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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of Magnolia Power Project (01-AFC-06C)

ORDER approving the amendment to allow captured stormwater to be used as a water supply.

ORDER NO: 2026-0408-03a

I. BACKGROUND

On September 12, 2024, Southern California Public Power Authority, the project owner of the Magnolia Power Plan (MPP), filed a post certification petition ([TN 259131](#)) with the California Energy Commission (CEC) requesting to amend the 2003 Final Commission Decision (Decision) to allow captured stormwater to be used as a water supply.

The additional water supply alternative is due to a stormwater improvement project (SWIP), constructed by the City of Burbank Water and Power Department (BWP) located on the BWP campus adjacent to the MPP. The purpose of the SWIP is to capture, retain, infiltrate and reuse onsite stormwater. Captured stormwater would either be used by MPP for power plant cooling or infiltrated into onsite soil. The SWIP would incorporate a 37,000-cubic-foot proposed modification that is expected to improve local stormwater quality since the SWIP would capture stormwater instead of discharging it to the Burbank Western Channel. Captured stormwater would be conveyed to MPP by connection to the existing underground piping system.

The MPP is a 323 MW, natural gas-fired, thermal power plant operating in combined-cycle configuration. The project is located in Burbank, Los Angeles County. It was certified by the CEC in March 2003 and began commercial operation in September 2005.

Based on a review of the petition, Staff proposes to modify the following Condition of Certification(COC):

- Modify text in COC **SOIL AND WATER-6** to accept captured stormwater to be used as a water supply.

The modification to allow the additional water supply alternative is not expected to result in impacts to hydrology or water quality. Therefore, staff has determined that proposed modifications to the SOIL AND WATER COC will not result in significant impacts to the environment.

The proposed amendments to the Decision are necessary to promote environmental stewardship and allow conservation of the primary MPP water sources when stormwater is available. It also avoids having to discharge water to local storm channels when it can be reused onsite at MPP. Furthermore, it adds a layer of protection for any potential spills or possible pollutants entering the Burbank Western Channel. The modifications proposed by the CEC staff to the Soil and Water COC would allow the project to continue to operate in compliance with the Decision and applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (LORS).

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the CEC approve the petition to amend including the modified COC provided herein.

Staff has reviewed the petition for potential environmental effects and consistency with applicable LORS pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769. Staff concludes that, the addition of amended condition of certification (**SOIL AND WATER-6**) will not result in significant effects on the environment. Staff also concludes that the project would continue to comply with all applicable LORS and that the findings specified in California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1748(b), do not apply to the proposed changes. Staff also concludes the proposed modified SOIL AND WATER COC does not meet any of the criteria requiring the preparation of subsequent or supplement review pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166 or California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15162 and 15163. Staff's assessment of the petition was subject to a 30-day comment period.

III. ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on the record, including staff's analysis, the CEC concludes that the proposed modified COC will not result in any significant impacts to public health and safety, or to the environment. The CEC finds that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769(a) concerning post-certification project changes;
- The new and modified COCs will not change the findings in the CEC's Final Decision, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1748;
- The findings required under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1748(b), are not applicable to this petition;

- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code, section 25525;
- The proposed amended condition of certification will not result in any significant environmental impacts: (SOIL AND WATER-6);
- The proposed project change does not meet the criteria requiring the production of subsequent or supplemental review as specified in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15162(a);
- Notice of the staff assessment was mailed to the CEC's list of interested parties and property owners of all parcels within 500 feet of any affected project linears and 1,000 feet of the project site as well as emailed to the MPP subscription list; and
- The staff assessment was posted to the docket on March 5, 2026, and was subject to a 30-day comment period.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Based on its independent review of staff's analysis ([TN 268946](#)) the CEC hereby adopts the CEC Findings set forth herein and approves the petition to amend and the modified condition of certification, to the Commission Final Decision proposed in the Staff Recommendations.

V. IT IS SO ORDERED.

II. APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.



Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION: Sepion Technologies, Inc.
RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-03b

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2023, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) and CALSTART, Inc. (CALSTART) entered into Agreement Number ZVI-22-035; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, CALSTART administers the PowerForward Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Grant Program (PowerForward) to solicit, select, and fund projects that will promote in-state battery manufacturing for zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2024, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, CALSTART issued the PowerForward grant solicitation, a competitive grant funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, CALSTART issued a Notice of Proposed Awards for PowerForward, which includes a proposed \$9,537,000 grant to Sepion Technologies, Inc. (Sepion) for the Sepion Manufacturing Expansion project (Project), a project in Alameda for coated battery separator production to support lithium battery manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda (City) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City reviewed the proposed Project and determined that the project is consistent with the City of Alameda's applicable zoning regulations, which designate the site for industrial and employment-generating uses. The existing and proposed use is allowed by zoning and does not require any further review for land use or environmental approval; and

