# Marketing & Account Services Special Board Retreat

May 22, 2023



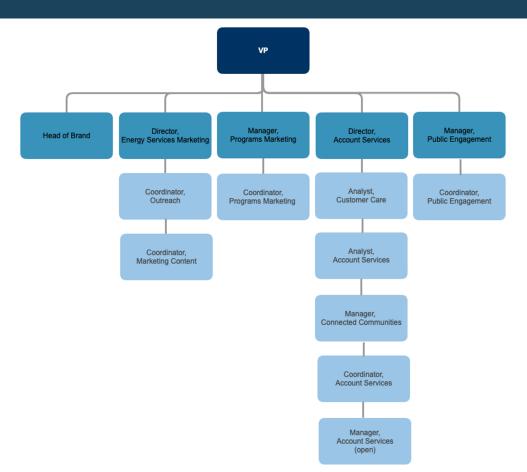


# Agenda

- People and Roles
- Examples of MAS Functionality
- Overview by Division
  - O Account Services
  - O Public Engagement
  - O Brand
  - O Energy Services Marketing
  - O Programs Marketing



# Marketing & Account Services Team



#### Account Services

- o Call Center Oversight
- Rates & Billing Operations
- Key Account management

#### • Public Engagement

- o CAC, stakeholder, and local staff liaison
- New territory inclusion

#### Brand

- o Position
- Visual identity

#### • Energy Services Marketing

- o Social media
- Events and outreach
- Compliance communications

#### • Programs Marketing

- Lead generation
- Customer education

#### https://ebce.org/who-we-are/



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### Functionality - Initial Enrollment

New Territory Interest	Planning	Enrollment	Service Starts	On-going
Public Engagement responds to interested parties and facilitates the passage of local ordinance and joining	Public Engagement completes regulatory requirements. Marketing begins	Marketing implements robust marketing, education, and outreach program in coordination with local	Marketing continues MEO campaign and notifications. Account Services has	Public Engagement helps add new member to Community Advisory Committee and MuniPals.
JPA.	identifying local outreach channels.	staff, including customer notifications	prepared call center for new territory service, oversees billing of pow	Marketing incorporates new area into on-going
	Account Services receives customer data.	Account Services oversees transactions with PG&E to enroll	billing of new customers, and troubleshoots any	campaigns and add new events within area.
A ST FAST RAV		customers on EBCE service.	issues.	Account Services works with local key accounts and 5



customer support.

### Functionality - Default Product Changes

Jurisdiction expresses interest	Approvals	Customer Notification	Product Change	On-going
Public Engagement responds to interested jurisdiction, informs them of our policy and timeline.	Public Engagement supports local staff in the passage of a local resolution and then brings the request for default product change before the Board for approval.	Marketing creates a jurisdiction-specific webpage, creates a local outreach campaign, and sends two customers notifications.	Account Services works with our back- end billing provider to transition customers onto new product and ensure new customers start on new default product.	Account Services tracks the number of customers that opt to return to PG&E or remain on the discounted product.



### **Public Engagement**



# Public Engagement

### Local government relations and community affairs

- Coordinate w/local government staff + convene monthly interagency meetings w/cities (MuniPals)
- Staff liaison for support re Board and CAC engagement
- New community inclusion & service area expansion
- Interdepartmental support (e.g., outreach/engagement for EBCE's Programs and Policy teams)
- Special engagement with public: new business development, emergencies, key stakeholders



**Expansion of EBCE service** to the City of Stockton and inclusion of new member-jurisdictions (cities & counties)

- Stockton: Ongoing staff/Board engagement + community outreach coordination
- CAC support: create seat for Stockton; adjust structure in anticipation of new community inclusion and service area expansion
- New community inclusion: City of Lathrop + San Joaquin County; other interested jurisdictions (e.g., Tuolumne County)



# Public Engagement - Key Activity

### **C&I Support and Development**

Customer support for those who would

- benefit by returning to EBCE service
- looking to site business within EBCE service territory
  - IRA has created scenario that is driving business such as green hydrogen to seek out service providers that can offer a "green tariff"



