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California Energy Commission

Business Meeting Agenda

October 19, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

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California Natural Resources Building
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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. Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) for Confidentiality of Records. Proposed order instituting a staff rulemaking for amendments to CCR, title 20, sections 2501 through 2509, which sets forth the process for confidentiality of records submitted to the CEC and the terms of disclosure of CEC records. Adoption of the OIR is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it institutes a regulatory proceeding and does not approve a specific project. Contact: Briana Ziff

b. Contractors State License Board. Proposed resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding between the Contractors State License Board and the CEC to establish a flexible framework for coordinated communication, data sharing, and joint enforcement efforts aimed at improving contractor performance and supporting permitting and compliance with the Building Energy Efficiency Standards, and adopting staff's recommendation that the approval is exempt from CEQA. Contact: Michael Sokol

c. Office of Exposition Park Management. Proposed resolution approving amendment 1 to agreement 600-23-010 with the Office of Exposition Park Management (OEPM), and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This amendment will revise the Scope of Work (SOW), change the terms and conditions to allow for advance payment of funds, and reallocate the budget from electric bus chargers, solar photovoltaic (PV) equipment, and battery storage to the installation of approximately 300 Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports for light-duty EVs across parking structures at Exposition State Park, a 160-acre state property in Los Angeles. (Clean Transportation Program (CTP) Funding) Contact: Danny Leung

d. Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator. Proposed resolution approving amendment 1 to agreement ZVI-24-001 for a novation changing the grant recipient from Prologis Mobility LLC to Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This $11,003,014 grant supports the deployment of public medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicle charging and refueling infrastructure in Southern California. (CTP and General Fund Funding) Contact: Magdulin Dwedari

e. Rocky Mountain Institute. Proposed resolution approving amendment 3 to agreement EPC-20-23 with Rocky Mountain Institute, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This amendment will modify the SOW from working toward demonstrating an integrated multi-function

mechanical system pod to an ultra-low global warming potential (GWP) multi-function heat pump system utilizing R-290 or another low-GWP refrigerant for both space conditioning and domestic hot water applications. This amendment also includes a no-cost time extension, a site change, and adding the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program Terms and Conditions. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Felix Villanueva

f. Veloz. Proposed resolution approving agreement 600-26-001 with Veloz for a $50,000 contract for a one-year CEC membership. Membership allows the CEC to participate in member meetings, working groups, workshops, briefings, and other events; and provide input on EV awareness campaigns. (CTP Funding) Contact: Danny Leung

g. Vallecitos School District: Proposed resolution approving agreement 003-26-ECG with Vallecitos School District for a $808,420 zero-percent interest Energy Conservation Assistance Act Education (ECAA-Ed) loan, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The loan will finance a 62-kilowatt carport solar PV system at Vallecitos Elementary School in San Diego County. The project is estimated to reduce 99,674 kilowatt hours of electricity consumption in the first year, save $40,421 in utility costs per year, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 17.2 metric tons. (ECAA-Ed Funding) Contact: Stephen Banister

h. BoxPower Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-26-011 with BoxPower Inc. for a $4,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will fund the development and demonstration of an advanced distributed energy resource controller for flexible interconnection to enable increased hosting capacity, faster interconnection timelines, and lower ratepayer costs while enhancing community resilience. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Sean Anayah.

i. PacifiCorp. Proposed resolution approving agreement CER-26-005 with PacifiCorp for an $18,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will improve reliability and reduce wildfire impacts by upgrading existing overhead lines with covered conductors at two project sites located in Northern California and deploy advanced satellite vegetation monitoring to enhance PacifiCorp's vegetation management practices. (Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Funding) Contact: Tanner Kural

j. Element 16 Technologies, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-26-008 with Element 16 Technologies, Inc. for a $3,146,250 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will advance the field validation of sulfur electric thermal storage system integrated

with electrotechnology powered by renewable energy such as solar PV or low-cost grid electricity in its full form. The demonstration will be at Pacific Coast Producers tomato processing facility located in Woodland. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Anish Gautam

k. City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-26-006 with City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation for a $10,200,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 100 EV direct current fast charging (DCFC) ports at the Harbor City Interim Yard in Los Angeles to support local transportation agencies' transition to electric buses, while also helping meet transportation needs associated with the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. This project supports an existing agreement awarded under the CEC's grant funding opportunity, Zero-Emission Transit Fleet Infrastructure Deployment (GFO-20-602). (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Funding) Contact: Jessie Powell

l. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-26-007 with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a $5,608,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install ten EV DCFC ports and 22 Level 2 EV charging ports across two sites in Los Angeles to support local transportation agencies' transition to electric buses and non-revenue fleet vehicles, while also helping meet transportation needs associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. This project supports an existing competitive award under Section 5307 of the Urbanized Area Formula apportioned to Los Angeles UZA Carbon Reduction Program. (GGRF Funding) Contact: Jessie Powell

m. City of Los Angeles. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-26-008 with City of Los Angeles for a $2,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install approximately 100 Level 2 EV charging ports on light posts throughout Los Angeles to support the growing electrification needs of the region, while also supporting transportation needs associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. This project supports an existing agreement awarded under the CEC's grant funding opportunity, Convenient, High-Visibility, Low-Cost, Level 2 Charging (GFO-22-610). (General Fund Funding) Contact: Danny Leung

n. Highland Electric Fleets, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-26-009 with Highland Electric Fleets, Inc. for a $10,300,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install 119 EV DCFC ports across five sites in Compton Unified School District,

