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*IN THE MATTER OF:**Strategic Pathways and Analytics for Tactical
Decommissioning of Portions of Natural Gas
Infrastructure*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOPRE: Strategic Pathways and Analytics
for Tactical Decommissioning of
Portions of Natural Gas Infrastructure**Notice of Staff Workshop on Strategic Pathways and Analytics
for Tactical Decommissioning of Portions of Natural Gas
Infrastructure****November 17, 2021**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop to discuss and solicit feedback on research activities for two grant agreements awarded to Energy and Environmental Economic, Inc. (E3) and RAND Corporation (RAND) to develop pilot projects that will create strategic pathways and analytics for tactical decommissioning of portions of natural gas infrastructure. Both grants aim to identify tactical decommissioning opportunities with Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) that support the objective of gas system cost savings. Both projects will include identified community priorities and determine paths for electrification and tactical gas decommissioning.

The workshop will be held remotely, consistent with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) to improve and enhance public access to state agency proceedings during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction provided below. Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time depending on various factors.

Agenda

The workshop will introduce two natural gas tactical decommissioning pilot projects to stakeholders for their feedback. Representatives from SoCalGas and PG&E will provide an update on the latest efforts and outlook about natural gas planning while meeting state's climate goals. The CEC, research teams and utilities plan to achieve the following at the workshop:

- Present the general purpose and work plans for both pilot projects.
- Share initial thoughts on the natural gas decommissioning pilots and relevant data needed for decision making and site selection.
- Share lessons learned among project team members from past projects on strategic decommissioning.
- Discuss how the projects will fit into the gas utilities' broader decarbonization business transformation efforts.
- Offer stakeholders, experts, and the public the opportunity to provide input on additional considerations needed to identify and facilitate successful demonstration pilots.

A detailed workshop agenda will be posted prior to the [workshop](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-ERDD-01>.

Background

California is moving toward achieving California's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals by adopting and implementing building codes that reduce reliance on natural gas. As more cities enact plans to reduce GHG emissions, the state can expect to see more cities implement natural gas restrictions and natural gas consumption for core customers will continue to decline in the state over the next few decades. The expected decrease in natural gas demand will impose challenges on natural gas system planning, operation and maintenance, safety, and affordability to customers. The changing role of natural gas use underscores the need to develop long-term plans for strategically identifying candidate locations for phasing-out gas utility assets and to identify regulatory accounting mechanisms that will mitigate stranded costs for utilities while maintaining affordable gas rates for all customers. Decarbonizing California's natural gas system requires strategic planning to manage the transition to a clean energy future while maintaining system safety, minimizing societal costs and burdens, and ensuring equitable outcomes for California's communities.

The E3 team is working with PG&E to develop an analytic framework for selecting decommissioning sites and will identify at least three candidate pilot sites for tactical decommissioning in Northern California. These sites may include communities in Richmond, Oakland, Berkeley, or Tracy. By engaging with community-based organizations, the project will develop a deep understanding of customer priorities in relation to GHG reductions, energy costs and reliability, comfort, and health. RAND is working with SoCalGas to evaluate different decommissioning sites in Southern California. The project uses detailed gas system models with data on the socioeconomic conditions to analyze candidate communities located in Long Beach and Santa Monica. These projects will help stakeholders and decision makers to determine where

natural gas infrastructure retreat is plausible, economically viable, and customer supported so that we can maintain the safety, reliability and affordability of our gas system.

Remote Attendance Instructions

The workshop may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or visiting [Zoom](https://join.zoom.us) at <https://join.zoom.us> and entering the ID and password for the workshop listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2 or the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Link to Tactical Decommissioning Workshop:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/94046947568?pwd=OXA5SGhWQ1djYmRYVms2cE5La1JZdz09>

ID: 940 4694 7568

Password: meeting@10

Use the "raise hand feature" to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

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Zoom's closed captioning service will be enabled for the workshop. Attendees can use the service by clicking on the "live transcript" icon and then choosing either "show subtitle" or "view full transcript." The closed captioning service can be stopped by closing out of the "live transcript" or selecting the "hide subtitle" icon. Those joining by phone will not have the option to end the closed captioning.

Public Comment

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. If participating via Zoom's online platform, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. If you are participating by telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2021. 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.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting](#) page at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-ERDD-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). 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.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 19-ERDD-01 and Research Idea Exchange in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be sent to:

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Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 19-ERDD-01
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Sacramento, California 95814

Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at Docket No. 19-ERDD-01, at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-ERDD-01>

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