

### The Effects Of Rebate Programs In CA

**Program Descriptions/Impact:**

The MCE and BayREN multifamily rebate programs provide incentives for property owners to increase the energy efficiency of their buildings by installing heat pumps, new windows, LED light fixtures, and more.

**Marin Clean Energy (MCE):**

This program has no minimum energy savings requirement and serves Marin and Napa Counties and more. Eligible property owners can also take advantage of the following additional rebates:

- *Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI)*
  - *Provides extra incentives for health and safety upgrades*
- *Low-Income Families and Tenants (LIFT)*
  - *Up to \$1,200 per unit rebate for measures that benefit the tenant*
  - *Rebates for electrification measures when fuel switching*

**Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN):**

This program requires a minimum of 15% energy savings in order to obtain rebate and serves Sonoma, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Marin, and Napa counties.

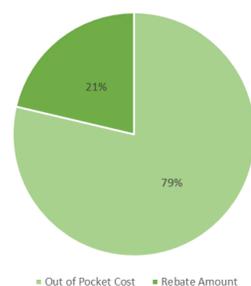
Eligible property owners can also take advantage of the following additional rebates:

- *Zero Net Carbon Plan (ZNE)*
  - *Provides funds for electrification measures when fuel switching*

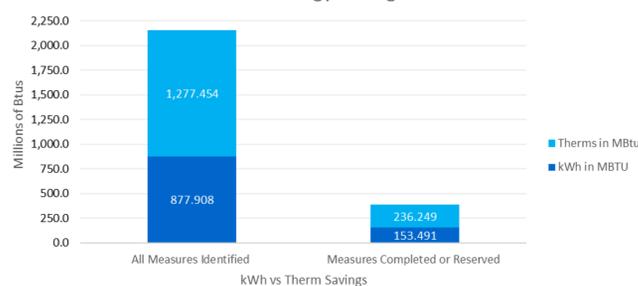
**Challenges:**

Below is a snapshot of the covered costs and the energy savings I identified for all projects compared to the ones actually undertaken. Time constraints to upgrade equipment within program cycle, higher cost of new equipment, difficulty in finding contractors that are familiar with installation, financing renovations, and tenant versus owner split incentive issue are all examples of why some projects do not participate in a program. Despite this, programs like BayREN and MCE are very important, and I hope they are expanded not just in CA but in other states around the country.

Percent of Project Costs Covered by Rebate



Energy Savings



\*Data Accurate as of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Highlighted Fellowship Outcomes!



### Lessons Learned

You never stop learning! Through this program I have been exposed to energy modeling software, audit procedure, and more that I have not had experience with before! This has opened my eyes to other roles I may want to take as my career progresses.

**Successful Strategies:**

- Network by asking co-workers to lunch! You will be amazed at the stories of how they came to be in this field.
- Have fun! You are here to learn, do not take things too seriously.
- Here is a picture of me making snowflakes for the office holiday party.



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