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IN THE MATTER OF:

*Prairie Song Reliability Project
Opt-In Application for Certification*

DOCKET NO. 25-OPT-02

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING
RE: Prairie Song Reliability Project (SCH
Number: 2026020074)

Notice of Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting for the Proposed Prairie Song Reliability Project

February 24, 2026

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hybrid: In-Person and Remote

Includes In-Person and Remote Spanish Interpretation
See Attendance Instructions

In-person at:

Acton Agua Dulce Library
33792 Crown Valley Road
Acton, CA 93510

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host an informational and environmental scoping meeting pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 25545.7.2 to present and solicit information on the proposed Prairie Song Reliability Project. This is a hybrid meeting, with both a publicly accessible physical location and public access online or by phone through Zoom™.

The public can participate in the meeting consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted. The end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The meeting may end sooner or later than the posted end time. Breaks will be announced during the meeting.

Please see the CEC Prairie Song Reliability Project webpage for more information on the proposed project: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/battery-storage-system/prairie-song-reliability-project>.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. CEC staff presentation on the Opt-In Certification Program
3. Applicant presentation on the proposed project
4. CEC staff presentation on the scope and content of the Staff Assessment and environmental analysis
5. CEC Office of the Public Advisor, Energy Equity, and Tribal Affairs presentation on public participation and California Native American tribal consultation opportunities
6. Government Comment: California Native American tribes, Elected Officials, and Government Agencies
7. Public Comment
8. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Background

Public Resources Code sections 25545–25545.13 allows specified clean energy projects to seek consolidated permitting at the CEC until June 30, 2030, under the Opt-In Certification Program. These projects include, but are not limited to, energy storage systems capable of storing 200 megawatt-hours (MWh) or more, electric transmission lines associated with these generating and storage facilities to a point of junction with any interconnected electrical system, and other facilities specified in statute.

Under this program, the CEC permit is in lieu of any permit that would normally be required by the local land use authority and most, but not all, state permits. More information about the Opt-In Certification Program can be found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-andtopics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program>.

The law also requires the CEC to be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, after an application is deemed complete, to do the following:

1. Prepare a Staff Assessment, which includes the appropriate environmental document, which is usually an environmental impact report (EIR), negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration. For the proposed Prairie Song Reliability Project, the CEC will be preparing an EIR.
2. Hold public meetings as close as practicable to the proposed project site.
3. Invite consultation with California Native American tribes that are culturally and traditionally associated with the geographic area of the proposed site.
4. Certify compliance with requirements for community benefits, labor standards, and economic benefits.
5. Approve or deny the proposed project at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting within 270 days.

Prairie Song Reliability Project, LLC (applicant) filed an Opt-In application on July 2, 2025, for the Prairie Song Reliability Project proposed in the community of Acton, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California. On November 18, 2025, the CEC sent applicable California Native American

tribes a letter inviting tribal consultation on the proposed Prairie Song Reliability Project. On August 1, 2025, the CEC deemed the application incomplete and docketed a letter detailing the informational deficiencies. On January 30, 2026, after receiving additional data, the CEC determined the application was complete. On February 2, 2026, the CEC mailed a Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR (NOP) to the responsible agencies, the trustee agency, Los Angeles County Clerk, and local, regional and federal agencies. On February 3, 2026, the CEC sent the NOP to the State Clearinghouse (Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, LCI) for further distribution to responsible and interested state agencies. These and other documents are available on the CEC docket for this proceeding at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-OPT-02>.

Project Summary

The applicant proposes to construct, own, and operate a 1,150-megawatt (MW), approximately 9,200-MWh battery energy storage system (BESS). The energy storage project would include the containerized BESS with individualized fire prevention systems, a project substation, inverters, and other appurtenant facilities, such as fencing, operations and maintenance buildings, stormwater retention and infiltration basins, and communication systems. The project would connect to the existing Southern California Edison Vincent Substation via either a 1.1-mile or a 1.8-mile generation intertie line, installed overhead using monopoles and steel lattice towers.

The project would store electricity from the power grid, providing additional capacity to the electrical grid to assist with serving electrical load during periods of peak demand by charging the batteries when demand is low and discharging them when demand is high. As stated in the application, the project would also serve as an additional local/regional energy capacity resource that would enhance grid reliability, particularly to the Los Angeles Basin local reliability area, and may allow for the deferral or avoidance of regional transmission facilities.

The CEC maintains a website for this project with proposed project information, a link to the docket, email subscription sign-up, and more at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/battery-storage-system/prairie-song-reliability-project>.

Purpose of the Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting

The Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting is an opportunity for interested members of the public, including surrounding communities, to learn about the proposed project and the CEC's Opt-In Certification process. The public will be able to obtain information, identify areas of environmental concern to be addressed during the CEC's environmental review of the project, and provide comments.

During the meeting, the applicant will explain its proposed plans for constructing and operating the project and related facilities. CEC staff will describe the CEC and staff's role and responsibilities in reviewing the Opt-In application and engaging with government agencies, the public, and California Native American tribes to inform this review. The CEC's Public Advisor will describe how interested members of the public can participate in the process, including during the environmental review and CEC decision-making.

Moreover, the Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting assists CEC staff in obtaining additional information to prepare the Draft EIR and determining whether the project meets all program requirements. As discussed in the NOP, the CEC is conducting public outreach to solicit input on the Prairie Song Reliability Project application to identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR will satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, div. 6, ch. 3). The NOP is available at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=268445&DocumentContentId=105584>.

Attendance Instructions

In-person participants may join the meeting at:

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Acton, CA 93510

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Public Comment

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page for this docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=25-OPT-02) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=25-OPT-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 two 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 March 4, 2026**. 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 25-OPT-02 and Prairie Song Reliability Project in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 25-OPT-02
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Public Advisor

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the docket for the proposed Prairie Song Reliability Project (25-OPT-02) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-OPT-02>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Prairie Song Reliability Project subscription topic. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit Subscriptions, at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: February 13, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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