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California Energy Commission  
**Business Meeting Agenda**

**April 27, 2026**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**In-person at:**

California Natural Resources Building  
Media Room 2-201, Second Floor  
715 P Street, 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. Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative's T24 Community Shared Solar Program. Proposed order approving the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (PSREC) application to administer a community shared solar electric generation system under Section 10-115 of the 2025 Energy Code (CCR, title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The application proposes the PSREC T24 Community Shared Solar Program, as a compliance alternative to the onsite photovoltaic system requirements for newly constructed single-family residential buildings in PSREC's service territory specified by Section 150.1(a)3 of the 2025 Energy Code. Contact: Muhammad Saeed
- b. Local Ordinance for the City of Menlo Park. Proposed resolution finding the application submitted by the City of Menlo Park meets the requirements of Public Resources Code 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 Menlo Park has determined the local ordinance is cost-effective. The ordinance introduces a new mechanical cooling system requirement for altered space conditioning systems in existing single-family homes, which encourages the installation of an air source heat pump while still allowing air conditioners to be installed with additional efficiency measures, and introduces new electric readiness requirements for certain building types. The ordinance also introduces requirements for certain existing single-family buildings undergoing additions and alterations to choose two measures from a menu of energy efficiency and electrification measures. Contact: Anushka Raut

### **4. Information Item – California Tribal Gap Analysis Report Update**

The California Tribal Gap Analysis (CTGA) report, prepared by Prosper Sustainably LLC and commissioned by the California Strategic Growth Council and the CEC, offers recommendations to strengthen the state's relationships with California Native American tribes. The CTGA study sought to identify tribal priorities, needs, and barriers in the areas of clean energy and climate change adaptation and resilience. An update will be presented of the CTGA final report findings, recommendations for the development, and potential processes for enhancement of State of California programs, funding, technical assistance, and other resources to address Tribal needs and priorities. Contact: Sierra Graves (Presentation: 10 minutes)

## **5. Demand Side Grid Support Program Guidelines.**

Proposed resolution adopting the Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The DSGS Program, created by Assembly Bill (AB) 205 (Stats. 2022, ch. 61) and expanded by AB 209 (Stats. 2022, ch. 251), provides performance-based payments to reduce customer net load during extreme events to help grid reliability. The DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition, clarify program requirements, incorporate lessons learned, and align program structure with the current funding level. Contact: Ashley Emery (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

## **6. Opt-In Certification: Soda Mountain Solar Project (Docket 24-OPT-03).**

Proposed order finding that the CEC Updated Staff Assessment, which includes the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), was prepared in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, the Warren-Alquist Act, and the CEC's siting regulations; and adopting the Executive Director's recommendation to issue a Statement of Overriding Considerations, certify the EIR, and issue a certificate for the construction and operation of the Bighorn Sheep Buffer and Relocated Battery Energy Storage System Alternative #2 facility. Assembly Bill 205 (Stats. 2022, ch. 61) established the Opt-In Certification Program, which authorizes the CEC to certify eligible clean energy facilities. The Soda Mountain Solar Project proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 300-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility, an up to 1,200 MW-hour battery energy storage system, and associated infrastructure to generate and deliver renewable electricity to the statewide electricity transmission grid on approximately 2,670 acres of land administered by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in San Bernardino County. Contact: Lisa Worrall (Staff Presentation: 15 minutes)

## **7. 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.

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

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

## **10. 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, appeal docketed, Case No. 26-1174 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir.))
  - 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)
  - xiii. State of California, et al. v. Wright, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:26-cv-01417-RS)

- xiv. State of Illinois, et al. v. Vought, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 1:26-cv-01566-MS)
- xv. In re Ample, Inc., et al. (United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Case No. 25-90817-CML)
- 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
- d. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss any judicial or administrative proceeding that was formally initiated after this agenda was published; to discuss whether to initiate litigation; or to discuss a significant exposure to litigation against the CEC.

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