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# California Energy Commission Public Advisor's Office (PAO)

## Small Power Plant Exemption Status Conference: Walsh and Sequoia Data Centers



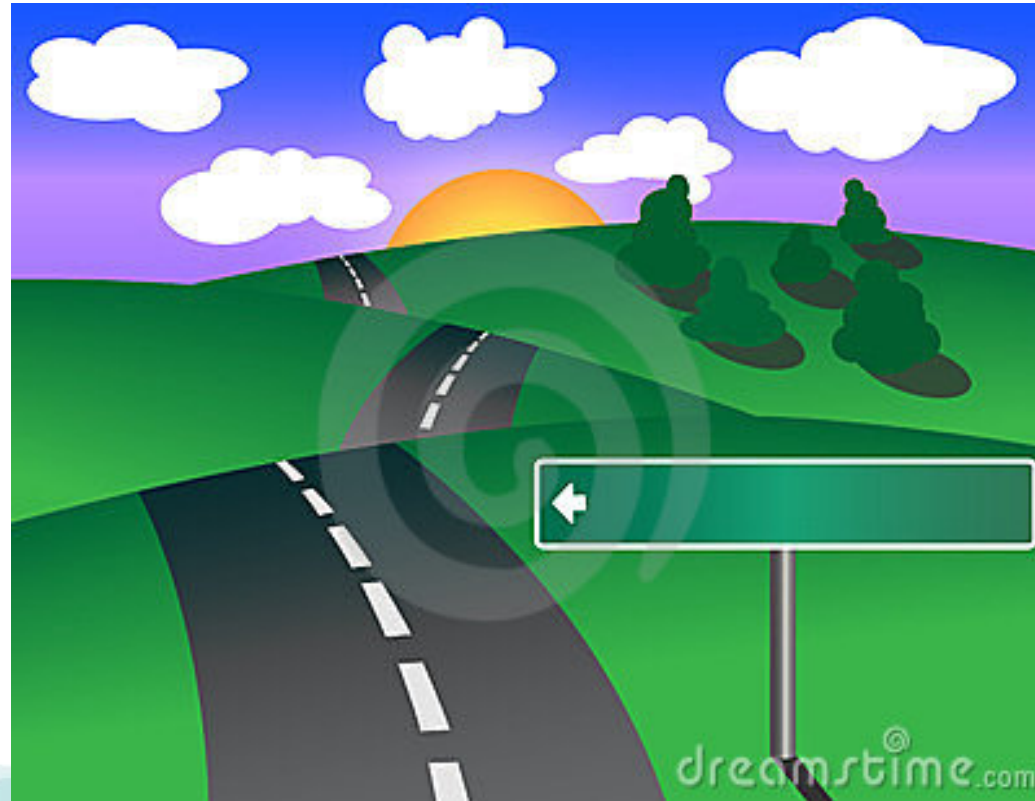
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# Agenda

**Purpose is to inform the public about how to navigate SPPE proceedings.**

## **Process:**

- About the Public Advisor
- Outreach Conducted
- Parties Involved
- How to Participate
- How to Obtain Info
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# About the Public Advisor

- Statutorily-mandated role (Warren Alquist Act, Public Resources Code §25217.1)
- Licensed attorney nominated by CEC and appointed by Governor for 3 years
- Duties (PRC §25222) & Additional Services:
  - Help public understand CEC processes
  - Assist public to participate in proceedings
  - Recommend to CEC approaches to engage public
  - Ensure timely notices to public
  - Identify missing stakeholders and help conduct outreach to them
  - Assist with access to language services & reasonable accommodations



# PAO is a Bridge between CEC and Public



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# Parties Involved in SPPE Proceedings

- **Committee** - CEC appoints a committee of 2 or more members to preside over the proceeding and carry on investigations, inquiries, or hearings. (Pub Res Code §25211)
- **Members** - Committee composed of a commissioner designated as the “presiding member” to chair the proceeding and another commissioner assists as an “associate member”. (CCR, §§1201, 1203, 1204)
- **Hearing Officer** - Committee may designate a hearing officer to help conduct proceeding. (CCR, §1205)
- **Applicant** - Any person who submits an application for certification. (Pub Res Code, §25101)
- **Intervenor** - Person or group that intervenes as a party to a proceeding. (CCR, §1211.7)
- **Interested Parties** - Any person who CEC finds and acknowledges as having a real and direct interest in a proceeding. (Pub Res Code, §25114)



# Public Outreach for Walsh & Sequoia SPPEs

- Posted status conference ad in English and Spanish in San Jose Mercury News
- Informed public thru CEC listservs; follow up emails; and calls to interested parties within 12 mile radius of data centers
- CEC's Cultural Resources Division shared the Notice of Receipt to California Native American tribes associated with the project area
- CEC STEP Division staff notified residents within 1,000 ft. of project site
- PAO sent these Notices to Interested Parties in our data center spreadsheet, including:
  - Local & state elected representatives; air district officials; parks and recreation departments
  - Chambers of commerce; community based organizations; environmental and social justice advocates; environmental health groups; asthma clinics
  - Local schools; places of worship; daycare centers; and soccer clubs





# How to Participate in SPPE Proceedings - Informal

- Sign up for project listservs to receive email notifications
  - Walsh Data Center <https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walsh/>
  - Sequoia Data Center <https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sequoia/>
- Attend events in person or remotely
- Share comments during public comment period; relate thru Public Advisor; or submit written comments to docket
  - Comments seriously considered by the Committee and Staff; valuable to establish a robust record
- Key opportunities for comments: studies and evidentiary hearing(s)





# How to Participate in SPPE Proceedings - Formal

- **Become an Intervenor**

- Intervenor is person or group that is a party to the proceedings
- Has similar responsibilities and obligations as other parties in proceeding
- An Intervenor, similar to the applicant and staff, may:
  - Present evidence and witnesses
  - Object to other parties' evidence
  - Cross-examine other witnesses, and
  - File motions

- **File Petition to Intervene**

- Anyone may file petition; not necessary to be or be represented by attorney (CCR, §§1206 & 1211.7)
- Petition is drafted by party; no specific form to file but must include required info (CCR, §1200.7(a))
- File early to meet filing and discovery deadlines set by Presiding Member (CCR, §1211.7)
- File with CEC's Siting, Transmission, Environmental Protection Division; include Docket number



# How to Obtain SPPE Info & Material

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- Go to [CEC docket webpage](https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/dockets/index cms.php?pageType=Powyr) for all SPPE proceedings info and material, located at:  
<https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/dockets/index cms.php?pageType=Powyr>
- Direct link to Walsh is:  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-SPPE-02>
- Direct link to Sequoia is:  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-SPPE-03>



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