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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Integrated Planning to Support the
Energy Transition*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Scoping Workshop: Funding to Advance
Integrated Planning for Gas System
Decommissioning

Notice of Scoping Workshop: Funding to Advance Integrated Planning of Gas System Decommissioning

October 13, 2022

10:00 a.m. –11:30 a.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a scoping workshop to share staff's proposed concept for funding research to advance integrated planning to support gas system decommissioning and to elicit public input on the proposed research concept. The workshop will address applied research needs in this area that could be supported by future grant funding opportunities under the Gas Research and Development Program. In developing a competitive solicitation, CEC staff will consider public comments received at the workshop and in the docket.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

The scoping workshop will start with an introduction from CEC staff on the proposed research concept. The workshop will conclude with a question-and-answer session and public comment period to advance integrated planning to support gas system decommissioning.

A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at the docket [23-ERDD-02](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-02) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-02>.

Background

As California decarbonizes its energy supply, the role of fossil gas, formerly known as natural gas, in California's energy system is changing. To manage the shift from fossil gas to zero-carbon alternatives, the state needs comprehensive approaches that consider the interconnected nature of California's energy system and support planning processes across multiple energy resources, time scales, and actors. Multiple policy documents and reports¹ discuss this need and recognize that development of effective, integrated approaches requires understanding large-scale energy transitions as social transitions with impacts across multiple energy sectors.

Charting a strategic transition will require expanding the capacity of state agencies to conduct planning and collaboratively develop policy for the gas system. This effort will require planning tools that help identify promising decommissioning sites using diverse screening approaches.² Such tools can support government agencies and others involved in the gas transition by offering critical insights into infrastructure and local attributes related to demographics and decommissioning readiness.

In addition to planning tools, strategies to support effective collaboration and coordination are needed to advance the energy system transition. Literature on the future of California's gas system affirms the complexity of crafting a managed transition that addresses and incorporates the needs, abilities, and concerns of multiple interested parties.³ A clear framing of the network of dependencies among these parties will support sustained engagement and development of policy and implementation strategies for gas system decarbonization.⁴ Also, ensuring that consistent terminology and replicable strategies suffuse planning and implementation at all scales can support the state's capacity to develop implementable strategies.⁵

Attendance Instructions

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¹ CPUC's Long-Term Gas Planning Rulemakings (R.24-09-012 and R.20-01-007), CEC's 2021 Integrated Energy Planning Report, a 2024 Joint Agency white paper on the gas transition, CAISO's 2024 Opening Comments on OIR 24-09-012, and in recent decommissioning research funded by CEC (Gold-Parker et al., 2024; RAND, forthcoming)

² Gold-Parker et al., 2024; Klima et al., forthcoming.

³ Gold-Parker et al., 2024; Karas et al., 2021; Bilich, et al. 2019; Gridworks, 2019; The Greenlining Institute, 2019; Ong, Mastrandrea and Wara, 2021.

⁴ Yates, Szinai & Jones, 2024.

⁵ CEC, 2022.

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Public Comment.

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<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-02> Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2025. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 23-ERDD-02 and "Advancing Integrated Planning" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-02>.

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