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NorCal NECA-IBEW Local 595 Comment Letter attached

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Alameda County Labor-Management Cooperation

14 July 2026

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update, Docket No. 26-IEPR-05
Energy Equity and Environmental Justice**

Dear Commissioners:

The Northern California Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NorCal NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 595 (IBEW L.U. 595) appreciate the opportunity to comment on Energy Equity and Environmental Justice, Docket #26-IEPR-05, of the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update. NorCal NECA represents over 100 Electrical Contractors in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, and IBEW L.U. 595 represents over 2600 Journey-Level Electricians and 225 Apprentices. Together, NorCal NECA and IBEW L.U. 595 jointly operate the state certified Zero Net Energy apprenticeship training center in San Leandro.

We ask the CEC commissioners to ensure the green jobs supported by CEC policies and funding are good jobs, that provide family-sustaining wages and benefits; access to quality job training, apprenticeship pathways; and include targeted hiring for tribes and justice communities. In addition, we urge the Commissioners to take steps that will strengthen labor compliance and workforce standards in Energy Commission programs and policies.

By instituting these two measures, the CEC can help ensure California's public investments in clean energy reducing emissions, while strengthening and growing the state's skilled workforce creating lasting economic opportunity, and ensuring taxpayer dollars support projects built safely, efficiently, and to the highest standards. Consistent labor compliance requirements and workforce standards are essential to achieving these objectives.

Specifically, we encourage the Commission to:

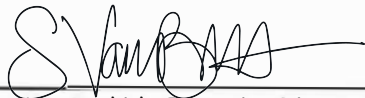
- Expand the use of high-road workforce standards that promote safety, quality, and workforce development, including prevailing wage, state-approved apprenticeship, Skilled and Trained Workforce requirements, EVITP certification;
- Develop standardized solicitation language that clearly communicates applicants' labor compliance responsibilities and workforce requirements across CEC funding programs;
- Provide prevailing wage and labor compliance training for CEC program staff, grant administrators, and funding recipients to improve implementation of these requirements; and

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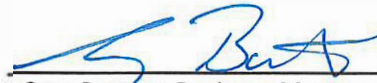
- Recognize labor compliance as a critical program function and allow grant recipients and third-party administrators to budget appropriately for compliance activities.

We commend the California Energy Commission for incorporating meaningful workforce standards into programs such as the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program. Those efforts recognize that public investments can advance California's climate goals while also creating pathways into family-sustaining, middle-class careers.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to collaborating with the CEC as it works to implement state's clean energy goals and strengthen workforce standards and policies.



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