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Notice of Request for Comments on the Draft Scoping Order for the *2024 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update*

The California Energy Commission (CEC) biennially develops the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) that broadly assesses California’s energy system and puts forward recommendations to advance California’s clean energy future for all, with an update in the intervening years. Chair David Hochschild will serve as lead commissioner for the 2024 IEPR Update, with Vice Chair Siva Gunda serving as associate member. The lead commissioner is seeking comments on the proposed scope of the 2024 IEPR Update proceeding.

Proposed Scope

As described below, the *2024 IEPR Update* will provide updates on the California Energy Demand Forecast. Further, it will meet the statutory obligations set forth in Senate Bill (SB) 605 (Padilla, Chapter 405, Statutes of 2023) to evaluate wave and tidal energy.

- 1. Electricity Forecast Update:** The *2024 IEPR Update* will include an updated 15-year electricity demand forecast with the latest demographic and economic data. The updated forecast will include scenarios that estimate the potential impacts of the state’s decarbonization strategies and other sources of load growth, such as increases in the number of data centers in the state.
- 2. Wave and tidal energy:** As part of the *2024 IEPR Update*, SB 605 requires the CEC, in consultation with other state agencies, to:
 - 1) Evaluate the technological and economic feasibility of deploying offshore wave and tidal energy off the coast of California in state and federal waters.
 - 2) Identify project economics and workforce development needs.
 - 3) Identify a monitoring strategy to evaluate impacts to marine and tidal ecosystems.
 - 4) Identify suitable sea space for wave and tidal energy projects.

Further, SB 605 requires the CEC to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature that summarizes the *2024 IEPR Update* findings on wave and tidal

resources and may guide legislative and executive actions to smooth the way for, encourage, and promote these resources.

Legislative Authority

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 25301(a) requires the CEC to “conduct assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices.” These assessments and forecasts are used to develop recommendations for energy policies that conserve state resources, protect the environment, provide reliable energy, enhance the state’s economy, and protect public health and safety. The CEC includes these energy policy recommendations in its biennial Integrated Energy Policy Report that is issued in odd-numbered years, such as in the *2023 IEPR*.

Further, PRC Section 25302(c) requires the CEC to prepare an update in alternate years to report on issues raised in the biennial IEPR or to identify new energy issues that have arisen during the intervening year. The *2024 IEPR Update* will fulfill that requirement.

Key Statutory and Executive Order Initiatives

The *2024 IEPR Update* will reflect the many key policy initiatives that shape California’s energy policies, including:

- Senate Bill 605 (Padilla, Chapter 405, Statutes of 2023), which requires the CEC, in consultation with other state agencies, to evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits of using wave energy and tidal energy.
- Assembly Bill 1279 (Muratsuchi, Chapter 337, Statutes of 2022), which requires steps to ensure California reaches net-zero GHG emissions by 2045.
- Senate Bill 1020 (Laird, Chapter 361, Statutes of 2022), which mandates steps to ensure renewable and zero-carbon sources make up 90 percent of the state’s electricity by 2035.
- Senate Bill 887 (Becker, Chapter 358, Statutes of 2022), which requires the California Public Utilities Commission and CEC to provide guidance and inputs to support the development of additional transmission capacity needed to deliver renewable or zero-carbon resources expected to be developed by 2035, in coordination with the California Independent System Operator.
- Senate Bill 100 (De León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018), which accelerated the state’s renewables goal to 60 percent by 2030 and put into law the state’s commitment to a 100 percent renewable and zero-carbon electricity system by 2045.
- Senate Bill 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016), which amended the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. It called for a statewide reduction of GHG emissions of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

- Senate Bill 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which increased renewable procurement targets; required a doubling of energy efficiency savings by 2030; and directed the CEC to identify barriers to accessing the benefits of clean energy, including barriers low-income customers face in accessing energy efficiency, weatherization, and photovoltaics.

Proposed 2024 IEPR Update Schedule

The lead commissioner will direct the CEC staff to use the following general schedule. As workshop topics and dates are finalized, the CEC will post notices on its website and notify stakeholders at least 10 days in advance of each workshop date. The [schedule](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2024-integrated-energy-policy-report-update) will be posted and regularly updated at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2024-integrated-energy-policy-report-update>.

Task/Event	Date
Final 2024 IEPR Update Scoping Order released	April 2024
Adopt order instituting informational proceeding for 2024 IEPR Update	May 2024
Public workshops on specific topics	May 2024–December 2024
Release draft <i>2024 IEPR Update</i>	October 2024
Release proposed <i>2024 IEPR Update</i>	January 2025
Adopt 2024 IEPR Forecast	January 2025
Adopt <i>2024 IEPR Update</i>	February 2025

Participation in the Proceeding

Policy recommendations contained in the *2024 IEPR Update* will be based on the record developed during the proceeding, including data and technical analyses by staff and stakeholders. Analysis and information developed in other proceedings at the CEC and by other agencies will be incorporated as appropriate. Participants should use Docket Number 24-IEPR-01 and associated dockets when submitting information for the lead commissioner’s consideration which will be as follows:

- 24-IEPR-01 - General/Scope
- 24-IEPR-02 - Forecast
- 24-IEPR-03 - Wave and Tidal Energy

The lead commissioner encourages the participation of all interested and affected participants because public input is essential to ensuring a complete and thorough record. As in previous proceedings, the lead commissioner recognizes that close coordination with federal, state, local, and other agencies is critical to identifying and addressing energy infrastructure and related environmental challenges. The lead commissioner directs staff to continue working with these agencies to ensure their participation in this proceeding.

Public Comment

Written comments: Written comments on this draft scoping order must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2024.**

Written attachments and associated contact information (including address, phone number, 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.

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<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=24-IEPR-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Select or enter a proceeding to be taken to the "Add Comment" page. 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 in Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. Maximum file size is 10 MB.® (.pdf) file. Maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email or mail if you choose not to use the electronic filing system. Include the docket number **24-IEPR-01 and "2024 Scoping Order"** in the subject line and send to docket@energy.ca.gov.

If preferred, a paper copy may be sent to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-IEPR-01
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Availability of Documents

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