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# California Energy Commission BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA



### **California Energy Commission**

## **Business Meeting Agenda**

October 8, 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.

- a. Southern California Public Power Authority. Proposed order approving the CEC Executive Director's recommendation that the Southern California Public Power Authority's Power Purchase Agreement with Heber Geothermal Energy Company, LLC for the procurement of geothermal energy from the Heber-1 Geothermal Energy Project be found compliant with the Emission Performance Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities pursuant to CCR, Title 20, sections 2900-2913. Contact: David Gee
- b. Lassen Municipal Utility District. Proposed order approving the CEC Executive Director's recommendation that the Lassen Municipal Utility District's Power Sales Agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems for the procurement of natural gas energy from the proposed 364 megawatt (MW) combined cycle power plant in Power County, Idaho be found compliant with the Emission Performance Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities pursuant to CCR, Title 20, sections 2900-2913. Contact: David Gee
- c. Truckee Donner Public Utility District. Proposed order approving the CEC Executive Director's recommendation that the Truckee Donner Public Utility District's Power Sales Agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems for the procurement of natural gas energy from the proposed 364 MW combined cycle power plant in Power County, Idaho be found compliant with the Emission Performance Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities pursuant to CCR, Title 20, sections 2900-2913. Contact: David Gee
- d. Updated Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manuals for the 2025 Energy Code. Proposed resolution certifying updated Alternative Calculation Method (ACM) Reference Manuals, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The 2025 Single-Family Residential ACM Reference Manual and 2025 Nonresidential and Multifamily ACM Reference Manual document the modeling rules required to demonstrate compliance with California's Energy Code, specifically through the performance compliance pathway. The ACM Reference Manuals are part of the Energy Conservation Manual, which is required by Public Resources Code section 25402.1(e). Contact: Haile Bucaneg
- e. Updated 2025 California Building Energy Code Compliance Software (CBECC 2025.2.0). Proposed resolution approving updated 2025 California Building Energy Code Compliance Software (CBECC 2025.2.0), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. A version of CBECC and CBECC-Res were previously approved pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402.1(a). This latest version, CBECC 2025.2.0, has been updated in

- alignment with the revised 2025 Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manuals and now supports compliance with all building types under the 2025 Energy Code. CBECC 2025.2.0 is a unified application that can be used to demonstrate performance compliance with single-family residential, nonresidential, and multifamily building requirements. Contact: RJ Wichert
- f. Brighton Energy Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-002 with Brighton Energy Inc. for a \$3,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from the CEQA. This project will increase equitable access to electric vehicle (EV) charging by deploying at least 280 Level 2 EV charging ports across approximately 24 sites in low-income, disadvantaged, or affordable multifamily housing complexes in Chico and Paradise. (Clean Transportation Program Funding, General Fund Funding) Contact: Julianne Lea
- g. DynaChrg Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-003 with DynaChrg Inc. for a \$4,075,097 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 332 Level 2 EV charging ports at multifamily housing communities in Los Angeles County. At least 90% of the residential units served will be in disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and/or affordable housing. (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Funding) Contact: Jeff Fletcher
- h. Moon Five Technologies Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-004 with Moon Five Technologies Inc. for a \$3,413,480 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 400 Level 2 EV charging ports at multifamily housing communities across Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, San Diego, and San Mateo counties. At least 90% of the residential units served will be in disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and/or affordable housing. (GGRF Funding) Contact: Jeff Fletcher
- i. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-027 with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for a \$3,121,313 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will develop CC-FLEX, an open-source software solution to transform three California college campuses into virtual power plants. The control system will target a chiller cooling plant, chilled water tank, battery energy storage system, EV charging stations, building thermostats, and combinations of these. (Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program Funding) Contact: Christian Fredericks

