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Notice of Remote-Only Confidentiality Process Rulemaking Workshop

November 12, 2026
1:00 p.m.

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Remote participation instructions are below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will conduct a public workshop to seek comments from interested parties regarding proposed regulations for the confidentiality process that will be set forth in Title 20, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 20, Article 2, Sections 2501-2509.

The CEC aims to begin promptly at the posted start time.

Agenda

CEC staff will present the proposed regulatory changes and seek public feedback. Interested persons may present comments, statements, arguments, or contentions relevant to the proposed regulations at the public workshop. Comments at the public workshop may be limited to three minutes or less. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Background

As the state's primary energy policy and planning agency, the responsibilities of the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission ("California Energy Commission" or "CEC") include receiving data and other information from stakeholders, which may include confidential information, and processing requests for CEC records under the California Public Records Act. The current regulations concerning disclosure of CEC records were drafted in the 1980s and include outdated language referencing physical storage of records, do not reflect the renumbering of the California Public Records Act within the Government Code, contain provisions that are unnecessary

or not utilized, and no longer reflect current CEC practices regarding disclosure of records in accordance with the California Public Records Act and designation of confidential information.

Accordingly, the CEC proposes to adopt changes to the CEC's procedures related to records management and confidentiality contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 20, Article 2, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed rulemaking.

This rulemaking will consider amending the existing regulations, including changes such as:

1. Update references to the California Public Records Act to reflect renumbering of the Act in the Government Code,
2. Update references to physical records to reflect the CEC's practice of digitally creating and storing records,
3. Clarify certain aspects of filing applications for confidentiality, including deficiency of an application, the information required for processing confidentiality claims, update language regarding confidentiality of Native American cultural resources,
4. Streamline and clarify language to reflect current practices of the CEC in disclosing commission records; and
5. Other proposed related amendments.

Additionally, the CEC seeks to establish a more efficient three-step process that can complement future automation updates to the CEC's docketing system whereby a submitter identifies the specific portions of a record that are confidential and specifies the basis for confidentiality. Upon the successful completion of that three-step process, the record is then maintained as confidential by the CEC for the corresponding term set forth in the regulations. Upon receipt of a request to disclose documents submitted as confidential, the CEC will review the justification provided with the document to confirm that a legal basis to withhold the document exists. These proposed changes related to the submission of records to the CEC will make better use of staff time and resources, which will enable the CEC to respond to requests from the public more efficiently. The changes will also make the process for requesting confidential treatment more user-friendly with a pre-defined list of categories justifying confidential treatment.

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Public Comment

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Written comments may be submitted through the CEC's electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket at California Energy Commission: e-comment: Submit Comment, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=26-OIR-03.

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Oral comments 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. 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 may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **November 30, 2026**. A paper copy may be mailed to:

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