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*IN THE MATTER OF:**Staff Workshop on CERI Program
Development*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS STAFF
WORKSHOPRE: Community Energy Resiliency
Investment Program Development

Notice of Staff Workshop
Community Energy Resilience Investment (CERI) Program
Development
September 12, 2023

Start Time 10:00 a.m. – End Time 1:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a staff workshop to elicit feedback on the [Community Energy Resilience Investment \(CERI\) program](#) development and proposed criteria.

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 an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

CEC staff are seeking input from load serving entities, industry leaders, equity experts, government agencies, investor-owned utilities (IOUs), publicly owned utilities (POUs), workforce development specialists, and other interested members of the public to inform the structure and requirements of the CERI program and forthcoming solicitations.

The workshop will introduce the scope, focus, and proposed evaluation criteria for the CERI program. Staff will invite participants to provide feedback on discussion questions and offer suggestions for consideration as staff further develop the CERI program.

A detailed meeting agenda, along with the workshop presentation and discussion questions, will be posted prior to the workshop under the [22-ERDD-01](#) docket at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-ERDD-01>.

Background

The CEC developed the CERI program in response to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Section 40101(d) Formula Grant Funding Opportunity for States and Tribes, the purpose of which is to prevent outages and enhance the resilience of the electric grid. Funding is authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Section 40101(d) and will provide a total of \$459 million annually to States and Tribes over a five-year period. The California Energy Commission (CEC) was appointed the sole entity within the State to apply for, receive, and administer State funding under Section 40101(d) of the IIJA.

The CERI program was developed to align with the information presented in the [August 11, 2022, Public Workshop](#). The DOE approved the CEC's application on June 21, 2023, and awarded the CEC funding for its Year One (\$33,788,376) and Year Two (\$33,708,915) allocations (\$67,497,291 total). The CERI program will prioritize projects in disadvantaged communities and communities with critical energy resilience needs. Projects funded will:

- Reduce the frequency and duration of power outages for communities across California and strengthen communities' ability to function during power outages.
- Ensure the benefits of clean, safe, affordable, and reliable energy are shared by all, particularly those in disadvantaged communities (DACs) and communities with critical energy resilience needs.
- Advance California's goal of achieving 100 percent clean energy through resilience solutions that deploy zero-carbon energy resources and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
- Create high-quality jobs with strong labor standards and protections that attract and train a skilled workforce for durable careers in the growing clean energy industry.

Attendance Instructions

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Public Comment.

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<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-ERDD-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.

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 September 29, 2023. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 22-ERDD-01 and Staff Workshop on CERI Program Development in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at 22-ERDD-01, at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-ERDD-01>.

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Dated: August 15, 2023, at Sacramento, California.

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