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### California Energy Commission BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA



### **California Energy Commission**

### **Business Meeting Agenda**

November 12, 2025 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### In-person at:

California Natural Resources Building 715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium Sacramento, CA 95814 (Wheelchair Accessible)

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### THE CEC WILL CONSIDER AND MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

### 1. Public Comment.

Any person wishing to comment on information items (non-voting items) shall provide comments during this period.

### 2. Agency Announcements.

The Chair may announce relevant matters to the public and the CEC, including agency updates, events, and other opportunities. Discussion may follow.

### 3. Consent Calendar.

Items will be taken up and voted on as a group. A commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.

- a. Anthro Energy, Inc. Proposed resolution adopting staff's recommendation that Anthro Energy, Inc.'s California Production of Advanced Batteries for Zero Emission Vehicles project under the PowerForward Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Grant Program (PowerForward) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CALSTART, Inc. administers PowerForward under CEC Agreement ZVI-22-035 and has proposed a grant award to Anthro Energy, Inc. The CEC is required to make CEQA findings prior to CALSTART, Inc. executing a grant agreement with Anthro Energy, Inc. Contact: Taiying Zhang
- b. LiCAP Technologies, Inc. Proposed resolution adopting staff's recommendation that LiCAP Technologies, Inc.'s CALMADE: California Manufacturing for Activated Dry Electrode project under PowerForward is exempt from CEQA. CALSTART, Inc. administers PowerForward under CEC Agreement ZVI-22-035 and has proposed a grant award to LiCAP Technologies, Inc. CEC is required to make CEQA findings prior to CALSTART, Inc. executing a grant agreement with LiCAP Technologies, Inc. Contact: Taiying Zhang
- c. Refrigeration Service Engineers Society (RSES). Proposed order approving RSES's proposed update report for amendments to its acceptance test technician certification provider application in compliance with the 2025 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation this action is exempt from CEQA. Contact: Bhaskar Ale
- d. National Energy Management Institute Committee (NEMIC). Proposed order approving NEMIC's proposed update report for amendments to its acceptance test technician certification provider application in compliance with the 2025 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation this action is exempt from CEQA. Contact: Bhaskar Ale
- e. California State Pipe Trades Council (CSPTC). Proposed order approving CSPTC's proposed update report for amendments to its acceptance test technician certification provider application in compliance with the 2025 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation this action is exempt from CEQA. Contact: Bhaskar Ale
- f. California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP). Proposed order approving CALCTP's proposed update report for amendments to its acceptance test technician certification provider application in compliance with

- the 2025 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation this action is exempt from CEQA. Contact: Rinnie Kaur
- g. Local Ordinances for the Cities of Menlo Park, Sunnyvale, Mill Valley, and Ojai. Proposed resolutions finding the applications submitted by the City of Menlo Park, City of Sunnyvale, City of Mill Valley, and City of Ojai meet the requirements of Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2), section 10-106 of the 2022 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation that these actions are exempt from CEQA. Pursuant to these requirements, the CEC finds the local ordinances are estimated to save more energy than the 2022 Energy Code and that the corresponding cities have determined the local ordinances are cost effective. Contact: Anushka Raut
  - i. City of Menlo Park: The local ordinance introduces a new mechanical cooling system requirement for new and altered space conditioning systems in newly constructed and existing single-family homes that encourages the installation of an air source heat pump, while still allowing air conditioners to be installed with additional efficiency measures. It also requires additions and alterations to certain existing single-family buildings to include two energy efficiency measures from a menu of options unless they meet certain exceptions, and additional electric readiness requirements for existing residential building additions and alterations
  - ii. City of Sunnyvale: The local ordinance introduces a new mechanical cooling system requirement for altered space conditioning systems in existing singlefamily homes that encourages the installation of an air source heat pump, while still allowing air conditioners to be installed with additional efficiency measures. It also introduces additional electric readiness requirements for single-family residential new construction and accelerates adoption of 2025 Energy Code requirements for single-family residential heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) that pertain to system sizing and selection, defrost, and supplementary heating.
  - iii. City of Mill Valley: The local ordinances adopt the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) Tier 1 requirements for newly constructed residential buildings, nonresidential buildings, and existing residential buildings. They also introduce requirements for certain existing single-family building additions or alterations to choose from a menu of energy efficiency and electrification options.
  - iv. City of Ojai: The local ordinance introduces a requirement for certain existing single-family buildings with major additions, alterations, or combination of

