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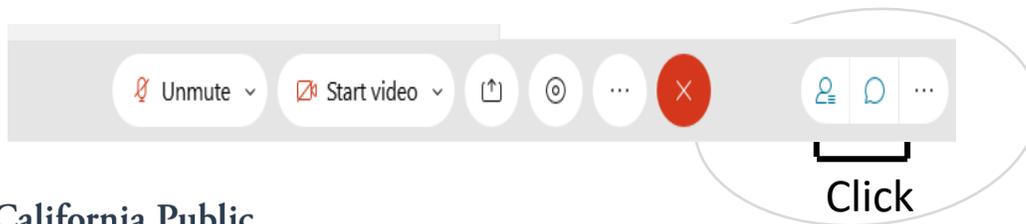
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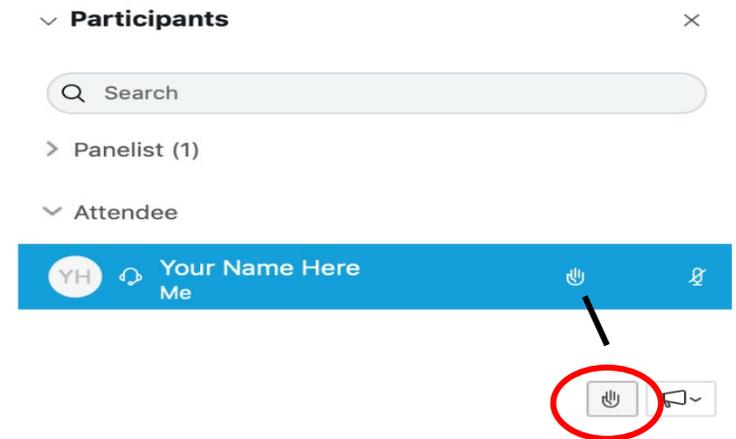
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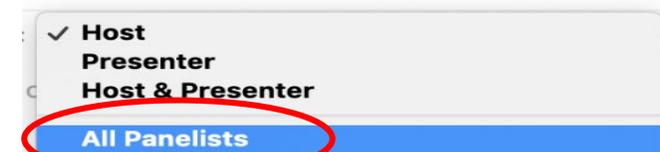


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SB1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilot Project



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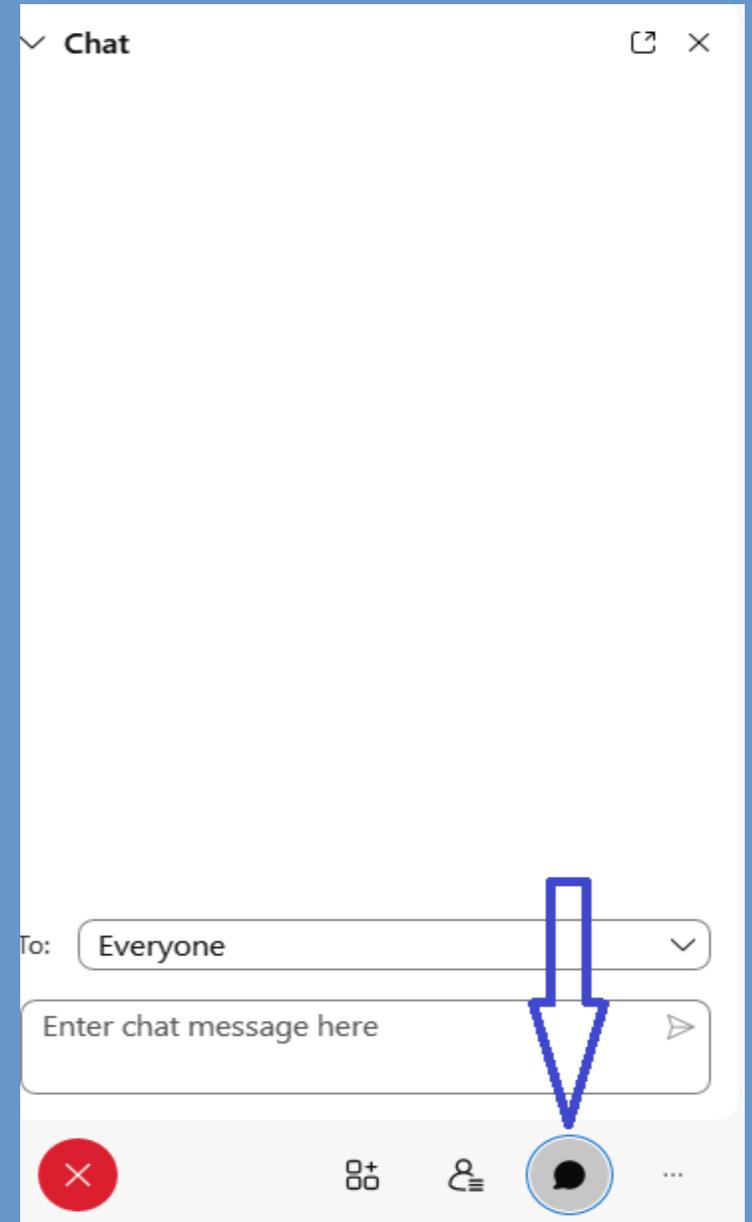


