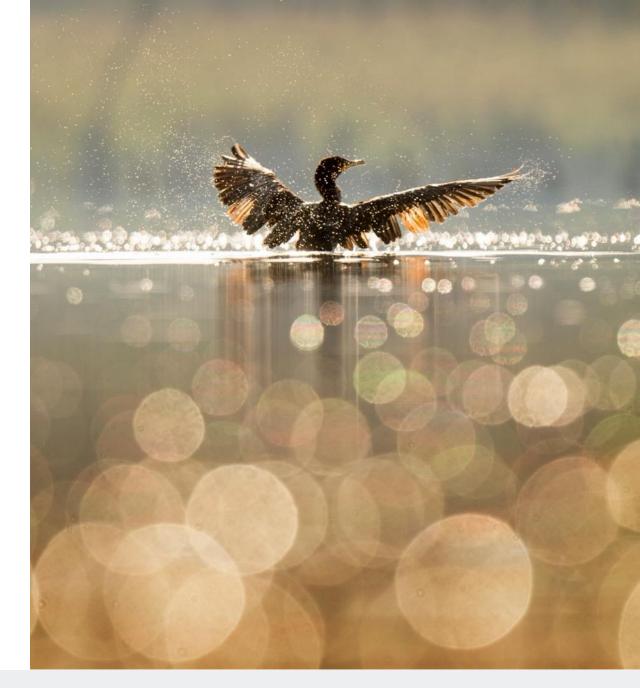
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## Goal: Carbon Free Homes by 2045

	Current	Interim Goals
Heat Pump Water Heating	< 2% installed base	<ul><li>6 million heat pumps installed by 2030</li><li>Climate ready / friendly homes:</li><li>3 million by 2030</li></ul>
Heat Pump HVAC	< 5% installed base	<ul> <li>7 million by 2035</li> <li>50% of funding delivered to low-income households or disadvantaged communities</li> </ul>

Installed base estimates based on RASS 2019 data: <a href="https://webtools.dnv.com/CA">https://webtools.dnv.com/CA</a> RASS/

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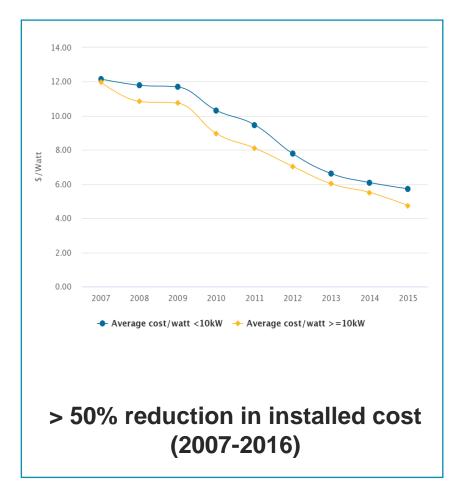
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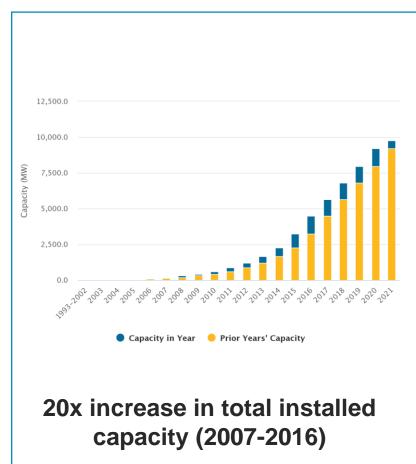
Align Investments & Milestones – Incentives, milestones and target dates play an important role.

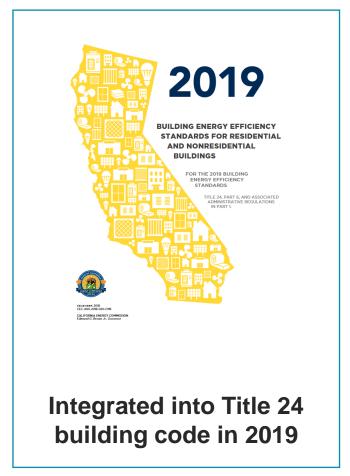
# TECH Clean California Vision

## Learning from previous market transformation success

The California Solar Initiative (CSI): 10-year, ~\$2 billion initiative to transform the residential solar market