# Public Engagement - Key Activity

### **Default Product Transition**

- Several cities have opted to transition their customers from Bright Choice to Renewable 100
- <u>EBCE policy</u> requires jurisdictions to bring requests to board by April and September for implementation 6 months later (October and March)
- Provide support for staff and presentation to councils
- 8 cities currently default to Renewable 100
  - o https://ebce.org/transition-to-renewable-energy/

#### Service levels transitions

CITY/COUNTY	INITIAL DEFAULT SERVICE	2022 DEFAULT SERVICE	TRANSITION DETAILS
Albany	Residential: Brilliant 100 Commercial: Brilliant 100	Renewable 100 – January 2022° Renewable 100 – January 2022	ebce.org/albany
Berkeley	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Renewable 100 - March 2022* Renewable 100 - October 2022	ebce.org/berkeley
Dublin	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Renewable 100 - January 2022 <sup>∞</sup> Renewable 100 - October 2022	ebce.org/dublin
Emeryville	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Renewable 100 - October 2022☆ Renewable 100 - October 2022	ebce.org/emeryville
Fremont	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Bright Choice - <i>January</i> 2022 Bright Choice - <i>January</i> 2022	No transition planned
Hayward	Residential: Brilliant 100* Commercial: Brilliant 100	Renewable 100 - January 2022≈ Renewable 100 - January 2022	ebce.org/hayward
Livermore	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Bright Choice – January 2022 Bright Choice – January 2022	No transition planned
Newark	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Bright Choice – January 2022 Bright Choice – January 2022	No transition planned
Oakland	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Bright Choice – January 2022 Bright Choice – January 2022	No transition planned
Piedmont	Residential: Renewable 100** Commercial: Bright Choice	Renewable 100 - January 2022° Bright Choice - January 2022	No transition planned
Pleasanton***	Residential: Brilliant 100* Commercial: Brilliant 100	Renewable 100 - January 2022☆ Renewable 100 - January 2022	ebce.org/pleasanton
San Leandro	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Renewable 100 - <i>March 2022</i> <sup>∞</sup> Renewable 100 - <i>October 2022</i>	ebce.org/san-leandro
Tracy	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Bright Choice - January 2022 Bright Choice - January 2022	No transition planned
Union City	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Bright Choice - January 2022 Bright Choice - January 2022	No transition planned
Unincorporated Alameda County	Residential: Bright Choice Commercial: Bright Choice	Bright Choice - January 2022 Bright Choice - January 2022	No transition planned

### **Account Services**



### **Account Services**

#### • Coordination with SMUD and PG&E for customer billing and customer care

- O SMUD and PG&E prepare and send 30,000 bills daily many opportunities for errors!
- Develop requirements for customer interaction points via web forms and interactive voice response message
- O Implement PG&E and EBCE rate updates

#### Manage enhancements for service changes

- O Updating our value proposition and rates
- O Enrolling and billing customers on special discounts, like EBCE Solar Discount and Percent of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)

#### • Develop relationships and manage inquiries from commercial and industrial customers

- Usage and billing inquiries
- Analysis of Bright Choice and Renewable 100 service plans
- Respond to general EBCE and energy inquiries



### **Customer Experience**

I wanted to let you all know how extraordinary Miranda (Customer Service Representative) is! She took the time to walk me through my statement and explained everything so clearly! She was patient, had great tone, and is extremely knowledgeable, I can't say enough about how extraordinary my experience was.

Gary was so knowledgeable! I tried to review the NEM information online but had a difficult time understanding the difference between monthly and annual true-up, but Gary quickly explained it all very clearly! I was not expecting to be able to understand this and get it resolved in 10 minutes, I'm so happy he was available for support! My recent PG&E bill came in and I was shocked at how high it was. I called your customer service rep at East Bay Community Energy (Erik) to basically cancel my service with your company.

