

#### CUSTOMERS FIRST

#### Equity Metrics Data Initiative (EMDI) Update September 2020



# What is Equity?

Our services are currently distributed equally to all customers but each customer has different needs.

Equity, for a utility, is offering services and programs that consider <u>all</u> customer needs, ensuring just, fair and impartial service.



## **Equity Metrics Data Initiative**

Equity Core Category	Metric	
Water & Power Infrastructure	1. Water Quality Complaints	
Investment	2. Water System Probability of Failure & Planned Replacements	
	3. SAIDI & SAIFI	
	4. Power System Reliability Program (PSRP) – Pole, Transformer, Cable	
	Replacements	
Customer Incentive	5. Rain Barrel/Cistern/Water Tank Rebates	
Programs/Services	6. Turf Removal Rebates	
	7. Tree Canopy Program	
	8. Commercial Direct Install Program	
	9. Home Energy Improvement Program	
	10. Refrigerator Exchange Program	
	11. Consumer Rebate Program	
	12. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	
	13. Low Income & Lifeline Programs	
Procurement	14. LADWP SBE/DVBE Program	
Employment	5. New Hire/Promotion Demographics	

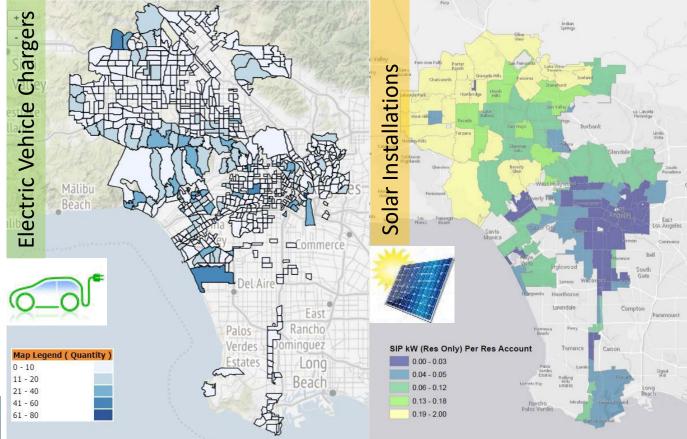


#### **Recent Equity Metrics Developments**

- Proposed addition of the following equity metrics:
  - LA Utility Bill Assistance Fund
  - Low-Income Weatherization Program
  - Virtual Net Energy Metering Pilot Program
- Established FY20/21 goals for most of the EMDI Programs
- Customer Service Division will be conducting two outreach meetings on low income programs with stakeholders in early October 2020



#### **EMDI Data Driven Maps**



#### **EMDI Success Stories**



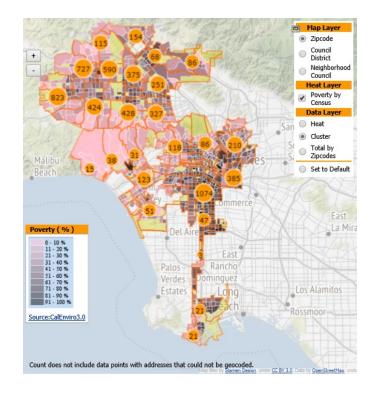


10,000 Chargers by 2022 4,000 of them on City Property Shared Solar Program: up to 13,000 Customers Solar Rooftop Program: up to 400 customers



# **EMDI Success Stories**

- 10,488 Rebates Issues from Nov 2019 to Apr 2020
- 12% to 14% income qualified participation in Consumer Rebate Program (CRP)
- Goal: Increase to 16%
- Specific targeted outreach efforts with non-profit and communitybased organizations





# **EMDI Success Stories**

- 134,443 Refrigerators exchanged since program inception (13 years)
- Over 200,000 Low
  Income customers can
  qualify
- Identify and Contact



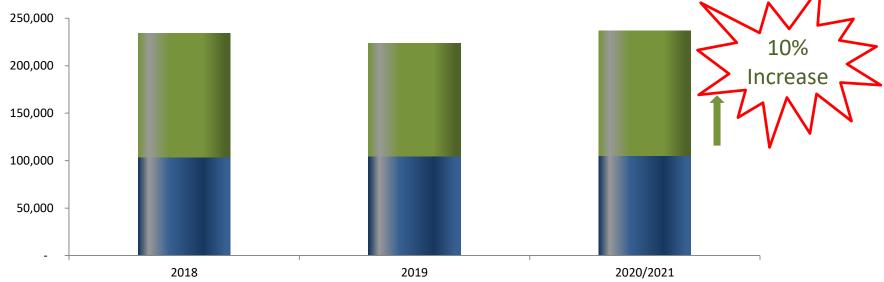


### EMDI Infrastructure Accomplishments

- 95% of all Water Quality Complaints are handled by the end of next business day – Transactional survey data rates service as "excellent"
- 0.75 System Average Interruption Frequency (SAIFI) ranked 1<sup>st</sup> quartile from 2014 to 2018 compared to other IOUs



