# DEEP DECARBONIZATION CITY OF PALO ALTO ELECTRIFICATION CASE STUDY

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# DEEP DECARBONIZATION (US CONTEXT)



### **Three Pillars**

- I. Energy Efficiency
  - Energy intensity of GDP must decline by 70% to 2050
- 2. Decarbonization of Electricity
  - Near complete decarbonization of electricity
- 3. Fuel Switching
  - Electrification where possible

## DEEP DECARBONIZATION (STATE LEVEL)

CA goal for GHG emission reduction

- 1990 levels by 2020
- 80% below 1990 levels by 2050



160

140

120

100

80

60

40

20



Source: Summary of the California State Agency's PATHWAYS Project: Long-term Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenarios. Energy + Environmental Economics. January 2015

## CITY OF PALO ALTO TIMELINE



# CARBON NEUTRAL PLAN

Objective: Reduce the City of Palo Alto's overall community GHG emissions by achieving carbon neutrality for the Electric Supply Portfolio starting in calendar year 2013 within an annual rate impact not to exceed 0.15 cents per kilowatt-hour



CITY OF PALO ALTO SUSTAINABILITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (SCAP) UPDATE 2.0 OF PALO ALTO SUSTAINABILITY

- Approved in April 2016
- Goal: 80% GHG emission reduction by 2080
- "a few core moves"
- SCAP initiatives would contribute additional 28% reduction







# PALO ALTO ELECTRIFICATION FINAL REPORT BARRIERS + FEASIBILITY RESULTS

Code Barriers	Technical Barriers	Operational Barriers		
<ul> <li>TDV as a compliance metric in Title 24</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack of contractor experience</li> </ul>	HPWH HPSH Improper location Refrigerant installation discharge risk		
<ul> <li>DOE regulates min. efficiencies required for all appliances</li> <li>Lack of building department experience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additional electrical upgrades to properly serve heat pump equipment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires frequent filter cleaning and occasional replacement</li> <li>Lower supply air temperature</li> </ul>		

### PALO ALTO ELECTRIFICATION FINAL REPORT COST EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS

- HPWH and HPSH package results using both societal and customer service perspective were generally consistent
  - Exception of Heat Pump Package in new single family home construction

Figure 1. Cost Effectiveness Summary - Societal Net Savings using Time Dependent Valuation of Energy

Building Type	Construction Type	Heat Pump Water Heater	Heat Pump Space Heater	Heat Pump Package (Gas Connection Remains)	All-Electric Package (No Gas Connection)
Single Family -	New	\$(2,459)	\$5,180	\$2,639	\$9,051
	Alteration	\$(8,424)	\$3,866	\$(3,737)	\$(5,170)
Low-rise Multifamily	New	\$(21,982)	\$18,023	\$(5,665)	\$12,041
	Alteration	\$(54,324)	\$16,537	\$(36,627)	\$(38,060)
Small Office	New	\$(777)	\$(5,620)	\$(6,397)	\$5,941
	Alteration	\$(3,187)	\$(9,844)	\$(12,904)	\$(14,337)
Medium Office	New	\$(777)	\$(169,234)	\$(170,011)	\$(159,533)
	Alteration <sup>i</sup>	\$(3,344)	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> HPSH alterations, and packages with HPSH alterations, will be less cost effective than new construction due to baseline system design. Detailed calculations have not been performed.

<sup>II</sup> The single family new construction Heat Pump Package is not cost effective when using the customer perspective methodology.

# PALO ALTO ELECTRIFICATION FINAL REPORT CONCLUSION + RECOMMENDATIONS

### Conclusions

Code barriers are associated with Title 24 compliance software modeling.

Residential technical barriers relate to lack of experience.

Commercial building industry is more familiar with heat pump systems.

Current codes and retail rate assumptions does not provide cost effective HPWH and HPSH scenarios. <u>Recommendations</u> Introduce training program Reduce code barriers Incentive heat pumps

Carbon tax on natural gas

Expanding the scope of all electrification packages





Mix and match combinations of assumptions for a variety of solutions that can be cost effective.



# **THANK YOU**

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# "ELECTRIFICATION"

### (FUEL SWITCHING)

- The conversion/replacement of all natural gas appliances and gasoline-powered vehicles to electrical appliances and electric vehicles
- Renewable energy fuel growth occurring in electricity generation sector
- Recent examples : Caltrain



### **Electric Vehicles**





### **Electric Trains**

### **Electric Stovetops**

CITY OF PALO ALTO SUSTAINABILITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (SCAP) UPDATE 2.0 "BUILDING AN EFFICIENT ELECTRIC CITY"

- Goal I: Efficiency and electrification
- Goal II: Reduce natural gas usage in existing business
- Goal III: Reduce natural gas usage in existing home
- Goal IV: Reduce natural gas in new buildings
- Goal V: Reduce the carbon intensity of natural gas



# ELECTRIFICATION WORKPLAN

- I. Promote HPWH and HPSH in existing homes
- 2. Convert existing homes to all-electric homes
- 3. Retail electric rate schedule for homes that electrify
- 4. Residential and commercial building code changes
- 5. Analyze utility connection fees and permitting fees

- 6. EVSE for public use and at multi-family homes
- 7. Time of Use (TOU) electric rate options
- 8. Electrify existing and new City buildings
- 9. New financing sources to expedite electrification
- 10. Options for district heating for building