- additions and alterations to choose from a menu of energy efficiency and decarbonization measures.
- h. Local Ordinance for the City of Mountain View. Proposed resolution finding the application submitted by the City of Mountain View meets the requirements of Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2), section 10-106 of the 2025 Energy Code, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. Pursuant to these requirements, the CEC finds the local ordinance is estimated to save more energy than the 2025 Energy Code and that the City of Mountain View has determined the local ordinance is cost effective. The local ordinance introduces a new mechanical cooling system requirement for altered space conditioning systems in existing single-family homes that encourages the installation of an air source heat pump, while still allowing air conditioners to be installed with additional efficiency measures. The local ordinance also introduces additional electric readiness requirements for new and existing non-residential construction. Contact: Anushka Raut
- i. EPC Power Corp. Proposed resolution approving amendment 1 to grant agreement EPC-20-039 for an assignment amendment to change the grant recipient from EPC Power Corp. to Smartville, Inc., to extend the term by two years, make minor modifications to the Scope of Work, change the location of the research and demonstration sites, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. (Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Funding) Contact: Benson Gilbert
- j. NV5 Global, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement 700-25-001 with NV5 Global, Inc., for a \$0 contract to provide delegate chief building official compliance oversight on the construction of the Willow Rock Energy Center for a contract cycle of five years. NV5 Global, Inc. will be reimbursed through a separate agreement with the identified project owner. (No Funding) Contact: Jack Bastida
- k. Clean Energy States Alliance, Inc. Proposed resolution approving Agreement 500-25-001 with Clean Energy States Alliance, Inc. (CESA) for a \$50,000 contract to renew the CEC's CESA Core Membership for one year. CESA is a national, nonprofit coalition of state, municipal and regional clean energy agencies and organizations working together to advance clean energy markets and develop clean energy technology. Membership includes work groups on key national energy issues, a travel scholarship to the yearly CESA annual meeting, and key energy-related insights. The Director of CEC's Reliability, Renewable Energy and Decarbonization Incentives Division will continue to have a seat on the CESA board of directors, representing the interests of California and the

- CEC. (Energy Resources Program Account (ERPA) Funding) Contact: Jordan Grimm
- I. West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. Proposed resolution approving Amendment 1 to contract 700-24-001 with West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. to add \$700,000 for technical services related to battery energy storage system training, which includes inspections, checklists, emergency response review, and failure analysis through a third-party vendor. (ERPA Funding) Contact: Jack Bastida
- m. Veloz. Proposed resolution approving agreement 600-25-001 with Veloz for a \$100,000 contract for a one-year membership. Membership allows the CEC to participate in member meetings, working groups, workshops, briefings, and other events; and provide input on electric vehicle (EV) awareness campaigns. (Clean Transportation Program (CTP) Funding) Contact: Danny Leung
- n. Buzze Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-006 with Buzze Inc. for a \$1,105,493 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 124 Level 2 EV charging ports across approximately 18 multifamily housing communities throughout California, including but not limited to San Diego, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Alameda, and Sonoma counties. (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Funding) Contact: Beau Blackwell-Mangan
- o. SWTCH Energy Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-007 with SWTCH Energy Inc. for a \$3,825,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 306 Level 2 EV charging ports across 34 multifamily housing communities in Orange, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara, and Riverside counties. (General Fund and GGRF Funding) Contact: Kacy Marrs
- p. Prospect Silicon Valley. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-008 with Prospect Silicon Valley for a \$5,399,931 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 1,603 Level 2 EV charging ports across approximately 55 multifamily housing communities in approximately 20 counties throughout California. (GGRF Funding) Contact: Julianne Lea
- q. Red E Charging LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement RNEV-25-003 with Red E Charging LLC for a \$1,603,815 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install, operate, and maintain 12 public EV direct current (DC) fast charging ports compliant with National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program