I got to say it was the best experience I have had with a customer service rep. From the start his attitude is what all CS reps should have. His initial comment of "I'm not here to convince you to stay with East Bay, I'm here to answer all your questions" was a breath of fresh air. It calmed me down right away and convinced me that he was going to educate me on why my bill was high and why he feels I should stay with EBCE. He spent time working through my bill and energy usage and gave me great detail where I should be looking to reduce my energy.

I work for a very large Fortune 500 company as a Director and I can safely say I'd hire him in a heartbeat to run our CS dept. I do hope this email makes it to his supervisor as I want them to know what a great job he is doing and how he convinced me to remain a customer.

# Account Services - FY 2022-2023 Key Activities

#### • <u>C&I</u>

- O Brought a large industrial customer back from direct access to EBCE's service
- Rates
  - O Began offering a new NEM true-up timing option based on customer input
  - Updated EBCE's value proposition and provided bill credits to CARE and FERA customers
  - o Implemented four rate changes

#### Payment assistance

- O Enrolled eligible customers into a lottery for PIPP, reaching program capacity in less than one month
- Validated second round of California Arrearage Payment Program credits applied to customer bills in February 2023
- Team
  - Worked with SMUD to hire CSRs that live in EBCE's (future) service territory
  - Added three new team members to EBCE staff



## Account Services - Look Ahead FY 2023-2024

### Hot topics for 2023-2024

- 1. Implementation of Real Time Pricing rates
- Focused commercial outreach to get customers back from PG&E and Direct Access
- 3. Analysis of Arrearage Management Plan and PIPP progress
- 4. Provide additional language(s) for webform transactions
- 5. Partnering with the Local Programs team
  - a. To keep our CSRs informed on new mass market programs
  - b. Assist with the new commercial energy efficiency offering



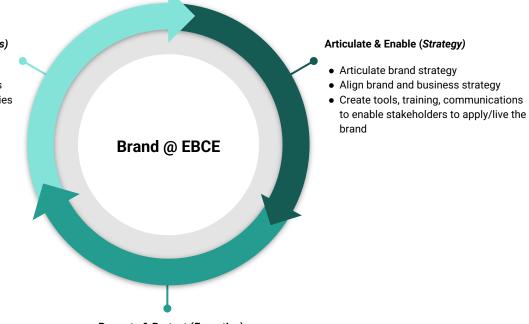
### **Brand**



# Brand @ EBCE

#### Analyze & Align (Research & Insights)

- Track brand perception
- Measure campaign effectiveness
- Conduct constituent insight studies
- Adjust/align activities as needed



#### Promote & Protect (Execution)

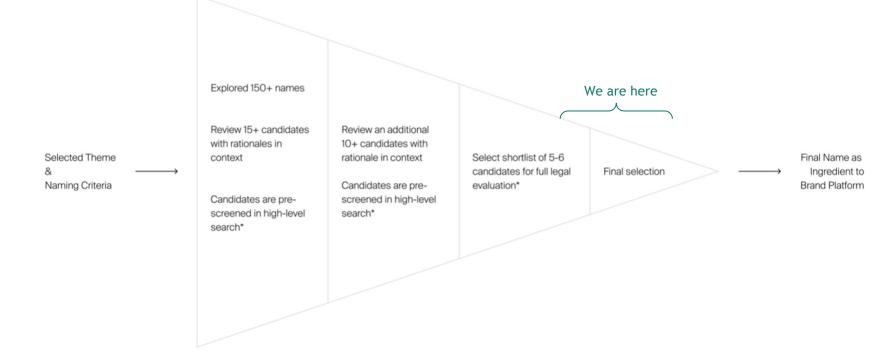
- Help translate brand strategy into plans / campaigns
- Drive content creation
- Support thought leadership platform
- Ensure adherence to brand identity guidelines



# Brand Naming Process

Calibrated Theme Framing	EBCE's Role Purpose Why EDCE exists	better livir Help com	owering progress towards ng-and a brighter future munities make progress towards							
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# Status: Naming Exploration



