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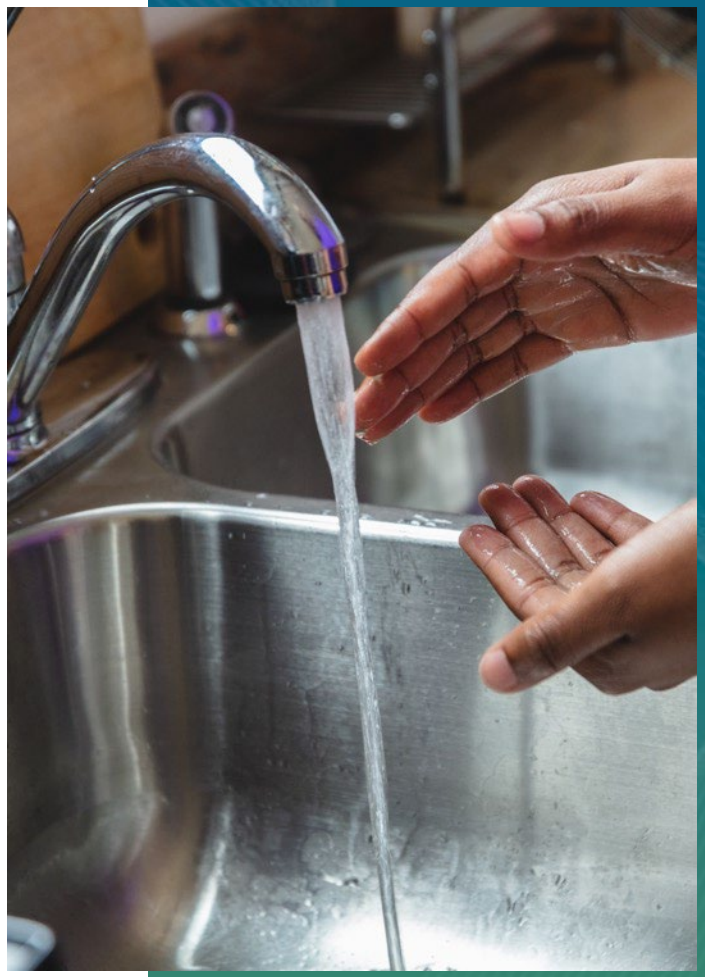
Water Upgrades Save Program (WUSave)

Program Closure Webinar

Jane Elias | September 10, 2025

Agenda

- Background on WUSave
- Program Closure
- Continued Service to Residential Customers
- Q&A and Resources



Background: Pilot

Communities served:

- Town of Windsor
- City of Hayward
- East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) customers

Pilot accomplishments:

Upgraded **584 multifamily** and **247 single family** dwellings with **30% and 20% average water bill savings**, respectively.

Background: Launch & Closure

- ***2017:*** *SB 564 authorized financing*
- **2020:** BayREN launched Water Upgrades Save regionally for 54 utilities.
- **July 2025:** BayREN voted to suspend enrollments and seek CPUC approval to close by December 31, 2025.

Background: Designed with Tariff On-Bill Financing

WUSP is the first water-energy nexus tariff on-bill financing program for municipal water utility customers, enabling water and energy efficiency upgrades with little to no upfront cost. A utility-approved on-bill charge is set below estimated savings to reduce risk and encourage participation.

Key Features

- Turnkey enrollment, assessment, product and contractor selection
- No upfront payment, no new debt, no credit checks, no liens
- Participants pay only while they are utility customers at the project site
- Program assurance: failed measures are repaired or payments end

Upgrade Options for Single Family & Multifamily Homes

- Core water saving upgrades: toilets, showerheads, faucet aerators
- “Customer choice” pathway for major upgrades and renovations