- j. The Clara Fund. Proposed resolution approving agreement 300-25-004 for a \$25,000 co-sponsorship contract with The Clara Fund, including use of CEC's logo in co-sponsorship activities. This sponsorship will support the Electric Innovation Initiative's annual events and activities, including a national awards event, site visits for policymakers, workshops, visibility of awardee innovations, and policy tracking. (Energy Resources Programs Account (ERPA) Funding) Contact: Kaitie Choo
- k. AirMyne, Inc. Proposed resolution adopting CEQA findings for AirMyne, Inc.'s DeltaDAC project, and approving grant agreement CRI-25-001 with AirMyne, Inc. (Carbon Removal Innovation Support Program (CRISP) Funding) Contact: Patricia De La Torre
  - CEQA Findings. Findings that, based on the lead agency Stockton Port District's 2006 Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report for the Pelican Renewables LLC ethanol production facility, a 2008 Addendum to the Final EIR, and a February 2025 letter from the Stockton Port District's Director of Environmental Affairs indicating the DeltaDAC activities are a minor modification aiming to reduce carbon emissions and environmental impact for the ethanol production facility which requires only ministerial approvals by the Stockton Port District, and substantial evidence collected by CEC staff about the potential environmental impacts of the proposed DeltaDAC project, the proposed DeltaDAC project presents no new significant or substantially more severe environmental impacts beyond those already considered and mitigated by the lead agency. Implementation of mitigation measures in the Stockton Port District's CEQA documents and proposed Tribal Cultural Resource mitigation measures detailed in the CEC staff CEQA memo will fully mitigate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed DeltaDAC project to a less than significant level.
  - ii. AirMyne, Inc. Proposed approval of agreement CRI-25-001 with AirMyne, Inc. for a \$4,000,000 grant to test, pilot, and demonstrate AirMyne's direct air capture system near Stockton at a capacity of 1,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year by the end of the agreement. The DeltaDAC project technology is based on liquid capture and low-temperature thermal regeneration using off-the-shelf materials and inputs. This project, including active community engagement, benefits planning, and community education intends to advance the technical, economic, and environmental viability of direct air capture

### 4. Information Item - Global Electricity Market Trends.

Staff from Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) will provide an overview of global electricity market and other energy trends. Contact: Derrick Flakoll (BNEF Presentation: 20 minutes).

# 5. Information Item – Department of Water Resources (DWR) to Provide an Update on Strategic Reliability Reserve Investments.

In accordance with Water Code section 80710(e)(2), DWR is required to provide a quarterly update to the CEC regarding current and planned investments being considered for California's Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program. DWR will present the status of its efforts in response to the legislation and the activities undertaken. Contact: Mindy Graybill (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

# 6. Certification of Petroleum Industry Information Reporting Act of 1980 (PIIRA) Emergency Regulations (Docket No. 23-OIR-03).

Proposed resolution adopting staff's recommendation to certify the PIIRA emergency regulations contained in CCR, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 3, Article 3, sections 1363.1, 1363.2, 1364, 1366, 1367, 1370, and 1371, and Appendices A, B, and D. The proposed amendments and additions were adopted as four separate emergency rulemaking packages on February 26, 2024; May 20, 2024; July 22, 2024; and February 24, 2025 to implement reporting requirements added by Senate Bill (SB) X1-2 (Stats. 2023, 1st Ex. Sess. 2023, ch. 1). Adoption of these regulations would make the emergency regulations permanent and ensure future data reporting to support SB X1-2 analysis requirements. Contact: Max Solanki (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

### 7. 2024 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (Docket 24-IEPR-01).

Proposed resolution adopting the 2024 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (2024 IEPR Update), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The CEC is required to prepare a biennial integrated energy policy report that assesses major energy trends and issues facing the state's electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuel sectors. The report also provides policy recommendations to conserve resources; protect the environment; ensure reliable, secure, and diverse energy supplies; enhance the state's economy; and protect public health and safety (Public Resources Code § 25301(a)). The CEC prepares these assessments and associated policy recommendations every two years, with updates in alternate years. The 2024 IEPR Update addresses the following two topics: Electricity Demand Forecast Update, and Wave and Tidal Energy. It also includes an appendix on Western Electricity Markets. Contact: Raquel Kravitz (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

# 8. Proposed Resolution Adopting Electric Vehicle Charger Recordkeeping and Reporting, Reliability, and Data Sharing Regulations (Docket No. 22-EVI-04).

