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IN THE MATTER OF:

2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update
(2026 IEPR Update)

RE: Scoping Order

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Scoping Order for the *2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update*

The California Energy Commission (CEC) biennially develops the *Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)* that broadly assesses California's energy system and puts forward recommendations to advance California's clean energy future for all, with an update in the intervening years. Chair David Hochschild will serve as lead commissioner for the *2026 IEPR Update*. Vice Chair Siva Gunda and Commissioner Noemí Gallardo will each serve as associate member for specific topics as noted below.

Scope

As described below, the *2026 IEPR Update* will provide updates on the California Electricity Demand Forecast, California geothermal resources, and energy equity.

- 1. California Electricity Demand Forecast:** The *2026 IEPR Update* will include an updated 15-year electricity demand forecast. The updated forecast will include scenarios that estimate the potential impacts of the state's decarbonization strategies and other sources of load growth, such as increases in the number of data centers in the state. The updated forecast will refine the assessment of impacts from utility energization applications (known load) data and continue discussions around how to include these data in the forecast. Vice Chair Gunda will be the associate member for this topic.
- 2. California Geothermal Resources:** The *2026 IEPR Update* will assess the challenges and opportunities for geothermal development in California. The *2026 IEPR Update* will also identify potential actions the state can take to support expansion of in-state geothermal development. Commissioner Gallardo will be the associate member for this topic.
- 3. Energy Equity and Environmental Justice:** The *2026 IEPR Update* will include CEC progress toward its commitment to embed equity and environmental justice in its policies, programs, and activities, as described in recommendations included in the *2022 IEPR Update* and *Draft Justice, Access, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JAEDI) Framework*. Commissioner Gallardo will be the associate member for this topic.

Legislative Authority

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 25301(a) requires the CEC to “conduct assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices.” These assessments and forecasts are used to develop recommendations for energy policies that conserve state resources, protect the environment, provide reliable energy, enhance the state’s economy, and protect public health and safety. The CEC includes these energy policy recommendations in its biennial *Integrated Energy Policy Report* that is issued in odd-numbered years, such as in the *2025 IEPR*.

Further, PRC Section 25302(c) requires the CEC to prepare an update in alternate years to report on issues raised in the biennial IEPR or to identify new energy issues that have arisen during the intervening year. The *2026 IEPR Update* will fulfill that requirement.

Key Statutory and Executive Order Initiatives

The *2026 IEPR Update* will reflect the many key policy initiatives that shape California’s energy policies, including:

- Assembly Bill 1279 (Muratsuchi, Chapter 337, Statutes of 2022), which requires steps to ensure California reaches net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2045.
- Senate Bill 1020 (Laird, Chapter 361, Statutes of 2022), which mandates steps to ensure renewable and zero-carbon sources make up 90 percent of the state’s electricity by 2035.
- Senate Bill 100 (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018), which accelerated the state’s renewables goal to 60 percent by 2030 and put into law the state’s commitment to a 100 percent renewable and zero-carbon electricity system by 2045.
- Senate Bill 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016), which amended the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. It called for a statewide reduction of GHG emissions of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.
- Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which directed the CEC to identify barriers to accessing the benefits of clean energy, including barriers low-income customers face in accessing energy efficiency, weatherization, and photovoltaics; increased renewable procurement targets; and required the updating of targets to achieve a doubling of energy efficiency savings by 2030.

2026 IEPR Update Schedule

The lead commissioner will direct the CEC staff to use the following general schedule. As workshop topics and dates are finalized, the CEC will post notices on its website and notify stakeholders at least 10 days in advance of each workshop date. The [schedule](#) will be posted and regularly updated at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report>.

Task/Event	Date
Final <i>2026 IEPR Update</i> Scoping Order released	April 2026
Adopt order instituting informational proceeding for <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	May 2026
Public workshops on specific topics	May 2026–December 2026
Release draft <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	October 2026
Release proposed <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	January 2027
Adopt 2026 IEPR Forecast	January 2027
Adopt <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	February 2027

Participation in the Proceeding

Policy recommendations contained in the *2026 IEPR Update* will be based on the record developed during the proceeding, including data and technical analyses by staff and stakeholders. Analysis and information developed in other proceedings at the CEC and by other agencies will be incorporated as appropriate. Participants should use Docket Number 26-IEPR-01 and associated dockets when submitting information for the lead commissioner’s consideration, which will be as follows:

- 26-IEPR-01 - General/Scope
- 26-IEPR-02 - Electricity Resource Plans
- 26-IEPR-03 - Electricity Demand Forecast
- 26-IEPR-04 - Geothermal
- 26-IEPR-05 - Energy Equity and Environmental Justice

The lead commissioner encourages the participation of all interested and affected participants because public input is essential to ensuring a complete and thorough record. As in previous proceedings, the lead commissioner recognizes that close coordination with federal, state, local, and other agencies is critical to identifying and addressing energy infrastructure and related environmental challenges. The lead commissioner directs staff to continue working with these agencies to ensure their participation in this proceeding.

Contacts

The CEC’s public advisor assists the public with participation in CEC proceedings. To request assistance, interpreting services, or reasonable modifications and accommodations, call (916) 957-7910 or email publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov as soon as possible but at least five days in advance. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Questions on the technical subject matter should be directed to the Integrated Energy Policy Report team at (916) 796-5987 or by email at iepr@energy.ca.gov.

Availability of Documents

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Subscriptions: Diversity Outreach Program; Integrated Energy Policy Report; Climate Change Issues; Decarbonization Topics; Efficiency Topics; Electricity Issues; General Natural Gas and LNG Issues; Geothermal Energy; Lithium Valley; Joint-Agency Report - SB 100; Energy Research and Development; General Transportation and Petroleum Issues; Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group