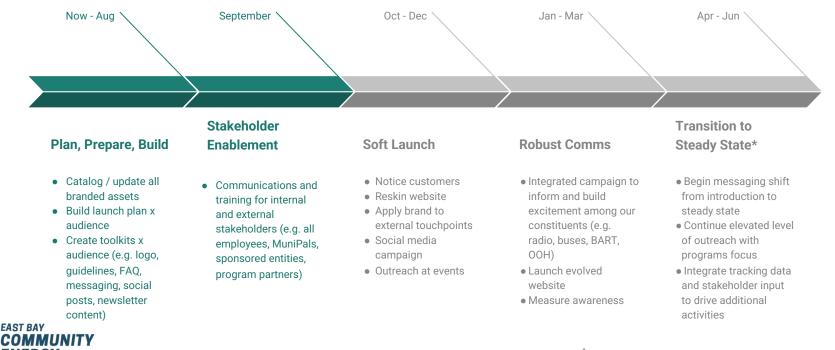


# Preparing to Vote on Our Name





# Implementing our Evolved Brand (tentative schedule)



\* Timing influenced by results of tracking survey

### **Energy Services Marketing**



## **Energy Services Marketing Key Functions**

- Brand Marketing
- Outreach
- Outbound Customer Communications
- Public Relations & Media



# **General Awareness Marketing**

#### • Website

O Maintain in 3 languages (English, Spanish, Chinese), public meeting details, programs enrollment forms

#### Social media

O Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter at @poweredbyEBCE

#### Advertising

O Ongoing digital display, Comcast, print, social media, etc. This month on KQED!

#### Print collateral

O Brochures, one-pagers, notification letters, etc.

#### Promotional videos

- O General info, explainer videos about billing and NEM, features about our sponsorship recipients, co-branded with Oakland Roots
- Swag
  - O Handouts for events, branded clothing for staff and Board, etc.



### Outreach

### • Event sponsorship and attendance

Large events include Alameda County Fair, Solano Stroll, Dublin St. Patrick's Day,
 Hayward Juneteenth, Bike to Work Day, San Leandro Cherry Festival, Bill Pickett Rodeo

### • Local sponsorships

- See upcoming slide with details
- Providing monthly content to local CBOs, cities, and Chambers of Commerce
  - Our team provides a monthly toolkit with prepared social media content and graphics



## **Outbound Customer Communications:**

- Newsletters (monthly general newsletter and CEO's Desk blogs)
  - Please sign up on our website on the Contact Us page

### • Compliance notifications (JRM, PCL, new enrollment)

- Upcoming slide on Power Content Label
- Joint Rate Mailer is an annual price comparison co-branded with PG&E
- Every new customer gets hard copy mail and email (if email address is on file)
- New Customer Rate Programs or Product changes
  - PIPP enrollment, Renewable 100 customer notifications
- Alerts (Flex Alert, PSPS)

EAST BAY OF Encouraging our customers to reduce energy use at critical times **COMMUNITY** 

### **Public Relations**

### • Press releases

• You can sign up to receive these

### • Press events

- E.g. ribbon-cutting at our wind farm, signing of important contacts
- Award applications
  - Two more award announcements coming soon!





# Energy Services Marketing – PCL

### **Power Content Label**

- California Energy Commission
   requirement
- Sent to all customers annually by October 1
- Must include "nutritional label" or power mix and emissions
- Comparison to state data
- Can include additional info, so it serves as a mini annual report
- We send it by email to customers who have an email address on file, otherwise we send it by mail

2021 Power Content Label · East Bay Community Energy								
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Intensity (Ibs C0 <sub>2</sub> e/MWh)				Energy Resources	Renewable 100	Brilliant 100	Bright Choice	2021 CA Power Mix
Renewable 100	Brilliant 100	Bright Choice	2021 CA Utility Average	Eligible Renewable <sup>1</sup> Biomass & Biowaste	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>35.8%</b> 0.0%	<b>42.3%</b> 0.5%	<b>33.6%</b> 2.3%
0	0	564	456	Geothermal	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%
1000				Eligible Hydroelectric	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.0%
				Solar	50.0%	17.9%	19.0%	14.2%
800				Wind	50.0%	17.9%	22.6%	11.4%
600				Coal	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%
000				Large Hydroelectric	0.0%	64.2%	15.9%	9.2%
400		_		Natural Gas	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	37.9%
200				Nuclear	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	9.3%
200				Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
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The eligible renewable percentage above does not reflect RPS compliance, which is determined using a different methodology. <sup>1</sup> Unspecified power is electricity that has been purchased through open market transactions and is not traceable to a specific generation source. <sup>2</sup> Renewable energy credits (RECs) are tracking instruments issued for renewable generation. Unbundled renewable energy credits (RECs) represent menwable generation that was not delivered to serve retail sales. Unbundled RECs are not reflected in the power mix or GHG mericiance internets above.