WHEREAS, the City determined that the proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15268; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1 (a), the City as lead agency is responsible for determining whether the proposed Project is exempt from CEQA, and that determination is final and conclusive on responsible agencies unless challenged; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, and as responsible agency under CEQA, CEC must make CEQA findings at a CEC Business Meeting before CALSTART may execute a grant agreement with Sepion for the Project; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has reviewed and considered the City's CEQA findings and other related CEQA documentation and has no information indicating the documentation is inadequate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC adopts CEC staff's CEQA findings contained in the Agreement Request Form; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that, CALSTART may execute a grant agreement with Sepion pursuant to the requirements of ZVI-22-035; and

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.



Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION: BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-03c

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2023, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) and CALSTART, Inc. (CALSTART) entered into Agreement Number ZVI-22-035; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, CALSTART administers the PowerForward Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Grant Program (PowerForward) to solicit, select, and fund projects that will promote in-state battery manufacturing for zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2024, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, CALSTART issued the PowerForward grant solicitation, a competitive grant funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, CALSTART issued a Notice of Proposed Awards for PowerForward, which includes a proposed \$11,362,305 grant to BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy for the RIDE Energy Blade Battery Module and Pack Manufacturing Facility (Project), a project to expand RIDE Energy's existing battery module and pack assembly facility in Lancaster, California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, and as responsible agency under CEQA, CEC must make CEQA findings at a CEC Business Meeting before CALSTART may execute a grant agreement with RIDE Energy for the Project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC adopts CEC staff's CEQA findings contained in the Agreement Request Form; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that CALSTART may execute a grant agreement with BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy pursuant to the requirements of ZVI-22-035.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner
NAY: NONE
ABSENT: Hochschild
ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Todd".

Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-03d

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves a zero-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) MOU-25-001 between the CEC and Sandia National Laboratories to work cooperatively to advance energy storage technologies through energy storage research and development activities. At the request of the CEC, Sandia National Laboratories will provide the CEC with technical expertise to assist with implementing programs such as the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) and Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Programs. The MOU establishes a framework for how the CEC and Sandia National Laboratories will coordinate to advance energy storage technologies and research; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

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Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: International Council on Clean Transportation Inc

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-03e

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement 600-25-003 with International Council on Clean Transportation Inc (ICCT) for a \$15,000 one-year membership in the International Zero-Emission Vehicle Alliance (ZEV Alliance), which is managed by ICCT. The ZEV Alliance is an association formed by national and subnational jurisdictions to accelerate adoption of zero-emission vehicles. As a member, the CEC will have the opportunity to participate in ZEV Alliance coordination meetings; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION: Community Initiatives
RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-03f

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement 300-25-008 for a \$100,000 co-sponsorship contract with Community Initiatives, including use of the 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; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.

Kim Todd
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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of Roseville Energy Park (03-AFC-01C)

ORDER approving the amendment to merge the RSPAPS License (21-TGP-01) into the existing Roseville Energy Park License (03-AFC-1) and permanent closure of the CEC RSPAPS docket.

ORDER NO: 2026-0408-03g

I. BACKGROUND

The Roseville Energy Park (REP) is a 160-megawatt natural gas-fired, combined-cycle electrical generating facility located in the city of Roseville, Placer County and owned by The City of Roseville Electric Utility (REU). The project was certified by the California Energy Commission (CEC) on April 13, 2005, and began commercial operation on November 5, 2007.

On July 30, 2021, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency authorizing the CEC's Executive Director to grant expedited certifications for the siting of gas turbines consistent with CEC order number 21-0817-2 that set forth the process for expediting the certification of new power generation.

On September 8, 2021, the California Energy Commission Executive Director certified two turbines at the Roseville Energy Park under the name, Roseville State Power Augmentation Power Site (RSPAPS). The turbines were owned and installed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The RSPAPS is an approximately 60-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired simple cycle electric generating facility located adjacent to and on the east side of the existing Roseville Energy Park in the city of Roseville, Placer County. REU is licensed to temporarily host and operate two 30 MW General Electric Company (GE) TM2500-G4 gas turbine package units at the site. On November 1, 2024, REU took ownership of the turbines from DWR with the intent of continuing to operate the original powerplant and the two new turbines certified by the Executive Director as one integrated powerplant. Under the CEC's order number 21-0817-2, the RSPAPS' certification will terminate on September 8, 2026.

