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California Energy Commission **Business Meeting Agenda**

**August 13, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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. National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO). Proposed resolution approving agreement 300-25-001 for \$29,013 for a one-year CEC membership to NASEO to connect with key energy policy decision makers, agencies, and private entities. Membership also provides a forum for exchanging information, ideas, and resources, as well as the opportunity to learn about funding and partnership opportunities. (ERPA Funding) Contact: Darren Lee
- b. Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB). Proposed resolution approving agreement 800-25-001 for a \$54,000 contract with WIEB to fund membership for the State of California for the 2025-2028 fiscal years. WIEB membership includes participation in biannual WIEB meetings on western energy coordination. (ERPA Funding). Contact: Jake McDermott
- c. Local Ordinance for the City of Goleta. Proposed resolution finding the application submitted by the City of Goleta meets 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 ordinance is estimated to save more energy than the 2022 Energy Code and the city has adopted a determination at a public meeting that the local ordinance is cost-effective. The City of Goleta's 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. Contact: Anushka Raut
- d. Forms and Instructions for Submitting Electricity Resource Plans and Transmission Information. Proposed resolution approving Forms and Instructions for Submitting Electricity Resource Plans and Transmission Information in support of the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update. Obligated load-serving entities are instructed to provide the CEC with energy and capacity requirements, generating resources projections, and other data related to electricity resource plans for historical years 2023 to 2024 and forecast years 2025 to 2034. Contact: Robert Kennedy

4. Information Item – Veloz National Education Campaign Update.

Leadership from Veloz will provide an update on Electric For All's "The Way Forward is Electric" campaign. Electric For All, powered by Veloz, is a premier consumer-facing program focused on driving forward the goal of 100% electric vehicles (EVs) on the road. This latest campaign, launched July 14, 2025, is the largest nonprofit-led

EV education campaign in the country and is funded by Electrify America. Contact: Josh Boone (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

5. Maximum Gross Gasoline Refining Margin and Penalty Implementation Timeline (Docket No. 23-OIIP-01).

Proposed resolution adopting staff's recommendation to postpone implementation of a maximum gross gasoline refining margin and penalty pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25355.5. Contact: Jeremy Smith (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

6. Timing of Turnaround and Maintenance of Refineries (Docket No. 23-OIR-03).

Proposed resolution adopting staff's recommendation to not adopt regulations under Public Resources Code section 25354.2 that would specify the timing of turnaround and maintenance of refineries. Contact: Jeremy Smith (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

7. California Refinery Maintenance Reporting Guidelines, Second Edition (Docket No. 23-OIR-03).

Proposed resolution adopting amendments to refinery maintenance reporting requirements, as set forth in the California Refinery Maintenance Guidelines, Second Edition. The California Refinery Maintenance Guidelines, Second Edition incorporates changes to clarify refiner reporting requirements and define terms to facilitate accurate and consistent reporting. Under Public Resources Code section 25354(n)(2), these guidelines are exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act and under section 25367, adoption is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Contact: Jeremy Smith (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

8. Order Instituting Informational Proceeding – Petroleum Supply Stabilization (Docket No. 25-OIIP-02).

Consideration and possible adoption of an Order Instituting Informational Proceeding concerning mid-transition petroleum supply stabilization, including evaluation of the refiner minimum inventory and resupply planning provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) X2-1 (Stats. 2024, 2nd Ex. Sess. 2023-2024, ch. 1). AB X2-1 requires the CEC to consider the effects of refiners' inventories of fuel and feedstocks and blending components on the price of transportation fuels in California. AB X2-1 also authorizes the CEC to consider ways to minimize the impact of maintenance-related production losses on fuel prices while protecting the health and safety of employees, local communities, and the public. Contact: Jeremy Smith (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

9. Load Management Standards Compliance Plans.

Proposed orders approving four Load Management Standards compliance plans for four regulated entities, and adopting staff's recommendation that the approvals are exempt from CEQA. The Load Management Standards regulations require regulated

investor-owned utilities, publicly-owned utilities, and community choice aggregators to submit Load Management Standards compliance plans to the CEC for approval. These plans detail how the regulated entities will comply with the Load Management Standards regulations. The CEC's approval of the plans signifies that the plans are compliant with the Load Management Standards regulations. Contact: Gavin Situ (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

- a. Ava Community Energy (Ava) compliance plan
- b. Clean Power Alliance of Southern California (CPASC) compliance plan
- c. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) compliance plan
- d. Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) compliance plan

10. Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs).

Public Utilities Code section 9622 requires publicly owned utilities subject to Public Utilities Code section 9621 to submit their adopted IRPs to the CEC for review. Public Utilities Code section 9621 requires IRPs to meet certain requirements, including greenhouse gas emission reduction, renewable energy resource procurement, carbon neutrality, reliability, and other requirements. Contact: Bryan Neff (Staff Presentation: 15 minutes)

- a. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.
- b. Anaheim Public Utilities. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Anaheim Public Utilities IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.
- c. Modesto Irrigation District. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Modesto Irrigation District IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.
- d. Turlock Irrigation District. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Turlock Irrigation District IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.
- e. Roseville Electric Utilities. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Roseville Electric Utilities IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621

11. Energy Storage Innovations to Support Grid Reliability - GFO-23-317.

This solicitation will fund the advancement of short and long duration storage for stationary applications to improve reliability and resilience of the electric grid through

demonstration projects and research and development projects. This item includes four projects totaling \$18,619,248 (EPIC Funding) Contact: Elyse Kedzie (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

- a. Enzinc Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-007 with Enzinc Inc. for a \$1,619,248 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project in Oakland will develop and demonstrate an advanced zinc electrode to enhance the performance of nickel zinc, zinc manganese, and zinc-air batteries for stationary storage applications, while also optimizing the manufacturing process to reduce costs and support future scalability.
- b. DarmokTech. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-008 with DarmokTech for a \$2,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project in Livermore will integrate an innovative cell design with solid polymer electrolyte formulations to enhance performance, reduce costs, and improve safety of solid-state sodium batteries.
- c. Renewell Energy Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-009 with Renewell Energy Inc. for a \$5,004,537 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The project will install, conduct grid service validation, lifetime testing, and UL certification of networked gravitational energy storage in five idle oil wells in Kern County.
- d. Long Hill Energy Partners, LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-010 with Long Hill Energy Partners, LLC for a \$9,995,463 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will design, construct, and operate an innovative, low-cost, five megawatt-hour, organic redox flow battery system, which will provide energy resiliency to the High Desert Regional Health Center in northern Los Angeles County.

12. PacifiCorp.

Proposed resolution approving agreement CER-25-001 with PacifiCorp for a \$12,372,528 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will deploy grid infrastructure upgrades to improve energy resilience for several communities impacted by increasing extreme fire weather conditions by installing advanced metering infrastructure to reduce outage response time and covered conductor line upgrades to minimize fire ignition risk in Siskiyou County. (CERRI Funding) Contact: Tanner Kural (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

13. 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.

14. Executive Director's Report.

15. Public Advisor's Report.

16. 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 the initiation of litigation, or that constitute a significant exposure to litigation against the CEC, which might include personnel matters.

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