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## **Bulk Grid Interconnection: Status and Improvements**

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## **Statewide Perspective**

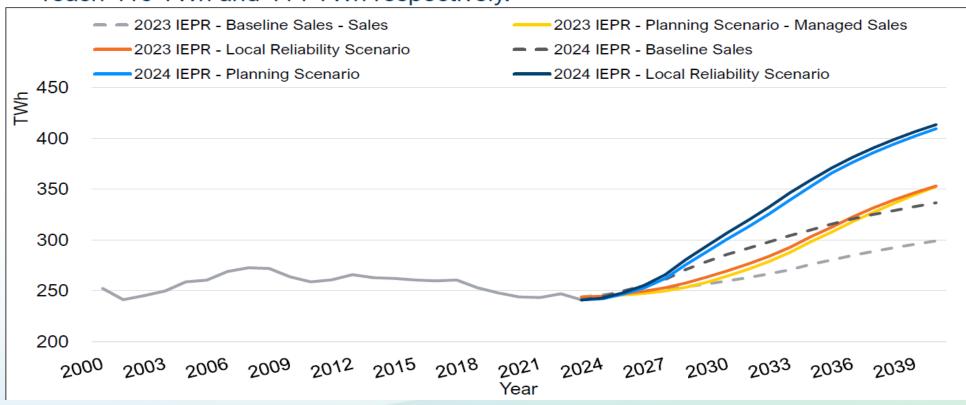
- Statewide goals
- CEC/CPUC/CAISO MOU
- Coordinated transmission system
  - CAISO balancing authority serves ~ 80% of CA electricity
  - Publicly Owned Utility balancing authorities serve ~ 20%





## Statewide Electricity Forecasts: Managed Sales

- 2024 IEPR Scenarios are higher than 2023 IEPR due to the higher baseline forecast and higher AATE.
- In 2040, the 2024 IEPR Planning and Local Reliability managed sales projections reach 410 TWh and 414 TWh respectively.





## Regional & Federal Engagement



- CREPC Transmission Collaborative
- Western Transmission Expansion Coalition
- Federal planning and permitting proceedings
- DOE Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program