Currently this single facility has two CEC certifications, two names, redundant requirements to file annual compliance reports, other duplicate requirements, and two separate dockets.

Both RSPAPS and REP already operate under a consolidated Title V Operating permit issued by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (“PCAPCD”). Permit Number REP-001, with an Effective Date of August 3, 2023. Both RSPAPS and REP units combined must operate within the facility-wide emissions annual and quarterly limits. The merged certifications will contain one set of consolidated air quality conditions of certification which are set forth in Appendix A.

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the merging of the RSPAPS license into the REP license to streamline reporting obligations and eliminate duplicative air quality and periodic reporting. Staff recommends the merger of the two licenses to comport with the facility being operated as one powerplant and to match the local air district’s unified permit. The RSPAPS CEC docket should be closed to avoid redundancy and confusion.

III. ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

The merging of the licenses is not an activity subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the merger is an administrative act resulting in no physical change to the environment. As set forth in California Code of Regulation, title 13, sections 15060 and 15061, an activity is not subject to CEQA if it would not result in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment, or under the common sense exemption, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The CEC concurs with staff and finds CEQA does not apply.

No Conditions of Certification will be affected by merging the RSPAPS into the REP license. The projects already operate under a consolidated Title V Permit to Operate. A list of current air quality conditions of certification from the merged certifications is attached to the staff assessment.

Merging the licenses will streamline reporting obligations and eliminate duplicative air quality and periodic reporting currently conducted under the separate REP and RSPAPS licenses. The merged projects will file a single consolidated annual compliance report (ACR).

Closing the emergency docket (21-TPG-01) no longer calling the added generating units the “Roseville State Power Augmentation Power Site” also do not require any amendments to any Conditions of Certification.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The Executive Director is directed to take the steps necessary to merge the RSPAPS license into the existing REP license, including but not limited to closing the RSPAPS docket, filing the consolidated air quality conditions of certification, and making other updates to the project website to reflect the merger. The Executive Director shall also file a notice of exemption with the Office of Climate and Land Use Innovation.

V. IT IS SO ORDERED.

VI. APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

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Kim Todd
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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY FUND DBA CALCEF VENTURES

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-05

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25710 et seq. the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (“CEC”) is authorized to establish and administer the Electric Program Investment Charge (“EPIC”) Program; and

WHEREAS, the CEC has recognized that California’s electricity ratepayers benefit from energy research, development and demonstration (“RD&D”) activities conducted by individuals, small businesses, academics and small non-profit institutions; and

WHEREAS, the CEC has created the California Sustainable Energy Entrepreneur Development (“CalSEED”) Initiative within the EPIC Program to provide funding for the aforementioned public interest RD&D activities; and

WHEREAS, New Energy Nexus dba California Clean Energy Fund or CalCEF Ventures (“CalCEF”) is the administrator of the CalSEED Initiative under CEC Agreement Number 300-15-007 and is responsible for soliciting grant applications, recommending grant awards to the CEC, and managing approved grant projects; and

WHEREAS, CalCEF, in compliance with its duties under Agreement Number 300-15-007, in summer 2025 held a competitive solicitation, and as a result has proposed to CEC small grant projects for funding; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has reviewed the small grant projects CalCEF has proposed, and recommends the following 11 small grant projects for funding:

1. \$500,000 is being requested for the Electrochemical Direct Lithium Extraction for Domestic Brine Recovery project with EELI Technology, Inc., a project to develop an advanced lithium recovery technology; and
2. \$500,000 is being requested for the Unified Grid-Compliance Gateway for Distributed Energy Resources project with OpenRoad Technologies Inc., a project to build and pilot GridConnect, a technology that enables batteries, EV chargers, HVAC, and other distributed energy devices that currently lack