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Percentage of Retail Sales Covered by Retired Unbundled RECs<sup>3</sup>

For specific information about this electricity product, contact:	East Bay Community Energy: 1-833-699-EBCE (3223)		
For general information about the Power Content Label, please visit:	http://www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/		
For additional questions, please contact the California Energy Commission at:	Toll-free in California: 844-454-2906 Outside California: 916-653-0237		





SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Powering a brighter tomorrow with green power, low rates, and local investment.







# Energy Services Marketing – sponsorships

### **Local Sponsorships**

- Three times per year, EBCE issues sponsorships of up to \$2,500 each to dozens of local organizations to help make our community shine.
- The application process is simple
- Recipients are asked to share info by social media, with a banner, etc.
- EBCE has issued over 100 local sponsorships since 2019
- Example recipients: youth sports teams, community orchestras, humane societies, food security orgs

### **Major Sponsorships**

EBCE has several large sponsorships including:

- Oakland Roots Sports Club
  - Booths at home games
  - Ads on televised games



- Social media mentions
- Climate Night featured game
- Habitat for Humanity
  - Battery storage at 3 homes in San Leandro
  - Upcoming 10-home all-electric project in Hayward

### **Programs Marketing**



### **EBCE's Local Development Programs**

EBCE reinvests a portion of our earnings back into the community to create local green energy jobs, local programs, and clean power projects.

Our clean energy programs:

- help customers save energy and energy
- make clean energy more accessible and more affordable
- improve the health of our customers
- provide incentives to encourage customers to switch to clean energy



# Programs Marketing, cont'd

### **Programs Marketing Team**

Create awareness of EBCE's clean energy programs and encourage participation.

#### • Customer education

- Teach customers about programs and services provided by EBCE
- Position EBCE as subject matter expert on clean energy

#### • Lead generation for customer programs

- Drive participation by offering incentives
- Develop multi-channel campaigns appropriate to the audience
- Improve the customer experience
  - Monitor campaign performance and customer feedback
  - Understand the audience, their needs and challenges
  - Present programs and services in a relatable manner
  - Keep it simple

# **Medical Baseline Program**

### Website Update

#### BEFORE.

Program content hosted on 3 separate pages:

- ebce.org/MB-rebate
- ebce.org/MB-giveaway
- ebce.org/Medical-Baseline



### A backup power source for people who depend on it

If you rely on electric or battery-dependent medical technologies such as assistive technology, breathing machines, a power wheelchair or scooter, and home oxygen or dialysis, it is critical that you have a plan in place for an extended power outage.

Backup power can help keep the lights on and appliances running, save perishable food, and power essential equipment and electronics during a power outage. East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is offering eligible Medical Baseline customers a \$1,000 rebate on the purchase of a GoalZero Yeti 3000X Portable Power Station to help prepare for power outages.



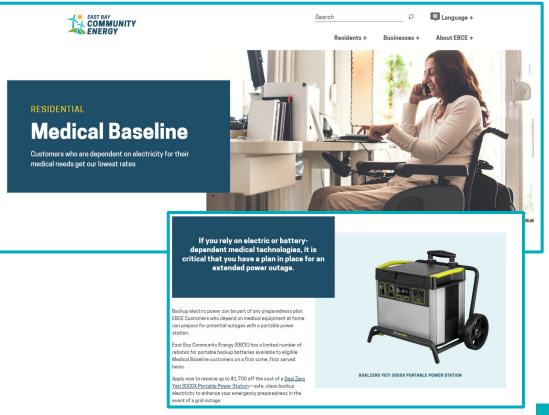
# Medical Baseline Program (cont'd)