Proposed resolution adopting Electric Vehicle Charger Recordkeeping and Reporting, Reliability, and Data Sharing regulations to be added to the CCR, title 20, sections 3120 through 3135, to establish reporting requirements to track EV chargers operating in California and reliability and data-sharing requirements for publicly or ratepayer funded EV chargers in California, and staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The proposed resolution also amends Designation of Confidential Records regulations contained in CCR, title 20, sections 2505 and 2507, to provide appropriate privacy and confidentiality protections for regulated entities. This action comes after a 45-day public comment period, an August 13, 2025 public hearing, and a 15-day public comment period. Contact: Dustin Schell (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

### 9. Waterfront Facility Improvement Program – GFO-24-701.

This solicitation sought project plans for offshore wind energy infrastructure improvements that advance the capabilities of California waterfront facilities to support the development and operation of floating offshore wind projects. The resulting agreements will implement provisions of Assembly Bill 209 (Stats. 2022, ch. 251). This item includes five projects totaling \$42,750,000. (Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund Funding) Contact: Reid Boggiano (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

- a. City of Long Beach Harbor Department. Proposed resolution approving agreement OSW-25-001 with City of Long Beach Harbor Department, also known as the Port of Long Beach, for a \$20,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will support planning and design of Pier Wind, a 400-acre offshore wind terminal at the Port of Long Beach. The project will enable planning, engineering, environmental assessments, and community engagement activities for Pier Wind.
- b. City of Oakland. Proposed resolution approving agreement OSW-25-002 with the City of Oakland, a municipal corporation, acting by and through its Board of Port Commissioners (also known as the Port of Oakland) for a \$750,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will conduct a technical feasibility assessment to identify, evaluate, and design the redevelopment of underutilized areas at the Port of Oakland to improve site readiness for offshore wind supply chain and logistics operations.
- c. City of Richmond. Proposed resolution approving agreement OSW-25-003 with the City of Richmond for a \$750,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation

that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will conduct a conceptual study of potential sites for offshore wind activities in the Port of Richmond and support the development of a Port of Richmond Master Plan. The project includes conceptual design and preliminary engineering to evaluate, plan, and design purpose-built offshore wind infrastructure.

- d. Port San Luis Harbor District. Proposed resolution approving agreement OSW-25-004 with the Port San Luis Harbor District for a \$3,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will build upon feasibility efforts led by Port San Luis Harbor District to become an operation and maintenance terminal for offshore wind. This project will support engineering design, prepare for future development phases, and execute community, stakeholder, tribal, and agency engagement on the Central Coast.
- e. Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District. Proposed resolution approving agreement OSW-25-005 with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District for a \$18,250,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will advance the design of the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Terminal. The project will also enable planning, engineering, environmental assessments, and community engagement activities for the terminal.

# 10. California's Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC RAA) Program – GFO-24-603.

This solicitation sought to fund projects to improve the reliability of existing publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure by repairing or replacing non-operational EV chargers. This item includes two projects totaling \$4,241,610. (EVC RAA Program Funding) Contact: Brittani Gallagher (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

- a. EVgo Services LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EVC-25-001R with EVgo Services LLC for a \$2,864,226 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will replace 19 non-operational public EV charging ports and install an additional 17 public EV direct current fast charging (DCFC) ports across nine sites in Alameda, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernadino, Sutter, Ventura, and Yolo counties.
- b. Electrify America, LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EVC-25-002R with Electrify America, LLC for a \$1,377,384 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will replace 11 non-operational public EV charging ports and install an additional 13 public

EV DCFC ports across six sites in Humboldt, Orange, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, and Yolo counties.

## 11. California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program – Solicitation 2 – GFO-24-606.

This solicitation sought to fund projects to strategically deploy publicly accessible, high-powered, DCFC infrastructure to support EV travel along major corridors of the state highway system, contributing to the national charging network being built under the NEVI Formula Program. This item includes two projects totaling \$4,606,933. (NEVI Formula Program Funding) Contact: Mitchell Prevost (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

- a. Tesla, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement RNEV-25-002 with Tesla, Inc. for a \$1,590,348 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install, operate, and maintain 40 public EV DCFC ports across two sites in Copperopolis and Campbell.
- b. EVgo Services LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement RNEV-25-001 with EVgo Services LLC for a \$3,016,585 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install, operate, and maintain 24 public EV DCFC ports across four sites in Weed, Dorris, Gasquet, and a fourth site to be determined.