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Webinar Outline

Welcome & External Affairs Overview:

- Chris Moore - Local Government and Community Liaison, External Affairs Division

SB1221 Presentation:

- Jean Spencer – CPUC Supervisor of Gas Policy and Reliability

Question & Answer Session

- Via chat function

CPUC External Affairs Division



Local Government and Community Outreach Liaisons



- Build & Maintain relationships with community partners
 - Local Governments
 - Community Based Organizations
 - Other Stakeholders
- Provide education and information on CPUC policies and programs to promote CPUC visibility and access
- Encourage community partner engagement in the CPUC decision-making process
- Advance CPUC policies at the local and regional level

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Speaker Introduction

Jean Spencer – Supervisor of Gas Policy and Reliability

SB 1221 Webinar

Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilot Projects
CPUC Rulemaking 24-09-012

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- Any pilot project under SB 1221 would require a separate proposal, review, and approval by the California Public Utilities Commission.

SB 1221 Agenda

- Background
 - What is SB 1221?
 - Initial 151 priority zones
- How to Participate
- Links to Additional Information

Background: SB 1221

California adopted SB 1221 in 2024 to create a Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilot Project Program

- Up to 30 projects statewide
- Must be cost-effective
- Targeting areas with planned gas pipeline repair or replacement in the next 10 years
- If 67% of property owners with natural gas consent to the zero-emission alternative and the project is successfully implemented, the CPUC shall relieve the gas corporation of its obligation to serve
- No funding included in the bill

Background: SB 1221

In December 2025, the CPUC designated 151 initial priority zones in which projects can be considered

- The CPUC anticipates updating the zones by December 31, 2026.
- Zones are likely to be larger than projects.

