

Solar + EV = a Groupon for a Sustainable Future

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Barriers to Solar & EV Market Transformation

- High upfront cost
 - Marketing & customer acquisition
- Customer confusion
 - Information overload
 - Who to call?
 - What's best for my home?
 - EV Range anxiety



U.S. Solar Market Insight - Nov. 2015. GTM Research



Benefits of Group Buying?

Limited-time procurement model for residential solar installations to reduce the confusion of "going solar," making the process simple and affordable.

How?

- By pooling the buying power of homeowners
- By providing vetted contractors

Goals:

- Help affinity groups (e.g. community, employees) save on energy costs for years to come
- Make it easy to engage group in larger CSR and/or community sustainability goals













































SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP



















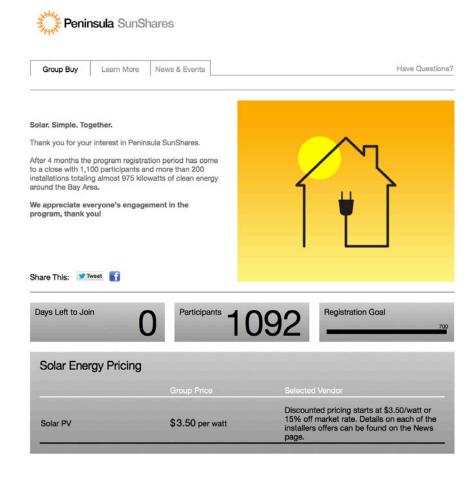


Peninsula SunShares

- 4 months
- Community wide
- No-cost / obligation solar evaluation & proposal
- Contract signing deadline

Motivation

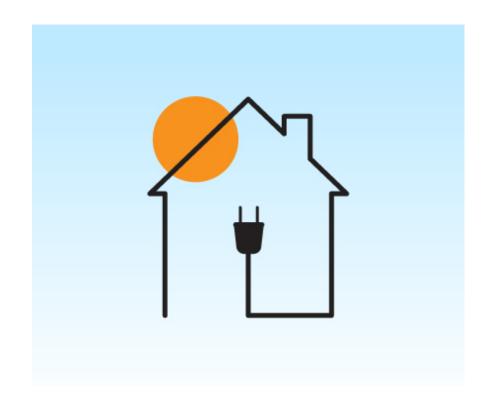
- ITC to expire
- April tax season
- Changes to NEM in CA
- 975 kilowatts





East Bay SunShares

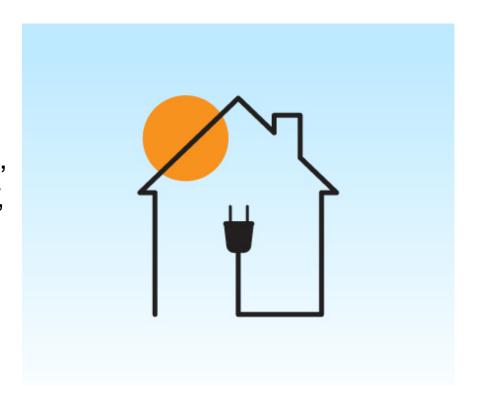
- 3 months
- 4 communities Fremont,
 Walnut Creek, Lafayette,
 Piedmont
- 627 registrants
- 926 kilowatts





Business Council on Climate Change SunShares

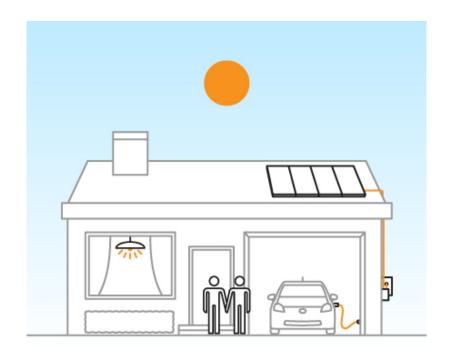
- 3 months
- Large employers N. CA
- Autodesk, Blue Shield of CA, CCSF, Google, PG&E, UCSF, Salesforce, United, VMware, Workday and more
- 2,000 registrants
- 1.4 megawatts





Solar Benefits Colorado: EV + PV

- 4 months
- Community wide (3 counties)
- 1st EV Group Buy in U.S.
 - EV Registrants = 186
 - EV + PV = 213
 - PV = 761
- 675 kilowatts of PV contracts (and counting)





Solar Benefits Colorado: EV Deal





- Negotiations with vehicle manufacturers → proposal from dealer
- Nissan + Boulder Nissan 2015 Leaf (3 models)
- MSRP: \$31,810
- Group price: \$23,461
- Tax credits: \$7,500 (fed); \$5,000 (state)
- \$10,961 = AMAZING
- 200 + sold / leased (and counting) or almost half of EV registrants



Future is coming fast – more than just solar

Distributed Energy Resources:

- EE, PV, EV, storage
- · CA, NY, HI
- Google didn't pay \$3.2B for a thermostat
- NEST links to LG, Whirlpool, Phillips and utility DR programs.

Breaking: SCE Announces Winners of Energy Storage Contracts Worth 250MW



Stem, AES, Ice Energy, NRG Energy and Advanced Microgrid Solutions garner more than 250 megawatts in energy storage awards.



Photos: Greentechmedia.com



Takeaways

- Solar and electric vehicles <u>are</u> contagious
- Group procurement works! Reduce cost & complexity + create clean energy communities – faster
- Last 10 years have been about market transformation for renewables
- Next phase: Grid Integration (aka making it all work)
- Changing the relationship between utilities & customers:
 - Two-way flow of service and \$
 - Need policy to establish the transactional space (to activate and monetize)
- The future is going to be awesome



Thank You

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