### Website Update

#### AFTER

Program content on one page, ebce.org/Medical-Baseline

- Minimize # of linkouts
- Complete production information
- Position EBCE as subject matter expert



#### Other changes:

- Light, positive images
- Application updated and simplified to improve customer experience
- Added video testimonials from customers who participated in rebate program



# Medical Baseline Program (cont'd)

#### **Video Testimonials**

#### **Ibrahim Yusef**

Relies on an electric ventilator and power wheelchair. He's concerned about resiliency during a power outage.

One of 50 recipients of the Goal Zero Yeti 3000X backup power system.

- Pre-interview was successful
- The video interview took place on May 3rd
- We will have rough cut video and stills for review week of May 16th

#### **Edward Duong**

Actively retired. He has sleep apnea. Ed was concerned about medical resiliency during power outages.

He received an email about the MB Backup Battery rebate and responded immediately.

- Pre-interview was successful
- Video interview to be scheduled
- B-roll footage to show scenes from his active life as an aqua fitness instructor



## **Resilient Home Campaign**

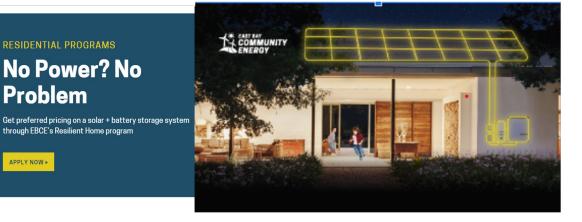
APPLY NOW >

### CHALLENGE

Applications to the Resilient Home program were below expectations.

#### SOLUTION

- Update web page to highlight • product features
- Refresh copy to explain benefits . of having a Solar + Battery storage solution
- Create multi-media campaign • including email, digital ads, local newspapers, and social media





## Resilient Home Campaign, cont'd

# From September 15th to December 31st, the Resilient Home program resulted in 239 applications!!!

- Deployed 362,000 emails to 131,000 customers
- Digital ads in English, Spanish and Chinese for a combined 3,817,034 impressions
- Print ads weekly in 9 publications with a combined circulation of 234,000
- Organic and paid social media -Twitter, Facebook & Instagram





## **Resilient Home - Email**

## Email Performance Summary 9/15 - 12/31/22

•	Click	Thru	Rate:	1.89%
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1.15%

239

Opens

168773

70.81%

• Click to Open Rate:

Delivered

256654

Applications:





Campaign Total Processed

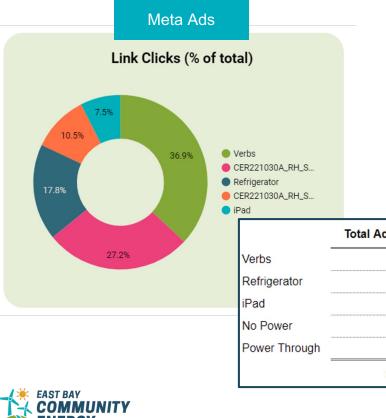
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## **Resilient Home Campaign - social media**



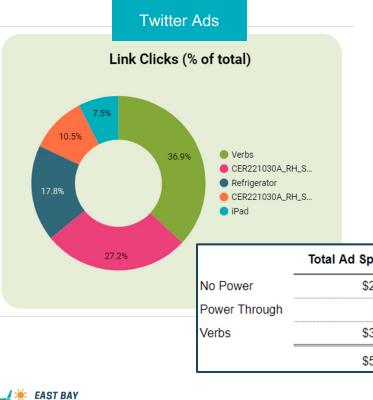
## **Resilient Home Campaign - Meta**



- Total Impressions: 196,182
- Total Clicks: 2,015
- Total ad spend, Meta: \$1,769.46