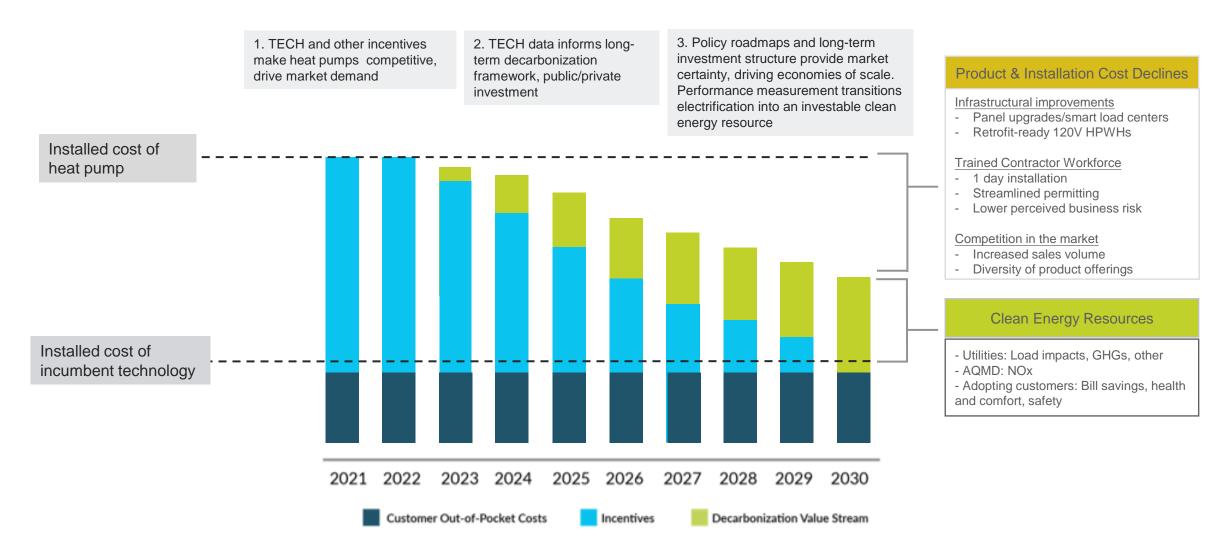






CSI Data Source: www.californiadgstats.ca.gov

## **TECH Vision** – Bending the Heat Pump Cost Curve



## **TECH Clean California Program Activities**



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- Contractor incentives
- Streamlined Incentive Clearinghouse
- Technical and sales training

#### **Drive consumer demand**

- Statewide marketing campaign
- Website with fact sheets, contractor directory and incentive finder



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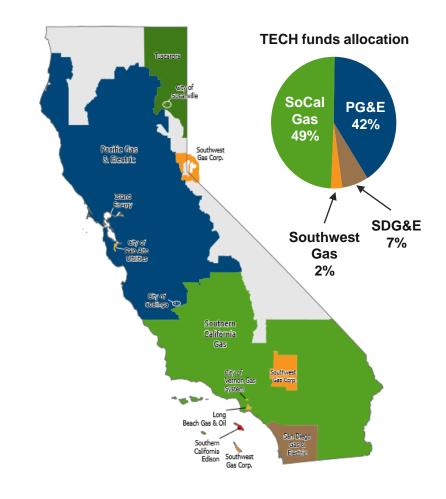


# Incentives and Market Engagement

Market incentives to make it easier and cost-competitive for contractors to sell and install heat pump technology.

## **TECH Incentive Design Approach**

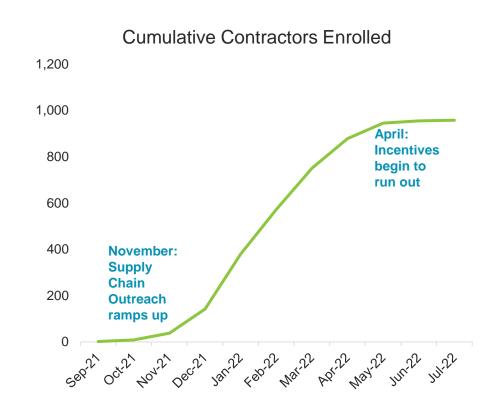
Incentive Design Element	Rationale
Incentive Amount	Attract interest and instill a sense of urgency / opportunity. Create price parity with incumbent equipment.
Geographic Region	All customers within gas IOU territory.
Layering	Layering serves two functions: 1) Maximizes TECH resources; 2) supports enhanced incentives for higher efficiency and quality installation.
Eligibility	Allow code minimum and dual-fuel; comprehensive data provides valuable insights.

