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Notice of Remote-Only Staff Workshop on Senate Bill 254 Clean Energy Infrastructure Program Environmental Impact Report

Thursday, November 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Remote Access via Zoom™

https://zoom.us/ Webinar ID: **828 9541 9474** and passcode: **515411**
Remote participation instructions are below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-only staff workshop to begin implementation activities for Senate Bill (SB) 254 (Becker, 2025), which directs the CEC to prepare a program environmental impact report (PEIR) to facilitate more timely and efficient environmental review of clean energy facilities while preserving strong environmental protections and meaningful public participation.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is estimated based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda
Staff will provide an overview of CEC siting programs, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and PEIRs, SB 254 statutory requirements, and program scope considerations. Following the staff presentations, state agency, expert, and industry participants will share perspectives on existing relevant programs, lessons learned, and best practices. Staff will solicit input during the time reserved for public comment.

A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at Docket No. 26-PEIR-01 available at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-PEIR-01, as well as on the CEC's Events Calendar available at https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2026-11/remote-only-staff-workshop-senate-bill-254-clean-energy-infrastructure.

Background
The CEC has permitted major energy facilities since the agency was established by the Legislature more than 50 years ago. In 2022, the Legislature expanded the CEC's permitting authority by creating the Opt-In Certification Program, information is available at

https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program. As part of that process, the CEC evaluates proposed projects under CEQA and determines whether a project should be approved and under what conditions.

Senate Bill 254 (Becker, 2025) directs the CEC to prepare a PEIR covering one or more types of clean energy facilities for which it has received an Opt-In application (Public Resources Code section 21159.30 et seq.). To date, the CEC has received applications for battery energy storage systems, solar energy facilities, and wind energy facilities. In preparing the PEIR, the CEC will consult with California Native American tribes and state, regional, and local agencies that have regulatory authority over the types of facilities being analyzed.

Attendance Instructions
Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

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Public Comment
Written comments may be submitted through the CEC's electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for the 26-PEIR-01 docket at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-PEIR-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. If you need assistance with submitting comments, please contact the Docket Unit at docket@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5076.

Oral comments will be accepted at 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 Friday, January 15, 2027**. 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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Tribal Inquiries or Consultation Requests. Email Sierra Graves at tribalaffairs@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 839-0386.

Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at Docket No. 26-PEIR-01 at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-PEIR-01.

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