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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Community Energy Reliability and
Resilience Investment (CERRI)
Program Information Session*

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NOTICE OF CERRI PROGRAM
INFORMATION SESSION

RE: Community Energy Reliability and
Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program
Information Session

Notice of CERRI Program Information Session**January 15, 2025**

10:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host an information session to provide an overview of the Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program's background, outline project eligibility requirements, announce the program's forthcoming solicitation for Round 2 funding, and answer questions from participants.

The public can participate in the information session 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

The proposed agenda for the upcoming workshop is as follows:

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Introduce CERRI team and give meeting housekeeping.
2. **CERRI Program Background & Requirements:** Provide an overview of the program's funding source, eligibility requirements, and objectives.
3. **Round 2 Funding:** Provide an overview of the forthcoming Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) and application guidelines.
4. **Evaluation and Award Process:** Describe how applications will be evaluated and the tentative timeline for awards.
5. **Next Steps:** Provide guidance on how participants can begin preparing to apply for funding.
6. **Question and Answer Session:** Address questions from participants.

The Information Session will be recorded, and a copy of the presentation and recording will be posted on the [CERRI Program website](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/community-energy-reliability-and-resilience-investment-cerri-program) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/community-energy-reliability-and-resilience-investment-cerri-program>.

Background

The CERRI Program invests in deployment projects across California that increase community energy reliability and resilience, support California's climate and energy policies, improve energy justice and equity, and create good-paying jobs. Funding for this program was authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Section 40101(d).

In recent years, California has experienced increased electrical system outages caused by climate-related events such as increased wildfires, heat waves, and storms, or through public safety power shutoffs. These events and the state's aging infrastructure threaten grid reliability, public health and safety, economic prosperity, communities, and ecosystems. They also pose disproportionate consequences for the most vulnerable populations in both rural and urban areas.

The intent of this program is to invest in deployment projects that increase electric grid reliability and improve the resiliency of communities in California by reducing outage frequency, duration, magnitude, and associated community impacts while bolstering California's workforce and promoting equity.

The objectives of awarded projects must align with those of the CERRI Program. The CERRI Program aims to:

- **Reliability and Resilience:** Reduce the frequency, duration, and magnitude of power outages and strengthen communities' ability to function during power outages.
- **Community Benefits:** Ensure that the benefits of clean, safe, affordable, and reliable energy are shared by all, particularly those in tribal and justice communities (including disadvantaged and low-income) and communities with critical energy resilience needs.
- **Advancement of Energy and Climate Goals:** Support California's energy modernization and climate goals.
- **Workforce Development and Labor:** Create high-quality jobs with strong labor standards and protections that attract and train a skilled workforce for lasting careers in the growing clean energy industry.

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Public Comment.

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Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2025. 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 CERRI Program Information Session in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Dated: December 24, 2024, at Sacramento, California.



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