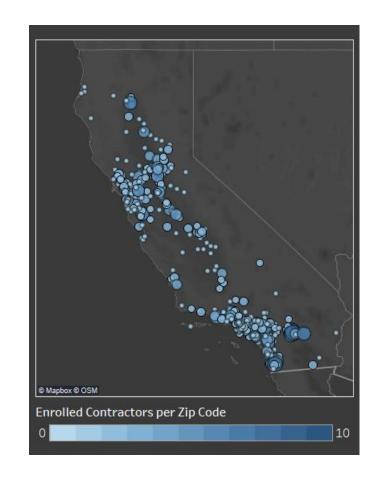


Map source: <a href="https://cecgis-caenergy.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/pdf-maps">https://cecgis-caenergy.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/pdf-maps</a>

## **Expect Demand**

7 months, 900 contractors enrolled (3.5% of CA HVAC + WH contractors)



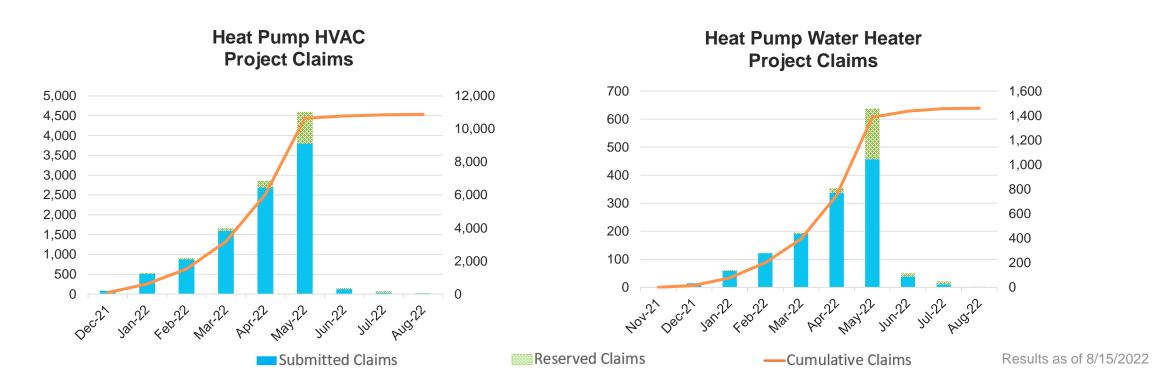


#### **Lessons Learned:**

- Incentives and long-term policy direction make participation strategic.
- Working with key supply chain actors unlocks participation
- Enrollment far surpassed initial expectations, requiring significant revisions to TECH onboarding and communication processes

## Plan for Scale, Keep it Simple

> 12,000 units deployed/reserved in first six months, exhausting most available single family TECH funding by May

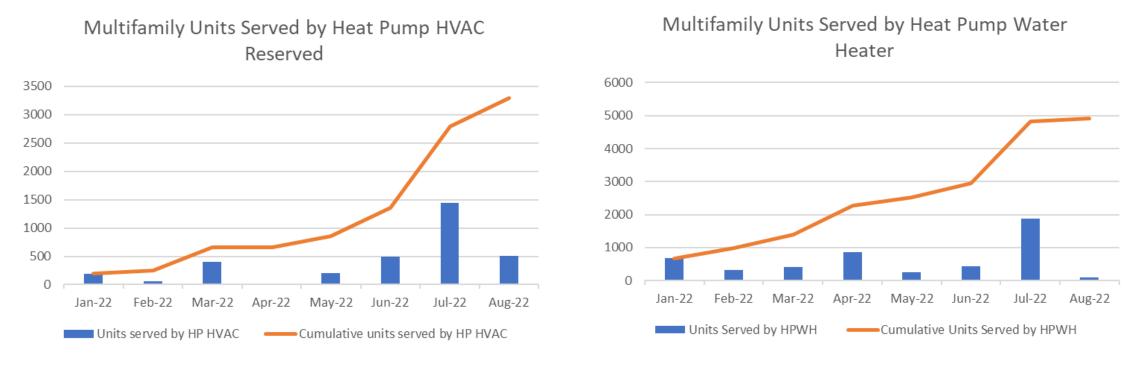


#### **Lessons Learned:**

- Even with the May install rate, need ~6-10x increase participation to hit California's 2030 target of 6 million heat pumps!
- Layering is important to scale investment, but it can't compromise the simplicity of the message

