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California Energy Commission
Business Meeting Agenda

May 13, 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. Load Management Standards Compliance Plans. Proposed order approving Load Management Standards compliance plans for two community choice aggregators, and adopting staff's recommendation that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Load Management Standards detailed in CCR, Title 20, section 1623.1 require regulated entities to submit compliance plans to the CEC for approval. Contact: Gavin Situ
 - I. Orange County Power Authority
 - II. Clean Energy Alliance
- b. Gateway Generating Station (GGS) Petition to Amend (00-AFC-01C). Proposed order amending the CEC's certification of the GGS project by modifying Condition of Certification (COC) AQ-SC12 and deleting AQ-SC13 (TN 224461); terminating the Settlement Agreement executed between the CEC and Pacific Gas and Electric (TN 224461); and adopting staff's recommendation that the project changes do not require preparation of subsequent or supplemental environmental review, and would not result in significant impacts on the environment or energy resources. Contact Hurshbir Shahi
- c. Qualus, LLC. Proposed resolution approving amendment 2 to agreement 400-24-001 for a no-cost time extension of one year and a novation changing the prime contractor from ADM Associates, LLC to Qualus, LLC, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The agreement scope and budget will remain unchanged. (General Fund Funding) Contact: Elizabeth Butler
- d. GRID Alternatives Greater Los Angeles, Inc. Proposed resolution approving amendment 3 to agreement ZVI-22-007 for a novation changing the grant recipient from GRID Alternatives Greater Los Angeles, Inc. to GRID Alternatives, as well as an extension of the grant term, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This \$1,099,211 grant funds the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at multi-family housing complexes in Los Angeles County. (General Fund Funding) Contact: Sarah Minami
- e. Natron Energy Inc. Proposed resolution approving a fifth amendment of grant agreement EPC-18-022, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This amendment consists of a novation to change the grant

recipient from Natron Energy Inc. to ExPost Technology Inc., a minor budget reallocation, and minor modifications to the Scope of Work. (Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Funding) Contact: Zoe Marshall

- f. National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (Sandia National Laboratories). Proposed resolution approving amendment 1 to agreement LDS-23-001 with Sandia National Laboratories to increase total funding from \$2,000,000 to \$2,900,000, modify the Scope of Work, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The additional funds will support added scope for Sandia National Laboratories to provide technical expertise on the various CEC-funded Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) deployment projects. (LDES Funding) Contact: Caitlin Planchard
- g. Recurve Analytics, Inc. Proposed resolution approving amendment 1 to agreement 800-23-004 with Recurve Analytics, Inc., to authorize an additional \$500,000 from the originally approved \$1,992,447 under the contractor's initial award and extend the contract term 12 months from October 13, 2026 to October 13, 2027 to support the CEC with analysis of customer energy use data, including advanced meter infrastructure data, and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from CEQA. This Agreement will help the CEC better understand the state's energy load, the impact of decarbonization actions and equipment on the grid, buildings, ratepayer energy costs/burden, and energy usage, as well as the performance of decarbonization equipment and measures, including distributed energy resources, under different applications. (General Fund Funding) Contact: Daniel Hills-Bunnell
- h. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Proposed resolution approving agreement RMBCFI-25-001 with SCAQMD, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The agreement will allow SCAQMD funds totaling \$6,000,000 to be used for EV charging infrastructure projects located in SCAQMD's jurisdiction that are awarded under California's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program. (State Air District Funding) Contact: Jonathan Bobadilla
- i. The Association of Women in Water, Energy and Environment, Inc. (AWWEE). Proposed resolution approving a \$1,500 purchase order to co-sponsor the 2026 AWWEE Annual Conference to be held in Monterey, including use of the CEC logo in co-sponsorship advertisements. AWWEE conference sponsorship supports professional development opportunities for CEC staff through meaningful in-person connections with leaders and experts in energy and energy-related fields. (Energy Resources Programs Account (ERPA) Funding) Contact: Tiffany Solorio

- j. The Regents of the University of California as Manager and Operator of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-044 with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for a \$2,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will fund the design, prototype construction, and laboratory and field testing of an advanced-refrigerant 120V heat pump water heater. Design considerations also include physical size/form factor, condensate management, and the incorporation of controls for dynamic grid response. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Harrison Reynolds

4. Information Item - Remarks from the Honorable Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Australia.

The Hon. Chris Bowen, MP, Australia's Minister for Climate Change and Energy, will share an overview of Australia's commitment to addressing climate change and ensuring clean, affordable energy for its citizens. Remarks will include highlights of the country's progress in decarbonizing the grid, the status of utility-scale and distributed battery storage, and the rationale behind Australia's bold new plan to offer free electricity from 12-3 PM. The Minister will also share opportunities and challenges as Australia continues the transition to a clean energy future. (Guest Speaker Presentation: 10 minutes)

5. Local Publicly Owned Utilities (POU) Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Draft Verification Results Reports Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024).

Proposed approval of Staff Draft RPS Verification Results Group 1 for Compliance Period 4, covering years 2021-2024, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The Verification Results Reports detail the procurement target, portfolio balance requirement, and long-term procurement requirement, as well as optional compliance measures, if applied. The reports provide the verification results for each of the 25 local POUs, inclusive of any exemptions used, as well as information on the renewable energy credits available and applied and the use and balance of excess procurement and historical carryover. Contact: Kevin Chou (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

6. Order Instituting Informational Proceeding (OIIP) for the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update (Docket 26-IEPR-01).

Proposed OIIP for the 2026 IEPR Update to authorize the Lead and Associate Commissioners and the Executive Director to gather and assess information for analyses for the 2026 IEPR Update. The 2026 IEPR Update will address the following three topics: Electricity Demand Forecast Update; California Geothermal

Resources; and Energy Equity & Environmental Justice. Contact: Sandra Nakagawa (Staff Presentation: 5 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 (1st 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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