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California Energy Commission
Business Meeting Agenda

June 11, 2025
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

In-person at:
California Natural Resources Building
715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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THE CEC WILL CONSIDER AND MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Public Comment.

Any person wishing to comment on information items (non-voting items) shall provide comments during this period.

2. Agency Announcements.

The Chair may announce relevant matters to the public and the CEC, including agency updates, events, and other opportunities. Discussion may follow.

3. Consent Calendar.

Items will be taken up and voted on as a group. A commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.

- a. Ticket Distribution Policy. Proposed resolution adopting a ticket distribution policy in accordance with CCR, title 2, section 18944.1. This policy establishes a fair and equitable process for the internal distribution of complimentary tickets to events related to the CEC's public purposes. Contact: Lisa DeCarlo
- b. Local Ordinances for the County of San Mateo and the City of Santa Cruz. Proposed resolutions finding the applications submitted by the County of San Mateo and the City of Santa Cruz meet the requirements of Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2) and section 10-106 of the 2022 Energy Code. Pursuant to these requirements, the CEC finds the local ordinances are estimated to save more energy than the 2022 Energy Code, and the corresponding county and city have adopted a determination that the local ordinances are cost-effective at a public meeting. Contact: Anushka Raut
 - i. County of San Mateo: The local ordinance introduces additional electric readiness requirements beyond the 2022 Energy Code for newly constructed buildings; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) hot water temperature requirements for nonresidential buildings; and source energy compliance margins for all newly constructed buildings by building types.
 - ii. City of Santa Cruz: The local ordinance introduces additional energy efficiency measures beyond the 2022 Energy Code for existing single-family major additions, alterations, or combined projects greater than 350 square feet. Homeowners can choose from a menu of energy efficiency measures to achieve applicable target energy scores for their homes.
- c. 2025 Energy Code Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and Battery Energy Storage System Cost-Effectiveness Determination for Trinity Public Utilities District. Proposed order determining that the 2025 Energy Code solar PV and battery energy storage system requirements in sections 140.10, 150.1(c)14, and 170.2(f) & (g) for newly constructed residential and nonresidential buildings shall not apply in Trinity Public Utilities District's service areas, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CCR, title 24, part 1, section 10-109(k), if certain public agency rules change the CEC's cost effectiveness conclusions, the CEC may determine the solar PV and battery energy storage system requirements do not apply. California Public Resources Code section 25402(a)1 requires local jurisdictions to enforce the Energy Code unless the CEC determines certain provisions do not apply. Contact: Sahar Daemi
- d. NV5, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement 700-24-005 with NV5, Inc. for a \$0 five-year contract to provide delegate chief building official services for the Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection (STEP) Division's Opt-in

Certification Program, including compliance oversight for construction and modification of future projects throughout the state related to the Opt-In Certification Program. NV5, Inc. will be reimbursed through a separate agreement with the identified project owner. (No Funding) Contact: Jack Bastida

- e. TRB and Associates. Proposed resolution approving agreement 700-24-003 with TRB and Associates for a \$0 five-year contract to provide delegate chief building official services for the STEP Division's Opt-in Certification Program, including compliance oversight for construction and modification of future projects throughout the state related to the Opt-In Certification Program. TRB and Associates will be reimbursed through a separate agreement with the identified project owner. (No Funding) Contact: Jack Bastida
- f. West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement 700-24-004 with West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. for a \$0 five-year contract to provide delegate chief building official services for the STEP Division's Opt-in Certification Program, including compliance oversight for construction and modification of future projects throughout the state related to the Opt-In Certification Program. West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. will be reimbursed through a separate agreement with the identified project owner. (No Funding) Contact: Jack Bastida
- g. Aspen Environmental Group. Proposed resolution approving amendment 3 to Contract 700-22-005 with Aspen Environmental Group to increase the agreement's budget by \$3,000,000 to support evaluation of applications under the Opt-In Certification Program. (EFLCF Funding) Contact: Hilarie Anderson
- h. University Enterprises, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement 150-24-001 with University Enterprises, Inc. for a \$675,000 contract to purchase and test appliances to determine compliance with CCR title 20 energy efficiency standards. The Appliance Efficiency Regulations require the CEC to periodically test appliances sold in California to determine compliance with reported efficiency performance, marking, and design standards. Testing results will be used to support enforcement actions and general data collection purposes. (AEES and COIA Funding) Contact: Amanda Harris
- i. American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE). Proposed resolution approving agreement 300-24-003 with ACEEE, for a \$25,000 co-sponsorship of the ACEEE 2025 Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Industry, taking place on July 16-18, 2025, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The event will focus on achievable action plans for decarbonization, and CEC staff will participate in discussions on federal policy developments for various stakeholders such as states and regional organizations. The proposed agreement will also allow ACEEE's use of the CEC logo in co-sponsorship advertisements. (ERPA Funding) Contact: Darren Lee
- j. County of Alameda. Proposed resolution approving agreement ARV-24-024 with County of Alameda for a \$3,687,500 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation

that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 192 Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports and at least 12 direct current fast charging (DCFC) EV charging ports across approximately eight county-owned sites, that will power fleet vehicles for 13 county agencies, departments, and offices. (Clean Transportation Program Funding) Contact: Jeff Fletcher