## 12. BRIDGE 2024: Bringing Rapid Innovation Development to Green Energy – GFO-23-318.

This solicitation sought to fund applied research and development, and technology demonstration and deployment projects that enable successful clean energy and entrepreneurship. This item includes eight projects totaling \$25,776,915. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Lindsey Fransen (Staff Presentation: 15 minutes)

- a. Tandem PV, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-022 with Tandem PV, Inc. for a \$3,975,954 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will fund testing and validation of high-efficiency perovskite/silicon tandem photovoltaic panels in Fremont, Napa, San Diego, and Merced. Efforts include outdoor durability testing, accelerated indoor assessments, and standardized compliance testing to enhance technical bankability and support commercialization.
- b. Community Energy Labs, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-023 with Community Energy Labs, Inc. for a \$1,662,421 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project involves the deployment of a system that integrates the Internet of Things,

hardware, and software as a service using machine learning to drive down the cost of powerful Model Predictive Control (MPC) in 10–50 K-12 school sites across the state. The goal is to demonstrate a scalable, affordable solution for communities needing to manage changing utility rates, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning electrification, as well as energy codes. Widespread adoption of low-cost MPC in commercial buildings can collectively reduce peak energy demand, improve grid stability, and lower blackout risks.

- c. Verne Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-026 with Verne Inc. for a \$3,998,616 grant and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will design, build and demonstrate a low-cost hydrogen distribution method to supply zero-emission electricity to California ratepayers facing grid supply constraints. This new method of distribution, using cryo-compressed hydrogen technology, doubles the capacity of hydrogen gas trailers without incurring the cost and boil-off losses that come with liquid hydrogen deliveries, for cost-effective hydrogen delivery for on-demand electricity using hydrogen-to-power equipment.
- d. Tyfast Energy Corp. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-028 with Tyfast Energy Corp. for a \$1,959,011 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will take place in San Diego County and further develop lithium vanadium oxide battery technology as applied to the electrification of heavy-duty off-highway equipment such as excavators and utility tractors, offering greater power and cycle-life and better operating temperatures than traditional lithium-ion battery technology.
- e. Indian Energy LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-029 with Indian Energy LLC for a \$3,789,986 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will support the development and demonstration of an integrated microgrid and building orchestration system that co-optimizes energy use to enhance efficiency and grid resilience. Initial testing will be conducted at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar microgrid testbed to evaluate real-world performance and implementation challenges. The system will then be deployed at the Viejas Enterprises Microgrid, located on the territory of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians near Alpine.
- f. SirenOpt Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-030 with SirenOpt Inc. for a \$2,395,317 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will take place in Alameda County and advance innovative battery manufacturing inspection and process control technologies to the pilot-scale demonstration stage.

- g. SolarAPP Foundation. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-031 with the SolarAPP Foundation for a \$3,999,937 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will expand the existing SolarAPP+ platform's capabilities to include virtual inspections for solar, storage, and residential Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE). These enhancements will automate permitting processes, integrate artificial intelligence-supported virtual inspection tools, and streamline utility coordination to drive down costs and expand equitable clean energy access to underserved and disadvantaged communities across California.
- h. Coreshell Technologies, Incorporated. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-033 with Coreshell Technologies, Incorporated for a \$3,995,673 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will take place in Alameda County and develop silicon-lithium manganese iron phosphate battery technology from 5Ah to 60Ah and apply the upgraded technology to a pilot in an electric mobility vehicle.

# 13. Applications of Open Data to Support Climate Resilience in California's Electricity Sector – GFO-24-306.

This solicitation sought to build on prior EPIC efforts to fund open-source, best available climate and wildfire tools that support resilience planning and outreach by California investor-owned utilities and other energy sector participants. Projects will result in new tools and visualizations on the Cal-Adapt: Data Explorer web application, development of a wildfire planning tool portraying long-term wildfire risk insights, and improvements in near-term fire forecasting through advancements in weather, wildfire behavior, and fuels modeling. This item includes four projects totaling \$5,400,000. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Aryana Sherzai (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