## Multi-family Units Served by Heat Pumps

8,000+ MF units, ~50% in disadvantaged communities, > 50% low-income



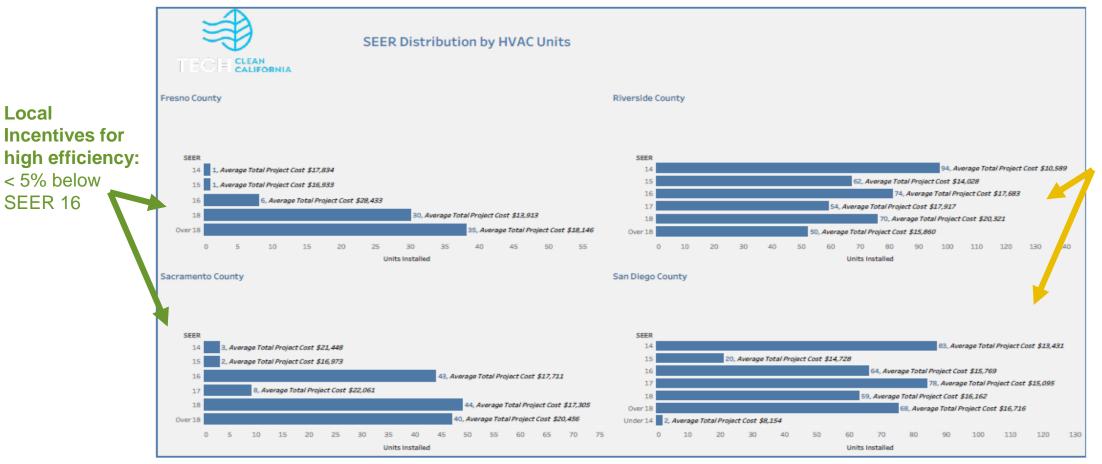
<sup>\*</sup>Numbers represent the number of multifamily dwelling units being served by heat pump technologies. For example, one central plant may serve 30 units. Numbers based on reservation date.

#### **Lessons Learned:**

- Incentive layering is critical to get projects to pencil in multi-family. Most projects occurred in regions with layered incentives.

## Efficiency and Decarbonization Go Hand in Hand

TECH incentives drive heat pump adoption. Layering partner program incentives drives more efficient products