- k. Rhombus Energy Solutions, Inc. Proposed resolution approving amendment 3 to agreement ARV-21-015 for a novation to change the grant recipient from Rhombus Energy Solutions, Inc. to Smartville, Inc., extend the agreement term by five months, add special terms and conditions for agreement term past the liquidation date, reduce match share by \$45,670, modify some technical specifications within the Scope of Work (SOW), change the demonstration site to City of Oceanside, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. (Clean Transportation Program Funding) Contact: Tiffany Hoang
- l. City of Oakland. Proposed resolution approving agreement ARV-24-023 with City of Oakland for a \$2,300,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 88 Level 2 EV charging ports and at least 12 DCFC EV charging ports across approximately five sites that will power fleet vehicles for three targeted departments and offices. (Clean Transportation Program Funding) Contact: Jeff Fletcher
- m. FreeWire Technologies, Inc. Proposed resolution approving amendment 2 for Agreement EPC-20-022 for a novation to change grant recipient from FreeWire Technologies, Inc. to OptiGrid LLC, to extend the term by three years, modify some technical specifications within the SOW, change the location of the demonstration sites from two public light-duty EV charging sites to one site at a warehouse for a fleet of class 8 electric vehicles (heavy-duty electric trucks), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Phillip Healy
- n. The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus. Proposed resolution approving agreement 600-24-008 with the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus, for a \$10,000 sponsorship contract to support the biennial Asilomar Conference that will address the challenges of planning for and building resilient transportation systems. (Clean Transportation Program Funding) Contact: Diana Grady

4. Opt-In Certification: Darden Clean Energy Project (Docket 23-OPT-02).

Proposed order finding that the requirements of Chapter 6.2 of Division 15, of the Public Resources Code are met and that the CEC Updated Staff Assessment, which includes the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), was prepared in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, the Warren-Alquist Act, and the CEC's siting regulations; and adopting the Executive Director's recommendation to certify the EIR and issue a certificate for the construction and operation of the facility. The Darden Clean Energy Project proposes to construct and operate a 1,150-megawatt (MW)

solar PV facility, an up to 4,600 MW-hour battery energy storage system, a 34.5-500 kilovolt (kV) substation, and 15-mile, 500 kV generation-intertie line on approximately 9,500 acres in unincorporated Fresno County, near the community of Cantua Creek. The applicant would also construct a 500 kV switchyard to be purchased and operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Contact: Lisa Worrall (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

5. Energy Conservation Manual for the 2025 Energy Code.

Proposed resolution certifying the Energy Conservation Manual for the 2025 Energy Code as required by California Public Resources Code section 25402.1(e), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The Energy Conservation Manual includes: The 2025 Single-family Residential Alternative Calculation Method and 2025 Nonresidential and Multifamily Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manuals, which provide modeling descriptions used to demonstrate compliance with the 2025 Energy Code through the performance compliance pathway; the 2025 Single-family Residential, 2025 Nonresidential, and 2025 Multifamily Compliance Manuals; the 2025 Data Registry Requirements Manual, for the design and implementation of software and user interface features for data registries; and the 2025 Energy Code compliance documents to record compliance with the 2025 Energy Code. Contact: Haile Bucaneg (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

6. 2025 California Building Energy Code Compliance (CBECC) Software (CBECC 2025.1.0 and CBECC-Res 2025.1.0).

Proposed resolution approving the public domain 2025 CBECC Software (CBECC 2025.1.0 and CBECC-Res 2025.1.0), as required by Public Resources Code section 25402.1(a), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. CBECC and CBECC-Res have been updated, as described in the 2025 Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manuals, and will enable designers, builders, and contractors to demonstrate performance compliance with the residential, nonresidential, and multifamily regulations in the 2025 Energy Code. Contact: RJ Wichert (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

7. Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation.

Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-24-053 with Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation for a \$5,000,000 grant to fund the design and construction of a system of nested microgrids, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will expand on the existing microgrid at the Blue Lake Rancheria and reduce costs, improve reliability, and demonstrate advanced protection and control strategies that can inform innovative approaches to resilient decarbonization of distribution circuits. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Sean Anayah (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

8. Pilot Travel Centers LLC.

Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-24-010 with Pilot Travel Centers LLC for a \$10,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install six 700 bar hydrogen dispensers and two 25,000-gallon liquid hydrogen storage tanks across two corridor sites in Lodi and Ripon to provide publicly available refueling for medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles along Interstate 5 and State Route 99. This project will also support workforce development in adjacent communities. (General Fund and Clean Transportation Program Funding) Contact: Kristi Villareal (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

9. Lead Commissioner and Presiding Member Reports.

Lead commissioners on policy matters and presiding members on delegated committees may report to the CEC on relevant matters and discussion may follow.

10. Executive Director's Report.

11. Public Advisor's Report.

12. Chief Counsel's Report.

- a. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another person or employee.
- b. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss the following pending litigation:
 - i. Shasta County and Pit River Tribe, et al. vs. California Energy Commission (Shasta County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV-0203737).
 - ii. California Fuels and Convenience Alliance v. California Energy Commission, et al. (Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000058).
 - iii. Interlink Products International, Inc., v. California Energy Commission (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000001)
- c. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), Commissioners may adjourn to closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in the following proceedings the state body is required by law to conduct:
 - i. Morton Bay Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-01
 - ii. Elmore North Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-02
 - iii. Black Rock Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-03
- d. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e), the CEC may also discuss any judicial or administrative proceeding that was formally initiated after this agenda was published; or determine whether facts and circumstances exist that warrant

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