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The California Energy Commission (CEC) is releasing the draft *California Energy Resource and Reliability Outlook 2026* report.

Background

The *California Energy Resource and Reliability Outlook (CERRO)* is the CEC staff's comprehensive, statewide assessment of energy resource planning and reliability across the electric system, fossil gas system, and petroleum supply. California is undergoing a significant energy transition to meet the state's 2045 carbon neutrality mandate. This transition impacts all fuel types, and the changes across these sectors are increasingly interconnected. This report includes energy assessments that identify opportunities and challenges, near- and long-term, and inform policy needed to reliably, affordably and equitably transition California's energy systems.

Previous editions of the CERRO have been more centrally focused on the challenge of electric sector summer reliability across a variety of scenarios. This report expands its scope to describe challenges with emerging loads, the opportunity for expanded demand flexibility, resource options for long-term electricity planning, and long-term electric reliability assessments. This report examines California's summer reliability outlook. The report also reviews fossil gas supply conditions, including projected

storage capacities relative to anticipated peak summer demand. Moreover, this outlook includes an analysis of petroleum resources, market trends, and overall system risks.

The CEC will review and consider comments submitted on the draft *CERRO 2026* report until July 14, 2026. The CEC will release a final *CERRO 2026* report in late 2026.

Public Comment

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [21-ESR-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/21-ESR-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=21-ESR-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

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