	Total Ad Spend	Impressions	CPI / 1000	Clicks	CTR	Cost Per Click
erbs	\$539.75	46,189	\$11.69	728	1.58%	\$1.35
efrigerator	\$464.34	58,362	\$7.96	343	0.59%	\$0.74
ad	\$231.49	39,234	\$5.90	171	0.44%	\$0.74
o Power	\$309.74	32,938	\$9.40	497	1.51%	\$1.60
ower Through	\$224.14	19,459	\$11.52	276	1.42%	\$1.23
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## Resilient Home Campaign - Twitter



- Total Impressions: 66,039
- Total Clicks: 17,011
- Total ad spend, Twitter: \$574.37

Total Ad Spend	Impressions	CPI / 1000	Clicks	CTR	Cost Per Click
\$205.84	23,826	\$8.64	6,320	26.53%	\$30.70
\$0.96	149	\$6.44	0	0.00%	\$0.00
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## **Resilient Home Campaign - Digital**



DIGITAL ADVERTISING	Cost per Week	# Weeks	Projected Cost T	otal Impressions	CPI	Clicks	CTR	Cost per Click
BANG (Bay Area News Group), English	\$750.00	8	\$6,000.00	2,726,121	\$2.20 per 1000	1620	0.0594%	\$0.27
BANG (Bay Area News Group), Spanish	\$500.00	8	\$4,000.00	890,913	\$4.49 per 1000	880	0.0988%	\$0.22
Sound of Hope, Chinese	\$250.00	8	\$2,000.00	200,000	\$10.00 per 1000		0.0000%	\$0.00
		Subtotal	: \$12,000.00					



## **Resilient Home Campaign - Print**



## No power? No problem.



With a solar + battery system, your lights will stay on through whatever nature throws at you. The Resilient Home program makes it easy to see your options for switching APPLY TODAY to solar energy.



## ¿No tiene energía? ¡Ningún problema!



El sistema de energía solar + batería le permitirá que sus luces permanezcan encendidas sin importar las condiciones de la naturaleza. El programa Resilient Home facilita ver sus opciones para cambiar a energía solar.



## 没电了?小问题! 有了太阳能+电池系统



LEARN MORE >

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## Resilient Home Campaign - Print, cont'd





PUBLICATIONS	Per Week	# of Weeks	Cost	Circulation	Clicks
BANG (Bay Area News Group), English & Spanish Print	\$300.00	9	\$2,700.00	162,000	1
Pleasanton Weekly (Pleasanton, San Ramon, Danville)	\$500.00	10	\$5,000.00	23,500	5
San Leandro Times	\$520.00	10	\$5,200.00	38,500	10
Tracy Press	\$ <b>2</b> 55.00	10	\$2,550.00	10,000	3



## Induction Cooktop Lending Program

Our initiative on clean power appliances drove the creation of the induction program.

What began as a simple web page explaining the benefits of induction cooking and induction technology, grew into a series of interconnected web pages. COMMUNITY ENERGY

# Get cooking with induction

Professional and home chefs love the greater control, wider temperature range, and quick response time they get with induction cooktops.



Search

Language +

Induction cooking is the most precise cooking technology available today. It cooks food faster than traditional stoves and is just as powerful.

Traditional stoves need an open flame burner or radiant electric coils to heat pans. Induction cooking uses electromagnetism to heat the pan directly. No open flames, which means less heat is lost to the surrounding air to help kitchens stay cooler. Furthermore, induction can cook food 25–50% faster than traditional stoves!

The difference is induction technology.



#### **Free Induction Lending Program**

Borrow an Induction Cooking Kits for 2 weeks - FREE! Kits include a portable induction cooktop or wok, compatible pan, operating instructions, recipes and a carrying bag.

11 lending locations in EBCE's footprint and more to come.



## Clean Cooking Contest: Cook. Post. Win!

Enter EBCE's Clean Cooking Contest today to win a portable induction cooktop and other great prizes.



