One simple mission —

# DECARBONIZE

Our vision is a future with sustainable, equitable and resilient transportation, buildings and communities.

# EV, EVI and Auto Dealer Program Design

What the data shows are the most effective elements of a program



### Three Pillars

Awareness, Access, Assessment



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### **Data and Resources**

Consumers, Auto Dealers, and Trends



EVI Planning

Goals, Market Assessment, Site Location, Grid Impacts, Travel Behavior



## State EV Rebate Programs Administered by CSE

(as of Jan. 2019, Oregon launch pending)



## **Program Reach and Market Impact**

We design, administer and evaluate scaled incentive programs that create consumer market demand for electric vehicles.

Program Statistics 2019	\$\$\$ (millions)	Rebates
MOR-EV	\$29	14,087
Drive Clean	\$19.5	14,365
CVRP	\$675	300,359
CHEAPR	\$8.6	4,350



## **3 Pillars of Successful Incentive Programs**



### Outreach

Increase awareness through strategic outreach & education



### Design

Facilitate participation through customer support and userfriendly application features



### Transparency

Create program and market intelligence through program transparency & evaluation that actively informs program improvement over time, and empowers stakeholders throughout the EV ecosystem to make evidence-informed decisions

# Marketing, Education, and Outreach (MEO)



Online resources and digital marketing Dealer training and outreach Community events and outreach

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## Target "Rebate Essential" Consumers

### **Information Gathering**

Found it more difficult to find info on EVs, spent more time researching online, learned about the rebate before going to the dealership

### Demographics

Younger, male, nonwhite, lower HH income, higher education



## **Rebate Essential Consumers**





## Converts

(Adopters with low initial interest in EVs)





# Equity through Eligibility



### **MSRP** Caps

Vehicle eligibility limits are much easier and less intrusive to implement than consumer eligibility limits

### Hard Caps

Consider making eligibility caps "hard" to reserve funds for more effective rebates

### **Pre-Approval**

Pre-approval prior to purchasing or leasing a new vehicle

### **Increased Incentives**

Increased incentive level for people with Low-Moderate Incomes

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## **Program Design Goal**

### Market Transformation



Provide return on investment of ratepayer dollars

## **Program Design Considerations**



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### Vehicle eligibility

Vehicle eligibility: MSRP Cap (e.g., \$60k, \$50k, \$40k), EPA All-Electric Range (AER) Minimum (e.g., >25, >30, >40, >50, >100)

### **Consumer eligibility**

Income Cap <\$150k single filers, <\$300k others), Increased Rebate for Lower-

#### Income Program Terms

Limit one rebate per person, limit three months to apply

### **Incentive Levels**

Rebate amounts (e.g., \$ by tech type, e-range, consumer type, etc.)

## **Rebate Phase Out**

Keep incentive levels for impactful vehicles:

- As high as possible
- For as long as possible

Avoid premature phase-out.



## **Incentivizing Dealers**



Of the visits to dealerships with at least one EV on the lot, volunteers indicated that only about 50% of the salespeople they spoke with provided information on how to fuel the EV while traveling.

(Sierra Club, 2016)<sup>1</sup>

#### Buyer satisfaction with the new vehicle purchase experience

- Plug-in Vehicle Buyer (non-premium segment, N=768)
- Conventional Vehicle Buyer (non-premium segment, N=4,658)
- Conventional Vehicle Buyer (premium segment, N=8,807)
- Tesla (premium segment, N=168; California data unavailable)



Many who work at dealerships may not have much experience in dealing with EVs.

(Kress, 2015)<sup>2</sup>

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# How is the dealer incentive working?



- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- CHEAPR Overview
- Evaluation Objectives
- Methodology & Data Summary
- Evaluation Findings
- Recommendations
- Appendices

Download <u>here</u>

Johnson, Clair, Williams, Brett, Anderson, John & Appenzeller, Nicole (2017), *Evaluating the Connecticut Dealer Incentive for Electric Vehicle Sales*, Center for Sustainable Energy.



# How important is the dealer incentive in making it possible for your dealership to do each of the following?



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# To what extent are you motivated by the current dealer incentive to do each of the following?

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Question only asked of respondents who said they were aware of the dealer incentive; Respondents=57 † Third and fourth statements only appeared to sales employees; Respondents=40

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# To what extent are you motivated by the current dealer incentive to do each of the following?