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, Moreno Valley Unified School District, La Habra City School District, and San Bernardino City Unified School District to support local educational agencies' transition to electric school buses, while also helping meet transportation needs associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. This project will support existing competitive awards from the Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project. (GGRF Funding) Contact: Jessie Powell

o. Los Angeles Unified School District. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-26-010 with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for a $5,700,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install 35 EV DCFC ports at the San Julian Bus Yard to support LAUSD's transition to electric school buses, while also helping meet transportation needs associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. This project will support an existing competitive award under the Zero-Emission School Bus and Infrastructure Program (ZESBI). (GGRF Funding) Contact: Jessie Powell

p. Centralia Elementary School District. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-26-011 with Centralia Elementary School District (CESD) for a $200,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install one EV DCFC port to support CESD's transition to electric school buses, while also helping meet transportation needs associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. This project will support an existing competitive award under ZESBI. (GGRF Funding) Contact: Jessie Powell

q. Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-26-005 with Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator for a $2,932,412 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install 32 EV DCFC ports, 16 of which will have vehicle-to-grid capability, at Los Angeles Unified School District's Newman Nutrition Center, bringing the site to full electrification capacity for the accelerated deployment of zero emission school buses, and increasing the capacity of charging infrastructure for regional readiness preceding the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. (GGRF Funding) Contact: Alex Wan

r. Rivian, LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement RNEV-26-001 with Rivian, LLC for a $4,548,470 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install, operate, and maintain 94 public EV DCFC ports across nine charging stations in Big Sur, San Clemente, Coachella, and six sites to be determined. (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program Funding) Contact: Jonathan Bobadilla

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

   In accordance with Water Code section 80710(e)(2), 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 Water Code section 80710 and the activities taken. Contact: John Heiser (Guest Presentation: 5 minutes)

5. **Local Publicly Owned Utilities (POU) Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Draft Verification Results Reports Group 2 Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024).**

   Proposed approval of Staff Draft RPS Verification Results Reports Group 2 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 18 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: Chris Metzker (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

6. **Coordinated Holistic Orchestration of Inverter-based Resources (CHOIR) - GFO-25-302.**

   This solicitation sought to fund technology development and demonstration projects that demonstrate and advance the capabilities of virtual power plants by coordinating high concentrations of inverter-based distributed energy resources to provide power quality services, alleviate grid congestion and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. The resulting EPIC grant agreements include two projects totaling $6,843,212. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Liet Le (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

   a. DER Security Corp. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-26-009 with DER Security Corp. for a $3,360,000 grant to evaluate an advanced virtual power plant (VPP) that can address reliability, affordability, and resilience challenges at the distribution edge, with particular focus on disadvantaged communities and low-to-moderate income populations. The demonstration aims to advance a cyber-resilient VPP capable of securely coordinating high concentrations of residential and commercial/industrial inverter-based distributed energy resources in the City of San Leandro.

   b. The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Riverside Campus. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-26-010 with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Riverside Campus, for a $3,483,212

grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This grant will fund the deployment, integration, and multi-substation field demonstration of a utility-integrated virtual power plant that orchestrates inverter-based distributed energy resources, to deliver distribution-level services across multiple PG&E substations and feeders serving disadvantaged communities under real-world operating conditions to avoid feeder-level and substation-level constraint violations.

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. McMillin v. California Energy Commission, et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 26CV013257)

vii. Zero Impact Solutions v. California Energy Commission, et al. (Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2026-01580935)

viii. California Energy Commission v. SGH2 Lancaster Project Company, LLC, et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 26CV018810)

ix. 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)

x. 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)

xi. 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.))

xii. 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)

xiii. 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)

xiv. Maryland Clean Energy Center, et al. v. United States of America (United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 25-1738 C)

xv. 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)

xvi. State of California, et al. v. Wright, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:26-cv-01417-RS)

xvii. State of Illinois, et al. v. Vought, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 1:26-cv-01566-MS)

xviii. In re Ample, Inc., et al. (United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Case No. 25-90817-CML)

xix. Trautwein v. Gavin Newsom, et al. (United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 8:26-cv-02188-SPG-CTS)

xx. State of California v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:26-cv-09123-JST)

xxi. State of California v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 4:26-cv-10778-JST)

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 section11126(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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