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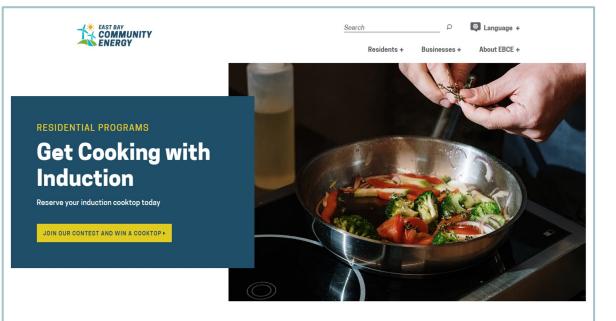
## Enter to win fantastic prizes—including an induction cooktop!

EBCE is launching the all-new Clean Cooking Contest to spread the word about <u>induction cooking</u> and we want you to win a portable induction cooktop. Participation is as simple as. Cook a dish. Post a photo or video. And you could win a portable induction cooktop.



Social media cooking contest designed to incent customers to try induction

New contest theme each month. Participants are encouraged to create a recipe and post a photo or video on social media using the hashtag #CleanCookingEBCE and tagging EBCE in the post. Winners receive their choice of standard or wok induction cooktop.

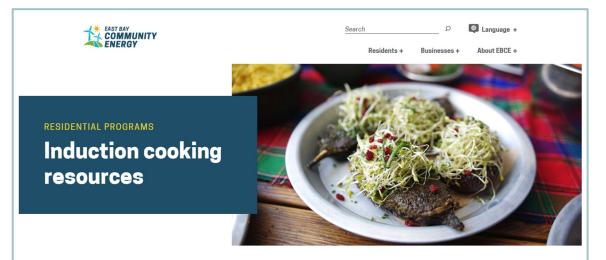


EBCE has partnered with Acterra to provide you a chance to try induction



Online resources designed to make the transition to induction cooking easier

- tips for cooking on induction
- easy-to-prepare recipes
- recipes and cooking videos from top local chefs
- how-to instructional videos for standard and wok induction cooktops
- downloadable induction resource kit



### Make the switch to induction cooking

Switching to induction is a great way to lower your carbon footprint, but there is a learning curve. The following resources make the adjustment to induction cooking easier:

Induction Cooktop Welcome Packet •

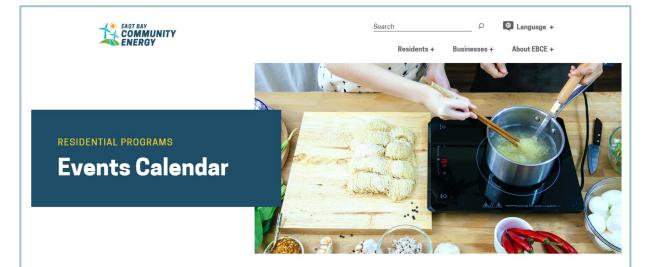
Induction Cooking Tips •

How-to Videos: Induction Cooktop Operating Instructions



### **Calendar of Events**

Cooking classes and online workshops for induction. The event calendar features local events sponsored by EBCE and local partners.



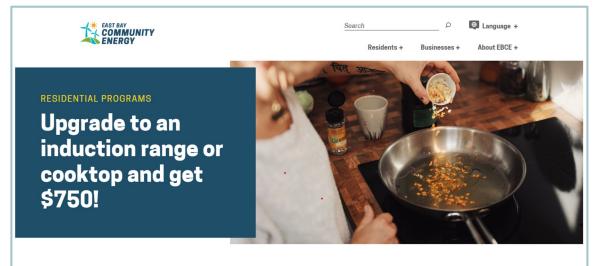
## Free induction cooking classes, workshops, and demonstrations

Whether you're new to induction cooking, or an experienced cook looking to enhance your technique, EBCE offers free online resources that can help to perfect your induction cooking skills. Class sizes are limited so register early. Bon Appetit!



## Rebate for purchase or induction range or cooktop

EBCE customers can get a rebate of \$750 when they replace their existing natural gas stove. The rebate program is sponsored by our partner BayREN.



Induction cooking is a faster, safer and healthier way to cook your favorite meals. Replace your gas stove with a highpowered, energy-efficient induction range or cooktop and get \$750 cash back.

Apply for your rebate today.



# Thank you!