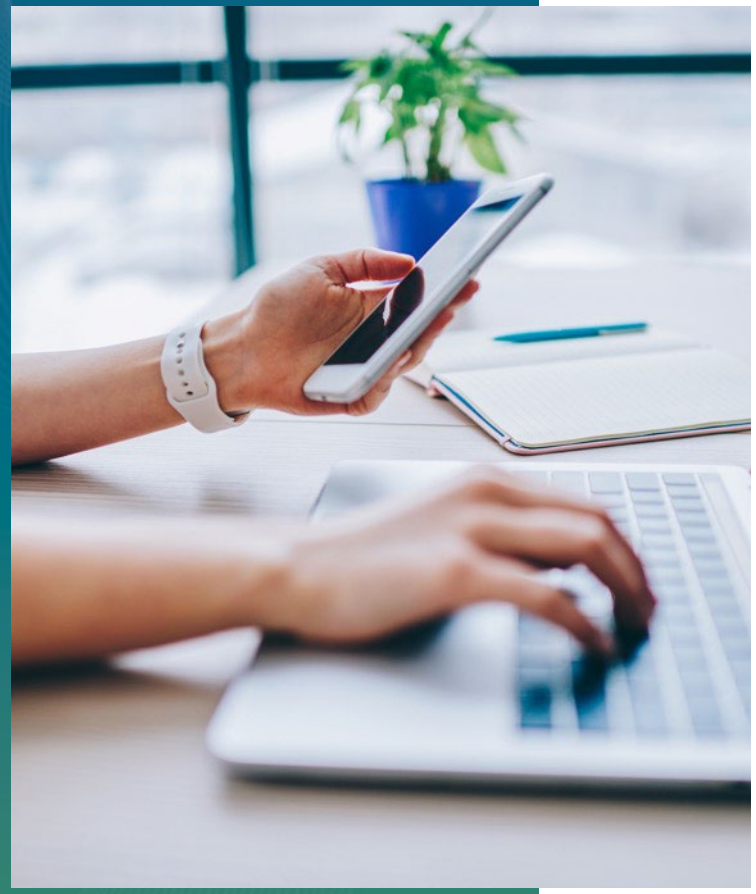
Program Closure

The program faced water agency enrollment challenges due to:

- State policies declaring an end to the drought
- New conservation shift to water utility objectives
- New state funding for water agencies

Forecasted Savings and Budget:

Categories	2023	2024	2025
Program Budget	$1,663,850	$1,806,969	$1,923,207
TRC	0	0	0
kWh Savings	0	0	0
Therm Savings	0	0	0
kW Savings	0	0	0
TSB	**0**	**0**	**0**



Steps to Close Program

BayREN's governance committee voted to close the program.

✓Communicate with Program Implementer

✓**Aug 18, 2025:** Notify Service List

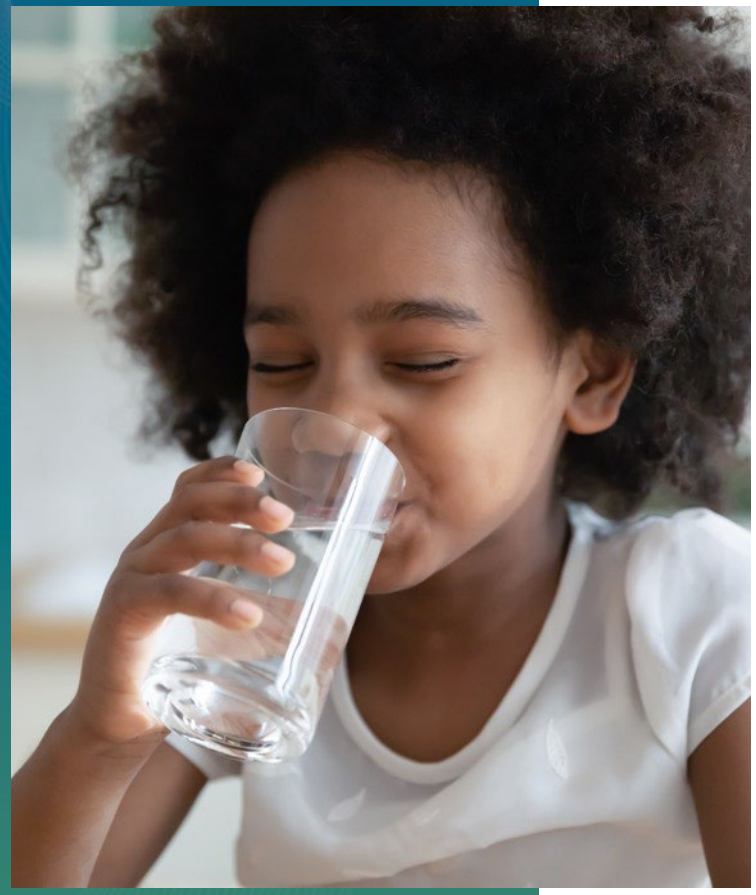
➢Host Webinar

❑**October 7, 2025:** File Advice Letter including the closure

❑Receive CPUC Approval for Closure

❑Update Program Status to "Closed" on CEDARS

December 31, 2025: Program to close



Continued Service for Residential Customers

BayREN has active residential customer programs offering both energy and water savings:

- Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancement (BAMBE) offers both energy and water savings rebates
- BayREN's Climate Careers program installs energy and water savings devices at no cost through Green House Calls

Questions?

A final report, including lessons learned, will be available on the BayREN website by December 2025.

Additional program materials are available upon request.

Thank You!

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