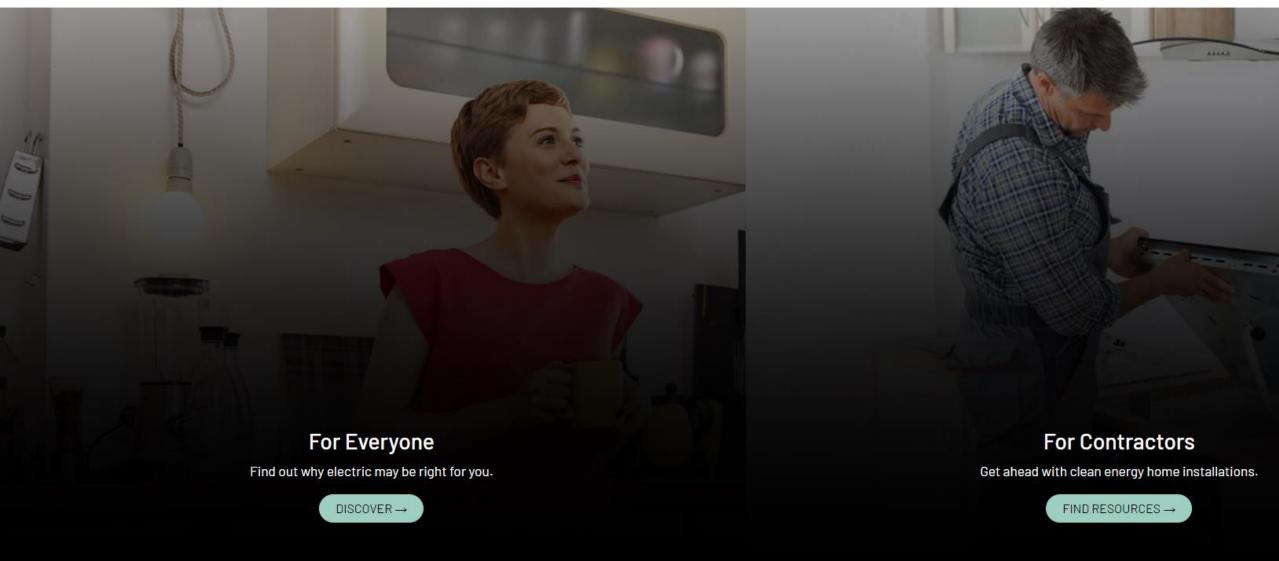


No local incentives for high efficiency: 25%+ below SEER 16

**Lesson:** Every program player has an important role, and it often works best when multiple incentive programs layer to target different resources (such as GHGs and efficiency)

## Consumer Engagement





## **Building Awareness**



## Educating

- Website Traffic
- Emails
- Ambassadors

## Inspiring

- Articles
- Social Media
- Ambassadors

## Switching Support

- Incentive Finder
- Find a Contractor
- Financing Options



**Lesson:** Combination of targeted engagement and incentives can help drive adoption.

## **Motivations for Installation**

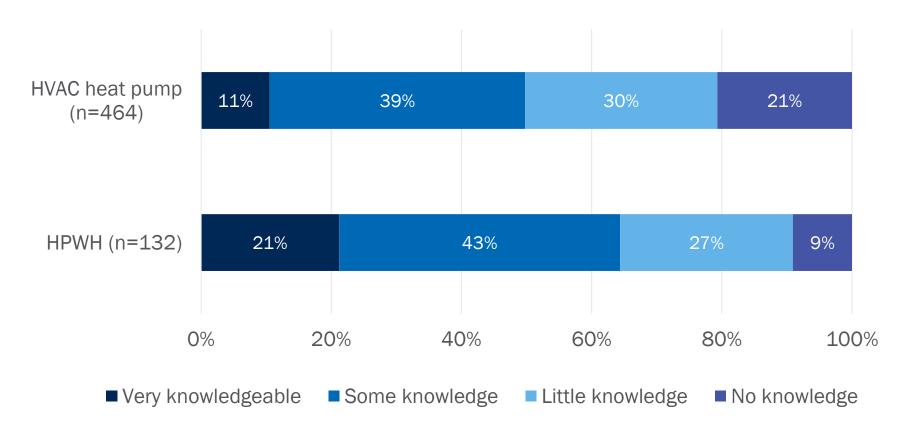
- HVAC more likely looking to replace old equipment that was functioning poorly or not at all
- HPWH more likely to be exploring new options while their existing equipment was still functioning well
- HPWH more likely to contact contractors to electrify or reduce the carbon footprint of their homes

Reasons for Reaching out to Contractor	HVAC Heat Pump Customers (n=464)	Heat Pump Water Heater Customers (n=132)
My existing equipment was old or not functioning well	50%	24%
My existing equipment was broken, and I needed to replace it	20%	20%
My existing equipment was functioning, but I wanted to explore options for new equipment	18%	36%
I was doing an addition and needed to add new equipment	4%	1%
Wanted to remove fossil fuels/reduce carbon footprint/ electrify home	1%	12%
Other	7%	7%



## Customer Knowledge of Measures Varied

Half of HVAC heat pump homeowners had at least **some knowledge** of their equipment, compared to two-thirds of HPWH heat pump respondents.