- connectivity to each other and to the grid to seamlessly participate in demand response and virtual power plant programs; and
3. \$500,000 is being requested for the Zero-Waste Materials Recovery from Nickel-Based Catalyst Wastes project with Manara Materials LLC, a project to develop a modular, co-located, zero-waste materials recovery and refining platform to recover high-purity, battery-grade materials from spent nickel-based catalyst wastes; and
 4. \$500,000 is being requested for the Modular Sodium-Ion Battery Systems for Mission Critical Backup project with Navion Energy Inc., a project to develop a modular battery system that integrates cell-to-pack battery modules with sodium-ion cells, passive cooling, a battery management system, power electronics, and monitoring software into turnkey energy storage solutions for critical use cases, such as power backup and grid support; and
 5. \$500,000 is being requested for the Scalable Pole-Mounted Utility-Controlled Energy Storage project with Three Rivers Power, LLC, a project to develop an innovative pole-mounted battery system designed to bring scalable, utility-controlled energy storage directly to the distribution grid; and
 6. \$500,000 is being requested for the High-Temperature Thermal Storage for Industrial Decarbonization project with Calectra, Inc., a project to build a commercial-scale prototype of a power-to-heat thermal storage technology that makes high-temperature process heating cleaner, more efficient, and cheaper for heavy industry; and
 7. \$500,000 is being requested for the Unibody Immersion-Cooled BESS for Safe Community Storage project with Wayside, a project to demonstrate a productized, appliance-like battery energy storage system with patent-pending unibody immersion cooling for the battery cells with a non-flammable, biodegradable fluid; and
 8. \$500,000 is being requested for the Ruggedized Silicon Carbide Inverters for Heavy-Duty Mobility project with Cryodrives, LLC, a project to develop a ruggedized inverter and export-power solution for heavy-duty mobility applications, including trucks, trailers, and tractors; and
 9. \$500,000 is being requested for the Drop-In Smart Microgrid Platform for Fleet Electrification project with Gridwave, a project to pilot a patent-pending, drop-in smart microgrid platform placed over parking areas that enables warehouse operators to electrify fleets without costly grid upgrades; and
 10. \$500,000 is being requested for the Modular Containerized Green Ammonia Production System project with 17, Inc., a project to develop a modular, containerized ammonia production system that converts intermittent renewable energy, air, and water into ammonia on-site at solar and wind installations; and
 11. \$500,000 is being requested for the Data-Driven SaaS Platform for Heavy-Duty Fleet Charging project with Amp Trans, a project to develop a data-

driven software as a service (SaaS) platform designed to automatically manage fleet charging for medium- and heavy-duty trucks; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has reviewed the projects and determined that each project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, as described in CEC staff's "Project Summaries and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Analysis For Proposed Prototype Small Grant Awards Under the California Sustainable Energy Entrepreneur Development (CalSEED) Initiative" Memorandum ("Memorandum"), a document that is included in the backup materials to this Business Meeting item.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC adopts CEC staff's CEQA findings contained in the Memorandum for the 11 small grant projects; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC approves the 11 small grant projects for a total of \$5,500,000; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC directs CalCEF to execute grant agreements with the approved awardees pursuant to the requirements of Agreement Number 300-15-007.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.



Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of Order Instituting Rulemaking to Improve Implementation and Expand Participation Under the Load Management Standards (Docket No. 26-OIR-01)

ORDER Instituting Rulemaking to Improve Implementation and Expand Participation Under the Load Management Standards

ORDER NO: 26-0408-06

I. PURPOSE

In 2022, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (“California Energy Commission” or “CEC”) amended the Load Management Standards (“LMS”, Title 20, California Code of Regulations (“CCR”, section 1620, et seq.)) to increase statewide demand flexibility in support of California’s goal of achieving a carbon-free electricity grid.

While the 2022 LMS regulatory update established a foundation enabling access to load flexibility across California, implementation experience and stakeholder engagement have identified opportunities to improve effective implementation and expand participation among ratepayers and third-party service providers.

The CEC institutes this proceeding pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 25210, 25213, 25216, 25216.5(c)-(d), 25218(d)-(e), 25224, 25402(a)-(b), 25402(c), 25403, and 25403.5, and Title 20, CCR, sections 1220 - 1225.

II. AUTHORITY

This action is proposed under the authority of Public Resources Code section 25403.5, which directs the CEC as follows:

- (a) The commission shall ... adopt standards by regulation for a program of electrical load management for each utility service area. In adopting the standards, the commission shall consider, but need not be limited to, the following load management techniques:
 - 1. Adjustments in rate structure to encourage use of electrical energy at off-peak hours or to encourage control of daily electrical load. Compliance with those adjustments in rate structure shall be subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission in a proceeding to change rates or service.

2. End use storage systems which store energy during off-peak periods for use during peak periods.
3. Mechanical and automatic devices and systems for the control of daily and seasonal peak loads.

Through the Public Resources Code, the Legislature has also given the CEC the authority to:

- set energy standards for buildings (sections 25402(a)-(b), 25402.1 - 25402.5);
- establish and enforce efficiency and demand flexibility standards for new appliances (sections 25402(c), 25402(f));
- recommend consideration by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and publicly-owned electric utilities of rates and other price-related practices (sections 25216.5(c), 25403, and 25403.5); and
- fund a wide variety of energy efficiency and research & development programs (e.g., sections 25410-25449.4, 25601-25602, 25620-25620.9, 25630-25650); and
- hold any hearings and conduct any investigations necessary to carry out the Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act (section 25210); and
- adopt rules and regulations as needed to carry out the Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act (sections 25213 and 25218(e)).

