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Notice of IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Energy Demand Forecast Inputs and Assumptions (Docket No. 26-IEPR-03)

Thursday, August 20, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Remote Access via Zoom™

<https://zoom.us/> Webinar ID: **815 4293 0450** Passcode: **2026**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop to review data inputs and assumptions for the *2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (2026 IEPR Update)* energy demand forecast.

This workshop is part of the *2026 IEPR Update* proceeding. Chair David Hochschild is the CEC's Lead Commissioner for the *2026 IEPR Update*. Vice Chair Siva Gunda is Associate Member for the California Electricity Demand Forecast.

The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below.

Agenda

CEC staff will present an overview of the inputs and assumptions that will be used in energy demand forecasting and modeling for the *2026 IEPR Update* proceeding. Presentations will include updates to economic and demographic inputs and historical energy consumption. The workshop will include discussion of utility energization applications (known loads) and data centers.

Another IEPR workshop will be held August 31, 2026, that focuses on the proposed scenarios and inputs and assumptions for the load modifier components of the forecast: behind-the-meter solar

and storage, electric vehicles, additional achievable energy efficiency, and additional achievable fuel substitution. A separate notice will be posted for that workshop.

A detailed meeting schedule will be posted before the workshop at [2026 IEPR Workshops, Notices, and Documents](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report/2026), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report/2026>. This notice, the detailed schedule, and all related documents can be viewed in the [docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-IEPR-03) for the 2026 energy forecast at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-IEPR-03>.

Background

Public Resources Code Section 25301 requires the CEC to prepare an Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) every two years that includes assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices. On alternate years, such as 2026, the CEC updates the statewide forecast of electricity demand. This workshop is part of the update for alternate years.

The CEC develops these assessments and forecasts of the state's electricity demand by incorporating factors that affect future demand growth, such as changes in economic activity, demographic trends, climate change, and energy and environmental policies.

Attendance Instructions

Participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

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Public Comment

Public comment will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. Depending on the number of members of the public seeking to make a comment, the facilitator may adjust the total time allotted for public comment and the time allotted for each comment.

To comment via Zoom, use the “raise hand” feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments on this workshop addressing the energy demand forecast may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Submit written comments through the CEC’s electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](#) for this docket at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=26-IEPR-03>. 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. If you need assistance with submitting comments, please contact the Docket Unit at docket@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5076.

All information submitted will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine; please do not include any personal contact information.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [26-IEPR-03](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-IEPR-03>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Integrated Energy Policy Report. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: July 28, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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