## The TECH incentive was influential

## **Financing**

A minority financed their project

- One-quarter of HVAC customers used financing
- Fewer (9%) HPWH customers financed their project



## **Incentive**

For **93%** (555 of 596), the incentive was at least somewhat important in their decision to get the heat pump

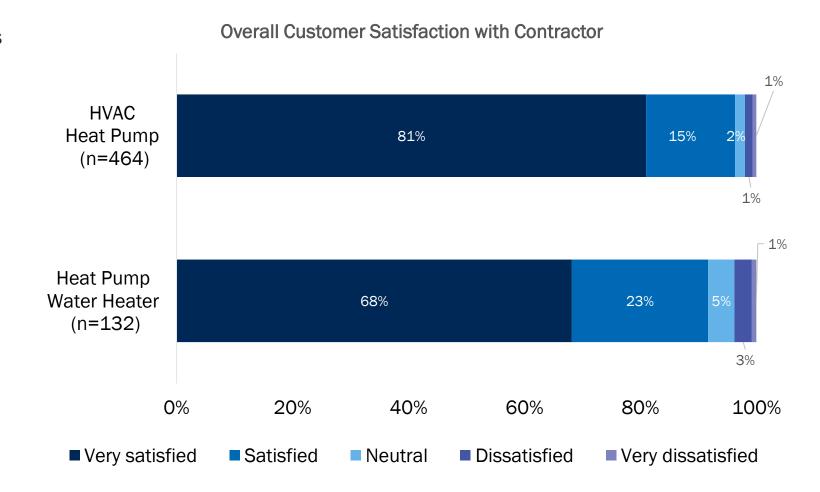
- 39% of HVAC customers (167 of 430) were either unlikely or would not have purchased a heat pump without the incentive
- **59%** of HPWH customers (77 of 125) felt the same way



## Customer Generally Very Satisfied with Contractors



**Fewer than 5%** of respondents were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied





Greater satisfaction with HVAC contractor (96%) than HPWH contractor (91%)



# Pilots & Quick Start Grants

Regional pilots testing scalable solutions to market barriers, and Quick Start Grants for strategically important installations that will help scale adoption.

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# Pilot Spotlight: Inclusive Utility Investment Program

**Objective:** Expand customer access to up-front capital.

**Q1 2020:** Tariffed on-bill financing whitepaper published.

Q4 2021: Stakeholder workshops to inform program design.

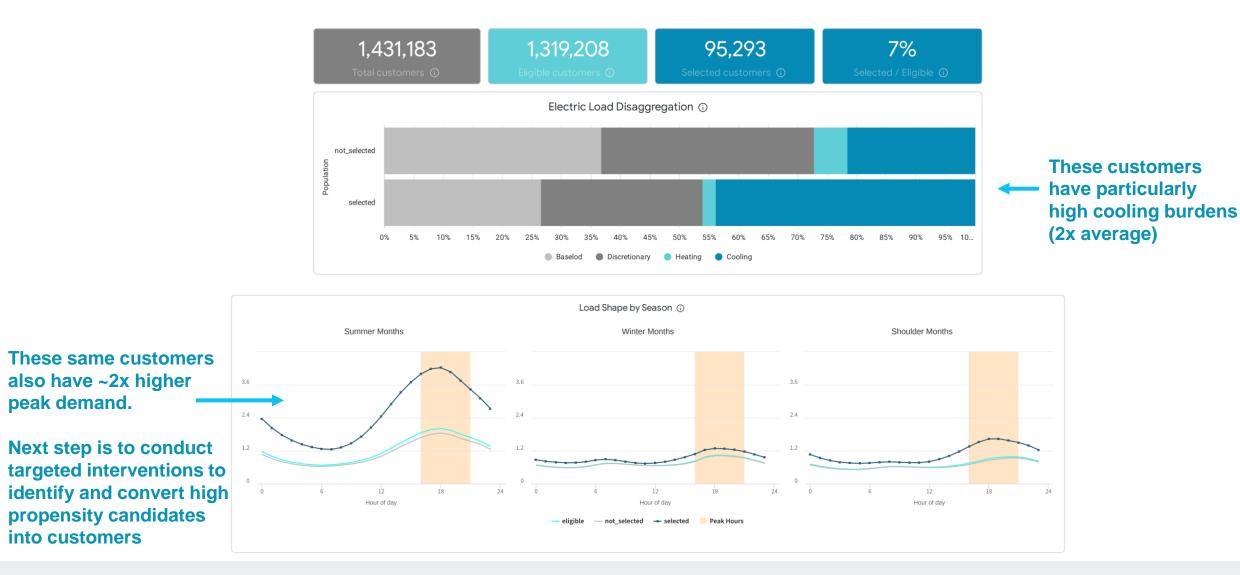
Q1 2022: Draft program design published and available for feedback