III. SCOPE OF THIS PROCEEDING

The CEC hereby institutes a rulemaking proceeding to consider amendments to the LMS regulations authorized under Public Resources Code Section 25403.5. This rulemaking will consider amending the existing load management standards. Including such possibilities as:

1. creation of a data repository or data sharing infrastructure,
2. standardizing data formats and communication protocols,
3. amending or replacing the single statewide standard tool requirement in 20 CCR section 1623(c), and
4. removing obsolete LMS regulations.

The CEC has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the proposed Order Instituting Rulemaking and concluded that adoption of this Order is not a “project” under Public Resources Code Section 21065 because it initiates a regulatory proceeding and does not approve a specific project. In the alternative, the action is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307, 15308, and 15061(b)(3).

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The CEC encourages public participation in this proceeding. Any person present at any workshop or hearing will have a reasonable opportunity to make oral comments on the subject matter. Petitions to intervene are not necessary. At this time, no specific dates have been established for Requests For Information (RFI), workshops or public hearings associated with this rulemaking. Staff anticipate convening an initial workshop in 2026 to present preliminary information and receive stakeholder input. Additional workshops, RFIs, or hearings may be scheduled, as necessary, to collect further data, solicit comments, and support the development of the rulemaking record.

The executive director, in conjunction with the public adviser, will ensure that this order and any notices of hearings and workshops are distributed to all interested persons and that drafts of the regulations are made available sufficiently in advance of workshops, interim hearings, and final adoption by the CEC to allow timely participation. When new information is posted in this proceeding, an email will be sent to those on the Flexible Demand Appliances and Load Management and Demand Response subscription list. To receive these notices, sign up for subscriptions and manage existing subscriptions at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

For additional information please contact the CEC Public Advisor at (800) 822-6228 or via e-mail at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov.

V. APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.



Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: EvGateway

RESOLUTION NO: 26-040807a

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement ARV-25-018 with EvGateway for a \$3,213,450 grant. This project will install at least 36 public EV direct current fast charger (DCFC) ports across at least six sites in Oroville, Arvin, Chowchilla, Arcata, Bakersfield, and Fortuna; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild, Gunda

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat



**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION: EVGO SERVICES LLC**

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-07b

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement ARV-25-019 with EVGO SERVICES LLC for a \$2,879,503 grant. This project will install at least 42 public EV DCFC ports across at least four sites in Baker, Latonville, Paso Robles, and Ukiah; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild, Gunda

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: RIVIAN, LLC

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-07c

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement ARV-25-020 with RIVIAN, LLC for a \$724,850 grant. This project will install at least 10 public EV DCFC ports at one site in Gilroy; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild, Gunda

ABSTAIN: NONE

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: Sonoma Clean Power Authority

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-08a

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement PIR-25-003 with Sonoma Clean Power Authority for a \$599,774 grant. This project will conduct in-depth, localized analyses of the challenges and opportunities for decarbonization for the Sonoma Clean Power Authority rural customer base, providing insight and effective strategies for maximizing customer and socioeconomic benefits; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild, Gunda

ABSTAIN: NONE

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis campus

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-08b

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement PIR-25-004 with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis campus for an \$800,000 grant. This project will examine impediments to decarbonizing gas end uses in homes, with a focus on supply chain dynamics. Results will deliver a nuanced, location-specific, depiction of challenges and opportunities inherent in residential gas transitions and identify policy options to unlock electrification routes; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild, Gunda

ABSTAIN: NONE

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: The Ortiz Group, LLC

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-07c

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement PIR-25-002 with The Ortiz Group, LLC for a \$799,136 grant. This project will provide new empirical insights to accelerate the transition away from fossil gas use in California buildings by collection and analysis of data to identify persistent barriers at the building, supply chain, workforce, and consumer decision-making levels. The research will integrate physical readiness, supply dynamics, workforce pathways, and behavioral insights into actionable, equity-centered strategies that will directly support state decarbonization goals; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild, Gunda

ABSTAIN: NONE

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION: Gridworks Organization

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-08d

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves Agreement PIR-25-005 with Gridworks Organization for a \$799,911 grant. This project will develop a framework for defining, analyzing, and improving the social feasibility of gas system decommissioning in various building types and geographies statewide. The framework will be designed for use by investor-owned utilities, program administrators, community-based organizations, and other energy stakeholders. The project will identify areas ready for transition and design targeted outreach strategies to increase participation where readiness is not yet sufficient; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE: McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Hochschild, Gunda

ABSTAIN: NONE

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