- a. Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-024 with Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC for a \$800,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will improve near-term wildfire predictions and risk assessments through modeling and a paper study that will leverage advances in artificial intelligence for weather forecasting, spatial downscaling, fire spread model calibration, and adaptive fuel predictions statewide.
- b. Spatial Informatics Group LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-025 with Spatial Informatics Group LLC for a \$1,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will support the continued development and enhancement of PyreCast, an opensource software platform that provides near-term wildfire forecasting and

- situational awareness, to advance forecasting capabilities and decision-support tools for California's electricity sector.
- c. The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Los Angeles Campus. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-032 with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Los Angeles Campus for a \$800,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will leverage prior EPIC-funded data to investigate and portray mid- and long-term bidirectional wildfire risks to and from electricity infrastructure on an open-source platform, enabling strategic grid expansion and wildfire mitigation planning.
- d. Eagle Rock Analytics, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-034 with Eagle Rock Analytics, Inc. for a \$2,800,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will develop participant-informed, easy-to-use tools on Cal-Adapt: Data Explorer, which is a web application that makes high-resolution climate projections and quality-controlled historical weather data publicly available to inform electricity sector resilience planning.

## 14. Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment Program (CERRI) – GFO-23-312.

This solicitation sought to be responsive to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law section 40101(d) and provide funding for grid-hardening and grid resilience projects that strengthen and modernize California's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters. This item includes 2 projects totaling \$11,657,890. (CERRI Funding) Contact: Alana Webre (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

- a. SMS CA MG17C, LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement CER-25-002 with SMS CA MG17C, LLC for a \$4,203,952 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this project is exempt from CEQA. This project will install battery energy storage and microgrid subcomponents on the Santa Barbara City College campus, which will serve as a community resilience hub by providing power and shelter to the local community during outages and extreme weather events.
- b. City of Anaheim Public Utilities. Proposed resolution approving agreement CER-25-003 with City of Anaheim Public Utilities for a \$7,453,938 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this project is exempt from CEQA. The project will deploy grid infrastructure upgrades to support modernization of Anaheim's aging grid infrastructure by replacing outdated, unreliable distribution switch equipment

with modern switches that support automation for reducing the frequency and duration of outages. This modern switch technology will also retire the use of obsolete sulfur hexafluoride gas.

### 15. SE US Development, LLC.

Proposed resolution adopting CEQA findings for SE US Development, LLC's battery energy storage system project, and approving grant agreement DBA-25-002 with SE US Development, LLC. (Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Funding) Contact: O'Shea Bennett (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

- a. CEQA Findings: Findings as a responsible agency, based on the whole record, that it is the independent judgement of the CEC that there is no substantial evidence that the lithium ion battery energy storage project funded under the agreement will result in new significant impacts, and that the unavoidable significant impacts to visual and cultural resources from the larger Athos Renewable Energy Project approved by the County of Riverside in its Final Environment Impact Report in 2019 as the lead agency are outweighed by the regional environmental and economic benefits of the battery energy storage system.
- b. SE US Development, LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement DBA-25-002 with SE US Development, LLC, for a \$25,000,000 grant to purchase, install, and report performance of a four-hour lithium-ion battery system with a nameplate capacity of 75 MW (300 MWh), as part of a larger 402 MW (1608 MWh) battery system installation at the existing 450 MW solar project at the Athos Renewable Energy Project in Desert Center in Riverside County.

#### 16. 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.

#### 17. Executive Director's Report.

#### 18. Public Advisor's Report.

#### 19. 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:
  - Shasta County and Pit River Tribe, et al. v. California Energy Commission (Shasta County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV-0203737)
  - California Fuels and Convenience Alliance v. California Energy Commission, et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000058)
  - iii. Interlink Products International, Inc., v. California Energy Commission (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000001)
  - iv. California Energy Commission v. KIGT, Inc., et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV018816)
  - v. City of San Juan Capistrano v. California Energy Commission (Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2025-01507450)
  - vi. State of Washington, et al. v. U.S. Department of Transportation, et al. (United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-00848-TL)
  - vii. State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Department of Energy, et al. (United States District Court, District of Oregon, Case No. 6:25-cv-01458-MTK)
- 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 section11126(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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