**Q2 2022:** Proposal for pilot with Silicon Valley Clean Energy to CPUC Clean Energy Finance Proceeding:

- Install 500 HPWH and 500 HP HVAC systems in high energy use households
- Approval expected in November 2022

## Pilot Spotlight: Customer Targeting

Preliminary results for a sample of 1.3 million single family electric meters in SCE territory



## **Quick Start Grants: 2022 Projects**

Over 70% of projects support low-income and/or disadvantaged communities



## **Enabling Faster Installations**

**Barnett Plumbing**, Loaner Water Heaters for Emergency Fuel-Switching

**Small Planet Supply,** Streamlined central HPWH install for multi-family

New Buildings Institute, 120V HPWH Field Test IHACI, Virtual Technician Software Platform

## Making Programs More Inclusive

Redwood Coast Energy
Authority, Air Source Heat
Pump Incentives for
Unregulated Fuel Customers

Franklin Energy and MCE, Augmentation of Income-Qualified Electrification Program

## Reducing Energy Costs for Low-Income Customers

**The Energy Coalition**, Basset Avocado Heights Advanced Energy Community HPWH

**AESC**, Interactive Impacts of HPWH in Manufactured and Mobile Homes

# Innovation for Hard-to-Reach Housing

BlocPower and City of San Luis Obispo, Better Buildings SLO Pilot

Revalue, Green and Healthy Homes

**USGBC-LA**, Electrification in Green and Affordable Homes Program

# Informing the Long-Term Building Decarbonization Framework

Gather, combine, and publish critical data to inform future programs and policies

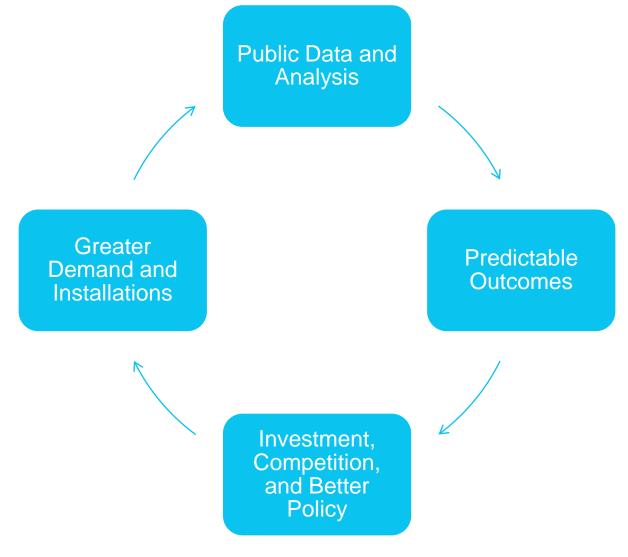
## Why Publish Heat Pump Data?

California, other states and the Federal Government have set important decarbonization targets and are planning unprecedented investments.

"If you can't measure it, you can't improve it."

- Peter Drucker

To best deploy decarbonization investments and measure their impacts, we need robust data collection, analysis, and reporting.



## How TECH data can inform building decarbonization decisions

### **Application data**

- Equipment type
- Efficiency rating and size
- Total project cost
- Installation features

#### Meter data

- Hourly electric AMI data
- Daily gas meter data
- Timeframe: 2018 2027

### **Survey data**

- Customer experience and motivations
- Contractor experience

### Public Data (www.TechCleanCA.com)

- Downloadable data: anonymized application data
- Interactive data visuals: maps and graphs highlighting key statistics
- Survey and evaluation reports

### **Analyses and Market Strategy**

- Customer Targeting
- Decarbonization Value Stream Analysis
- Consumer Bill Impacts Analysis
- Regional Pilot case studies

#### Consumers

Property owners, consumers, consumer advocates

### **Community Organizations**

Affordable housing, public health

### **Supply Chain**

Contractors, manufacturers, lenders

## Utilities, CCAs, Program Administrators

Incentive Programs, Infrastructure Planning

#### Regulators

Incentive Programs, Proceedings, Codes and Standards

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