

Fall CAR Business Meetings - Long Beach  
Local government Policy committee  
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This was mostly a discussion on "electrification" of existing housing or new. Speakers were Kristen Pauling from the Los Angeles County Sustainability Office, Frank Lopez from the Southern California Gas Company and Mike Falk a CAR Public Policy Economist.

The general consensus is that it may be too costly to try to convert the older existing homes (those that are 1978 and older) from gas to electric. The majority of the housing stock in California predates 1978. Point of sale probably not be effective as it would just take too long. Homes built from 1979 on might be conducive to conversion as the "unified building codes" came into existence and those homes would at least have some uniformity for construction methods which might make it easier to convert but probably to some degree too expensive.

The economist did some analysis in areas around San Francisco and Sacramento at roughly the cost to convert depending on the age of a home, existing appliances/replacement appliances etc... varied from about \$14,000.00 to \$34,000.00.

Obviously, electrification is most effective cost wise in the construction of new homes. There were no action items, just reports.