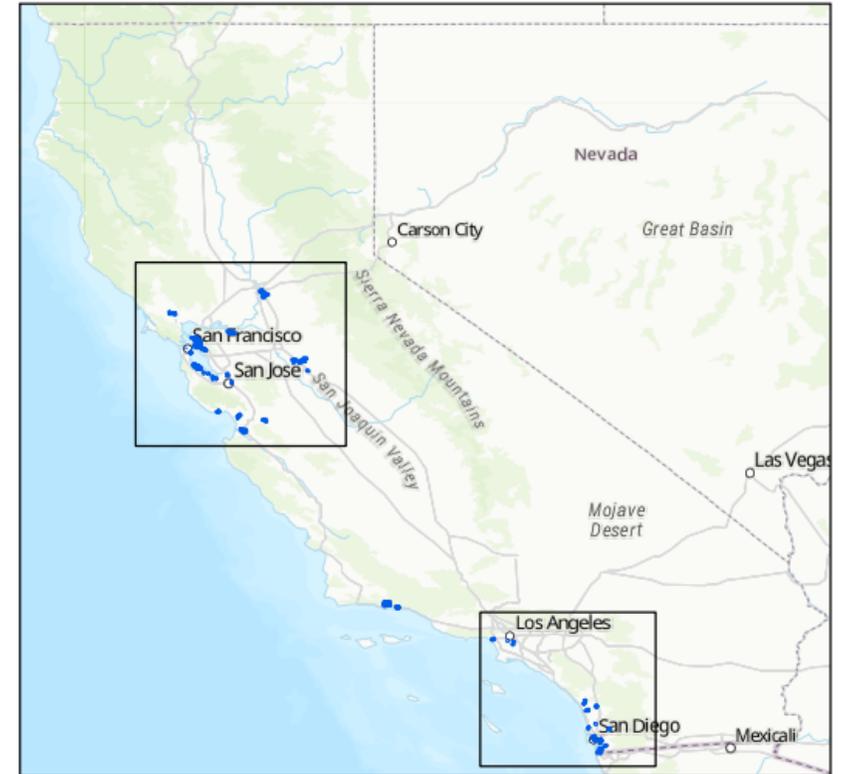
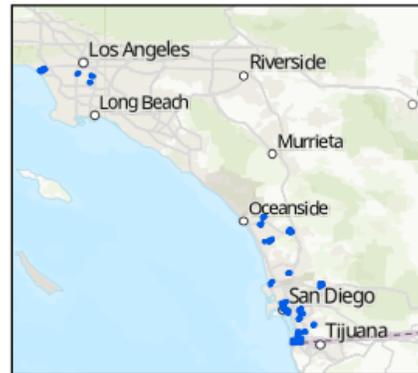
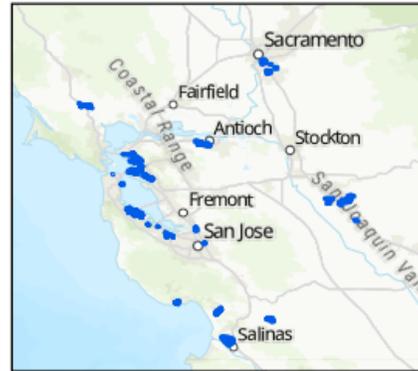
By July 1, 2026, the CPUC will establish a Pilot Project Program for utilities to propose and implement up to 30 pilot projects.

- The details of the Pilot Project Program are TBD until that decision is approved

Background: Initial 151 Priority Zones

How zones were selected:

1. A local government or organization requested a census tract be designated as a priority zone, and
2. 10% or more of the gas distribution main pipelines are scheduled for replacement in the next 10 years.
3. Initial zones were capped at 25 census tracts per county unless they had high CalEnviroScreen scores.



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Initial SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Zones, 2025

Last Update: 12/12/2025

Created by: CPUC Energy Division: Building Decarbonization Section, Gas Policy & Reliability Section

How to Participate

- ❑ Attend the gas utility information sessions between now and March 15, 2026, to inform priority zone updates
 - PG&E: 2/26, 4:00 pm: <https://www.pge.com/assets/pge/docs/account/service-requests/pilot-neighborhood-decarbonization-programs-info-session.pdf>
- ❑ Request a priority zone in your area,
 - File a comment at <https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/R2409012> that includes the 11-digit census tract numbers requested and the organization making the request.
 - The CPUC will take these requests into consideration when updating zones.
- ❑ Contact your gas utility to discuss the feasibility of a project in your area.
- ❑ To participate in the proceeding and help shape the program, file a motion for party status in R.24-09-012
 - Instructions at https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Party_to_a_Proceeding/

For more information:

- For the gas utility maps of replacement projects, gas utility contacts, and information on requesting a priority zone go to:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/natural-gas/sb-1221-implementation>

- For regulatory updates on the CPUC's Long-Term Gas Planning Rulemaking, which includes SB 1221 implementation, go to:

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