Have Never Owned an EVHave Owned an EV

Spend time learning about EVs

Spend time teaching other staff about EVs

Spend time with a customer to teach them about EV ownership and use <sup>+</sup>

Try to convert customers interested in conventional vehicles to EVs <sup>+</sup>

In general, try to sell more EVs



Respondents=57

+ Fourth and fifth statements only appeared to sales employees; respondents=40 \*Statistically significant difference (*p* < 0.05)

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# Recommended *Minimum* Levels for the Dealer Incentive

	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Median
What is the minimum dealer incentive amount <b>salespeople</b> would need to receive personally to motivate them to increase their EV sales? ( <i>n</i> =76)	\$233	\$0	\$500	\$200
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Additionally, what is the minimum dealer incentive amount that would motivate your <b>dealership</b> to increase your EV sales? — <b>Dealer principals, (vice) presidents,</b> <b>controllers, and general managers (</b> <i>n</i> =20)	\$623	\$0	\$5,000	\$500

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# **Recommendations for Auto Dealer Incentive** Programs

### SPIF

Consider a split dealer incentive design to motivate both salespeople (e.g., \$250) and dealerships (e.g., \$250)

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### Design

Formalize and document program design

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### **E-Experience** Provide direct

experiences with EVs for salespeople to increase positive attitudes toward EVs and the effectiveness of (motivation provided by) the dealer incentive



### **Evaluation**

Build in data collection and evaluation

## Successful Programs Provide Insight



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Create program and market intelligence through program transparency & evaluation that actively informs program improvement over time, and empowers stakeholders throughout the EV ecosystem to make evidence-informed decisions

## Transparency



2015 - Present

# How Consumer Research Helps us Grow



- 1. "Adding fuel to the fire": understand existing, generally enthusiastic adopters to target similar consumers
  - Segment: all-battery vs. plug-in hybrid EVs
  - Characteristics, motivations, and trends
  - Who is "pre-adapted" to adopt?(e.g., Williams and Kurani 2006)



- 2. "Tough nuts to crack": understand and break down barriers faced by consumers targeted based on policy priorities
  - Multi-unit dwellers
  - Disadvantaged Communities
  - Low-to-moderate income consumers



- 3. "Expand market frontiers": understand the margins of the market to target consumers who can be induced to join
  - Adopters most influenced by incentives ("rebate essentials")
  - Adopters with low initial interest in EVs ("converts")



## **Consumer Survey Data**

	CLEAN VEHICLE REBATE PROJECT	MOR-EV Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles	CHERAPR Coverted Hydrog and East-Alconable Purchas Read	NEW YORK STATE	Total
Vehicle Purchase/ Lease Dates	Dec. 2010 – May 2017		May 2015 – June 2017	March 2017 – Nov. 2017	Dec. 2010 – Nov. 2017
Survey Responses (total n)*	40,438	2,549	819	817	44,623
Program Population (N)	185,367	5,754	1,583	3,937	196,641

\* Weighted to represent the program population along the dimensions of vehicle category, vehicle model, buy vs. lease, and county (using raking method)





# Public dashboards and data facilitate informed action

- >300,000 EVs and consumers have received >\$700 M in rebates
- >45,000 survey responses being analyzed so far, statistically represent
   >200,000 consumers
- Reports, presentations, and analysis growing





#### ct.gov/deep







## **Evaluation: CVRP Analysis**



Summary Documentation of the Electric Vehicle Consumer Survey, 2013-2015 Edition

June 15, 2017



Infographic: Characterizing California Electric Vehicle Consumer Segments - TRB Poster

January 16, 2017

<u>Reports, fact sheets</u> <u>infographics &</u> <u>presentations</u>



Communities
January 11, 2017

Infographic: Plug-in Electric Vehicle Owners in California's Disadvantaged

CVRP Final Report 2014-2015

November 21, 2016



Characterizing Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Consumers Most Influenced by CVRP November 15, 2016



Presentation: "Electric Vehicle Rebates in Disadvantaged Communities: Evaluating Progress with Appropriate Comparisons"

October 26, 2016



## **CSE Clean Transportation Resources**



## <u>Reports, analysis,</u> <u>infographics,</u> <u>presentations, ...</u>



#### Presentation: "EV Charging and the Vehicle Purchase Process: Lessons Learned from Rebated Consumers"

Presentation given at the 22nd Annual Energy, Utility & Environment Conference in San Diego, CA (February 27, 2019) that shared data on the charging behavior of recent EV rebate recipients in CA, and the importance of charging in the EV purchase process, with a special focus on the recipients of increased rebates.

Ø February 2019



#### Presentation: "CVRP Update, Electric Vehicle Adoption, and Select Analytical Highlights"

Presentation given at the San Diego Association of Governments' Energy Working Group in San Diego, CA (January 24, 2019) that provided recent CVRP updates, including details about: Rebate Now; the current amount of funding available; and rebates for Public Fleets. The current market in California and San Diego was characterized, including; EVs sold and rebated; consumers rebated; and vehicle replacement.

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# Linked at <u>zevfacts.com</u>





## **EVI Planning Process**





## About CSE

#### 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

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#### Headquarters: San Diego, CA

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#### 185+ dedicated, mission-driven employees

Managing ~50 projects and programs National programs | Statewide incentive projects | Region-specific solutions



## **Neutral and Trusted**

- Program Administration
- Program Evaluation
- Advisory Services
- Demonstration/Validation
- Policy





# CSE Skills

- Rebate processing
  - Multilingual, IRS trained
  - Income verification
- Customer survey expertise that informs program design
- Web platform and design





## Areas of Expertise



Clean Transportation

Adoption of electric vehicles and deployment of charging infrastructure



Built Environment

Advancing energy efficiency and renewable resources



Technology Convergence

Interconnecting systems to achieve decarbonization

