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California Energy Commission  
**Business Meeting Agenda**

**February 11, 2026**  
**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. 2025 Energy Code Third-Party Compliance Software, Integrated Environmental Solutions Virtual Environment (IES VE) Title 24 2025 Version 1.0. Proposed order approving third-party compliance software IES VE Title 24 2025 Version 1.0 as an alternative calculation method for demonstrating performance compliance with the nonresidential new-construction provisions of the 2025 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Contact: RJ Wichert
- b. Local Ordinance for the Town of Corte Madera. Proposed resolution finding the application submitted by the Town of Corte Madera meets the requirements of Public Resources Codes section 25402.1(h)(2) and section 10-106 of the 2025 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. Pursuant to these requirements, the CEC finds the local ordinance is estimated to save more energy than the 2025 Energy Code and that the corresponding town has determined the local ordinance is cost-effective. The ordinance introduces requirements for certain existing single-family buildings undergoing additions and alterations to choose from a menu of energy efficiency and electrification measures. Contact: Anushka Raut
- c. Joby Aviation, Inc. Proposed resolution adopting staff's recommendation that Joby Aviation, Inc.'s (Joby) Battery Manufacturing for Electric Aircraft project under the PowerForward Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Grant Program (PowerForward) is exempt from CEQA. CALSTART, Inc. administers PowerForward under CEC agreement ZVI-22-035 and has proposed a grant award to Joby. CEC is required to make CEQA findings prior to CALSTART, Inc. executing a grant agreement with Joby. Contact: Taiying Zhang
- d. Barona Group of the Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians. Proposed resolution approving amendment 1 to agreement ARV-24-008 for a novation changing the grant recipient from Barona Group of the Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians to the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This \$3,000,000 grant will install two electric vehicle (EV) direct current (DC) fast charging ports and 84 Level 2 EV charging ports for community use at key facilities; perform charging infrastructure development and fleet transition planning for tribes in Southern California; and establish a workforce training program related to charging infrastructure. (Clean Transportation Program (CTP) Funding) Contact: Susan Ejlalmaneshan

- e. National Wind Technology Consortium, Inc. dba National Offshore Wind Research & Development Consortium (NOWRDC). Proposed resolution approving agreement 300-25-005 with NOWRDC for a one-year, Public Sponsor Membership for \$30,000, including the use of the CEC logo in membership advertisements. NOWRDC is a nationally focused, not-for-profit organization collaborating with industry, state, and federal government on research and development activities to reduce the levelized-cost of offshore wind energy in the United States while maximizing other economic and social benefits. (Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Funding) Contact: Katherine Greenwald
- f. The Clara Fund. Proposed resolution approving agreement 300-25-006 for a \$100,000 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 2026 annual events and activities, including a national awards event, by coordinating and sponsoring key site visits for policymakers nationwide, workshops, and policy tracking. (Energy Resources Programs Account (ERPA) Funding) Contact: Kaitie Choo
- g. EvGateway. Proposed resolution approving agreement ARV-25-014 with EvGateway for a \$992,500 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 10 publicly available EV DC fast charging ports in a disadvantaged community in Madera to increase public access to reliable, fast, and convenient EV charging. (CTP Funding) Contact: Iris Dimpsey
- h. HP Hood LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement FPI-25-004 with HP Hood LLC for a \$1,002,900 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will implement wastewater treatment upgrades and steam system efficiency measures at HP Hood LLC's dairy and plant-based beverage manufacturing facility in Sacramento. These upgrades will improve energy efficiency and reduce the facility's energy usage, water consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. (Food Production Investment Plan (FPIP) Funding) Contact: Claire Sweeney
- i. SVC Manufacturing Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement FPI-25-005 with SVC Manufacturing Inc for a \$1,147,938 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will implement a drop-in ready heat recovery system for process water and product water at SVC Manufacturing Inc's beverage manufacturing facility in Oakland. The heat recovery system will reduce fossil gas usage and lower greenhouse gas emissions. (FPIP Funding) Contact: Jimmy Ledesma
- j. Fiscalini Cheese Company, L.P. Proposed resolution approving agreement FPI-25-006 with Fiscalini Cheese Company, L.P. for a \$2,500,000 grant, and adopting

staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will replace an aging creamery processing system with advanced processing equipment and the installation of a microgrid at Fiscalini Cheese Company, L.P.'s cheese manufacturing facility in Modesto. The advanced processing equipment and the microgrid will reduce grid electricity consumption, enable reductions in on-peak demand, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (FPIP Funding)  
Contact: Eleanor Oliver

**4. Information Item – 2025 California Energy Security Plan Status Update.**

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act amended section 366 of the 1974 Energy Policy and Conservation Act requiring states and territories to develop Energy Security Plans that are submitted annually. Reliability & Emergency Unit staff will provide a plan and program status update. Contact: Justin Cochran (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

**5. Information Item – Ava Community Energy.**

Overview of how Ava Community Energy is implementing strategies to increase electrification, advance resilience and deploy virtual power plants throughout Alameda County and San Joaquin County. Contact: Howard Chang (Presentation: 5 minutes)

**6. Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the San Diego campus.**

Proposed resolution amending approval of agreement DBA-24-004 with Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the San Diego campus (UCSD) for \$7,146,296 and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This agreement will purchase, install, and report performance of a four-hour lithium-ion battery system with a nameplate capacity of 8 MW / 32 MWh on the UCSD campus, at a different physical location on campus than that originally proposed. This will replace (upgrade) an existing two-hour lithium-ion battery system with a nameplate capacity of 2.5 MW / 5.0 MWh that is part of the existing microgrid, and bulk grid power assets owned and operated by UCSD. (Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Funding) Contact: Douglas G. O'Brien (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

**7. County of Monterey.**

Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-009 with County of Monterey for a \$5,688,125 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install 390 EV charging ports in paved parking lots at municipal facilities across the Monterey Bay area and four solar photovoltaic systems to support some of these chargers. This agreement is in coordination with a California Air Resources Board grant agreement that is funding the zero-emission

vehicles. (General Fund Funding) Contact: Miki Crowell (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

## **8. 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.

## **9. Executive Director's Report.**

## **10. Public Advisor's Report.**

## **11. 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 pending litigation, including the following matters:
  - i. Shasta County and Pit River Tribe, et al. v. California Energy Commission (Shasta County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV-0203737)
  - ii. 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. Donald Trump, et al. (United States District Court, District of Rhode Island, Case No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS)
  - viii. State of New York, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al. (United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-11221-WGY)

- ix. 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)
  - x. State of Arizona, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-02015-TMC)
  - xi. Maryland Clean Energy Center, et al. v. United States of America (United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 25-1738 C)
  - xii. State of California, et al. v. U.S. Department of Transportation, et al. (United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-02574-TL)
- c. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel 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

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