# Low Income & Lifeline Programs



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#### Low Income and Lifeline Program

#### Low Income Program Qualification

lled	Members in Household	Maximum Annual Gross Income*
132,097 Customers Enrolled	1	\$33,820
	2	\$33,820
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ust	5	\$60,340
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õ	7	\$78,020
13.	8	\$86,860
	Each additional member:	Add \$8,840 to income

#### **Lifeline Program Qualification**

Lifeline - Utility Users Tax Exemption for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

1. Senior Citizen - 62 years of age or older, or

2. Individuals with disabilities - unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment

3. The combined adjusted gross income of all members of the household is less than \$45,050 for the prior calendar year

4. The amount of tax imposed on the above utilities is not paid by a public agency or from funds received from a public agency specifically for the payment of such tax

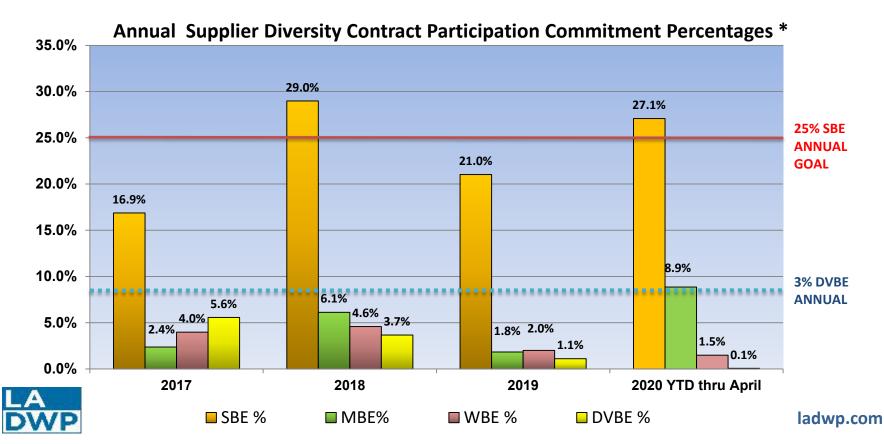


# Customer Discount Program Improvement Timeline

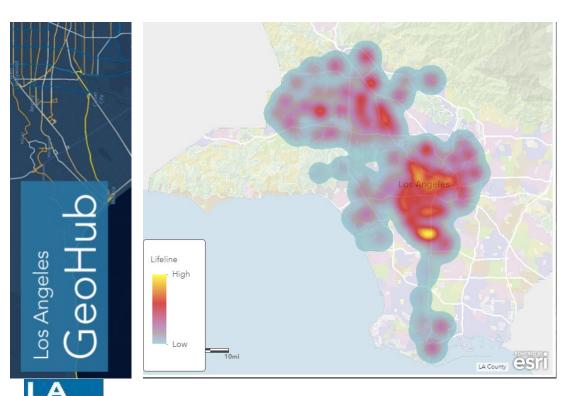
- > January 2020 Controller's Office Low Income and Lifeline Discount program audit published
- February 2020 Board motion approved to explore ways to respond to the audit recommendations
- April 2020 Confirmed billing processes will maintain 2 business day zero backlog application processing time
- > April 2020 Board approved L.A. Utility Bill Assistance Fund
- May 2020 Initiated effort with third party to identify potentially qualifying customers for targeted outreach
- > June 2020 Evaluating new auto-recertification process based on third party financial data
- June 2020 Started investigation to use HACLA Certified Low Income Building applications and criteria for auto enrollment
- > July 2020 Working with United Way to re-establish distribution and fundraising mechanism
- September 2020 Initiated benchmarking study with regional and national utilities on low income customer support programs and services
- > October 2020 Conduct LI Discount Program eligibility criteria and outreach stakeholder workshops



# Procurement – SBE/DVBE Program



### **EMDI** Data on GeoHub



- Mayors Open
  Data Portal
- Published Low
  Income and
  Lifeline data
  aggregated by
  zip codes

### **EMDI Outreach Participants**

AAGLA	LAANE
Casavan consulting	Loyola Marymount University
Central Alameda NC	Mayor's Office
California Housing Partnership	NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee
OPA/RPA	NoHo West NC/LMU/USC
Climate Resource	Pacoima Beautiful
Center for Sustainable energy	SCOPE LA
DWP committee	Sierra Club
Environmental Defense Fund	Tree People
GRID Alternatives	UCLA CCSC
GWNC/CW	Los Angeles Urban League
IBEW Local 18	West Hills NC



#### Questions



