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California Energy Commission
Business Meeting Agenda

July 8, 2026
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

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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. Equivalent Alternative for Relocatable Public School Buildings in the 2025 Energy Code. Proposed resolution approving an alternative procedure for demonstrating compliance with the 2025 Energy Code to the Nonresidential Appendix NA4 Compliance Procedures for Relocatable Public School Buildings, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The alternative procedure allows modeling the energy use of relocatable public school buildings for climate zone groups based on the performance in a representative climate zone, and oriented along the cardinal azimuths. The procedure aligns with Procedure PR 18-02 published by the Division of the State Architect on November 12, 2025. Contact: Trevor Thomas
- b. Approval of Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Reappointment and New Appointments. Proposed resolution approving one reappointment and three new appointments to the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) for terms beginning July 2026. The action includes the reappointment of Sarah Sharpe and the appointment of three new members to fill existing vacancies: Melanie Peck, Travis Gibrael, and Ryan O'Neill. The DACAG was established pursuant to Senate Bill 350 (De León, Chapter 54, Statutes of 2015), which directed the CEC and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to form an advisory group of representatives from disadvantaged communities identified under Health and Safety Code section 39711. The group consists of ten members and one tribal representative appointed by the Governor's Tribal Liaison. Proposed members are jointly selected by two Commissioners from the CEC and two Commissioners from the CPUC and are appointed by both Commissions at their respective Business and Voting Meetings. Contact: Ryan Briscoe Young
- c. Guidehouse Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement 800-26-001 with Guidehouse Inc. for a \$1,498,079 contract to provide technical support on energy efficiency methodologies, electrification and decarbonization analyses, demand response and demand flexibility, decarbonization impacts to energy systems, and enhancing the CEC's analytical products and processes. (Core Operational Improvement Awards (COIA) Funding) Contact: Brian Samuelson
- d. Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, California. Proposed resolution approving amendment 1 to agreement EPC-23-037, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This amendment is for a novation to change the recipient from Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation,

California to OurEnergy L.L.C., extend the term by 21 months (not beyond the liquidation deadline), change the site, amend the budget (no agreement funding augmentation), update the terms and conditions, and make minor modifications to the Scope of Work. (Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Funding) Contact: Sean Anayah

- e. Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-26-001 with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a \$4,095,671 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will support a scaled demonstration and evaluation of second-generation smart electricity meters equipped with distributed intelligence applications (DI Apps) at 9,000 residences within Pacific Gas and Electric Company's service territory. The project will assess multiple DI Apps and edge-computing use cases that are designed to improve customer affordability, support load growth and electric vehicle adoption, defer traditional distribution transformer investments, and reduce wildfire ignition risk. Contact: Sebastian Rubio Ruiz
- f. La Cañada Unified School District. Proposed resolution approving agreement 001-26-ECG with La Cañada Unified School District for a \$203,668.40 zero-percent interest loan, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This loan will finance LED lighting at the football stadium of La Cañada High School in Los Angeles County. This project is estimated to reduce 89,556 kilowatt-hours of electricity consumption and save \$20,598 in utility costs per year. (Energy Conservation Assistance Act - Education (ECAA-Ed) Funding) Contact: Cenne Jackson

4. Information Item - Department of Water Resources Update on Strategic Reliability Reserve Investments.

In accordance with Water Code section 80710(e)(2), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is required to provide a quarterly update to the CEC regarding current and planned investments being considered for California's Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program. DWR will present the status of its efforts in response to Assembly Bill 205 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022) and the activities taken. Contact: John Heiser (DWR Presentation: 5 minutes)

5. 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report - Docket 25-IEPR-01.

Proposed resolution adopting the 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2025 IEPR), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The CEC is required to prepare a biennial integrated energy policy report that assesses major energy trends and issues facing the state's electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuel sectors. The report also provides policy recommendations to conserve resources;

protect the environment; ensure reliable, secure, and diverse energy supplies; enhance the state's economy; and protect public health and safety (Public Resources Code § 25301[a]). The CEC prepares these assessments and associated policy recommendations every two years, with updates in alternate years, as part of the Integrated Energy Policy Report. Contact: Sandra Nakagawa (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

6. The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Irvine Campus.

Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-26-002 with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Irvine Campus, for a \$3,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will develop actionable intelligence-based advanced multi-horizon net-load forecasting models that explicitly predict Behind-the-Meter distributed energy resource behaviors, including solar photovoltaic, battery energy storage systems, and electric vehicles, with focus on improving short-term forecasting accuracy under high-variability events. This will help grid operators efficiently improve California's grid resilience and flexibility and deliver significant cost savings for ratepayers through enhanced load shifting and demand response. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Alejandra Rios (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

7. California Training for Residential Energy Contractors (CA-TREC) – GFO-25-901.

This federally funded solicitation offered funding to pre-existing and established contractor training programs that support residential electrification and energy efficiency. Projects will reduce the cost of training, increase accessibility for trainees, and remove barriers that prevent individuals from entering or completing existing training programs. These four grants, totaling \$9,289,757, provide access to high-road jobs and expand contractor availability in regions currently lacking qualified residential energy-efficiency workers. (Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding) Contact: Amber Pasricha Beck (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

- a. State Building and Construction Trades Council of California. Proposed resolution approving agreement FED-26-001 with the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California for a \$5,000,000 grant. This project will implement the California Residential Energy Advanced Technology Education (CREATE) initiative to train residential electricians, plumbers/pipefitters, and sheet metal workers to meet statewide electrification and energy-efficiency workforce needs. Funding will support 57 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees (JATCs) delivering residential-focused training aligned with California's housing, greenhouse gas reduction, and clean energy goals.

- b. Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. Proposed resolution approving agreement FED-26-002 with Los Angeles Trade-Technical College for a \$1,500,000 grant. This project will implement a Workforce Enablement Program that provides pathway navigation, barrier-removal services, and career-readiness support for students enrolled in residential clean-energy and energy-efficiency training programs. Services will improve persistence, completion, and employment transitions for students in communities in South and Central Los Angeles.
- c. State Building and Construction Trades Council of California. Proposed resolution approving agreement FED-26-003 with the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California for a \$1,500,000 grant. This project will implement the California Residential Energy Services Supporting Training (CRESST) project, which will provide childcare stipends and required safety tools to income-qualified apprentices in residential electrical; plumbing; and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning training programs. The purpose of this project is to reduce financial barriers that prevent apprentices from completing residential energy-efficiency training and will support workforce availability.
- d. Western States Council of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (Western States Council of SMART). Proposed resolution approving agreement FED-26-004 with the Western States Council of SMART for a \$1,289,757 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will provide for the procurement and installation of upgraded residential HVAC and heat-pump training equipment, develop new technician-to-contractor curriculum, and deliver contractor-readiness education at six JATC locations throughout California. This project will increase access to skilled contractors in energy-burdened communities by improving workforce training capacity, supporting technicians pursuing contractor licenses, and strengthening local availability of high-quality residential electrification services. The six JATC locations are Modesto, Sacramento (Northern California Valley), Fresno, Nipomo (Tri-Counties), Los Angeles/San Bernardino, and San Diego.

8. 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.

9. Executive Director's Report.

10. Public Advisor's Report.

11. 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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