- requirements across three sites in Campbell, Stockton, and Winchester. (NEVI Formula Program Funding) Contact: Brittani Gallagher
- r. Pilot Travel Centers LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement RNEV-25-004 with Pilot Travel Centers LLC for a \$640,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install, operate, and maintain four public EV DC fast charging ports compliant with NEVI Formula Program requirements at one site in San Diego. (NEVI Formula Program Funding) Contact: Brittani Gallagher
- s. Collectron Energy LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement RNEV-25-005 with Collectron Energy LLC for a \$600,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install, operate, and maintain four public EV DC fast charging ports compliant with NEVI Formula Program requirements at one site in Corona. (NEVI Formula Program Funding) Contact: Jessie Powell
- t. Blink Network LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EVC-25-003R with Blink Network LLC for a \$940,800 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will replace three non-operational public Level 2 EV charging ports with three public EV DC fast charging ports and install an additional five public EV DC fast charging ports across two sites in Palmdale and South San Francisco. (Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program Funding) Contact: Jessie Powell
- u. Gridscape Solutions, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-036 with Gridscape Solutions, Inc. for a \$10,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will design, develop, and demonstrate a Hybrid Battery Energy Storage System (HBESS) at the Bay Area Vaishnav Parivar Temple and Cultural Community Center in San Jose and the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Tribal Government Complex in Valley Center. The HBESS will leverage mixed battery chemistries and advanced micro battery management systems to address the limitations of existing battery energy storage systems. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Alexander Wyckoff
- v. CALSTART, Inc. Proposed resolution adopting CEQA findings for CALSTART, Inc's CAT POWER Hub: The California Advanced Technology Portable Off-road Job Site Energy Resource Hub project, and approving agreement ZVI-25-005 with CALSTART, Inc. (General Fund Funding) Contact: Lauren Jansen
  - i. CEQA. Findings that, based on the lead agency, Sacramento County's, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which included a Mitigation Monitoring

and Reporting Program, certified on April 24, 1996, Sacramento County's Environmental Coordinator Memorandum dated April 10, 2017, and Sacramento County's Amended Use Permit PLNP2017-00049 (AUP) approved by Sacramento County on January 23, 2018, work under the proposed project presents no new or substantially more severe environmental impacts beyond those already considered and mitigated; and that following Sacramento County's certification and approval of the EIR and AUP, there are no substantial changes or new information requiring further review under CCR, title 14, section 15162.

ii. CALSTART, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement ZVI-25-005 with CALSTART, Inc. for a \$16,775,193 grant to develop and demonstrate an off-road, off-grid operations hub in Sacramento for mobile, machine charging, and battery energy storage systems (BESS) to support electric machines and equipment operating at two job sites. The project will install a minimum of 56 EV charging ports (Level 2, DC fast chargers, and mobile chargers), 12 acres of solar photovoltaic panels, and eight MW hours of BESS to support zero-emission construction vehicles across both job sites. This agreement is in coordination with a California Air Resources Board grant for zero-emission vehicles.

### 4. Information Item – Winter 2025-26 California Gas Reliability Assessment.

Staff will present its winter season reliability assessment of the gas transmission systems of Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E). Contact: Jason Orta (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes).

### 5. Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs).

Public Utilities Code section 9622 requires publicly owned utilities subject to Public Utilities Code section 9621 to submit their adopted IRPs to the CEC for review. Public Utilities Code section 9621 requires IRPs to meet certain requirements, including greenhouse gas emission reduction, renewable energy resource procurement, carbon neutrality, reliability, and other requirements. Contact: Bryan Neff (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes).

- a. Imperial Irrigation District. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Imperial Irrigation District IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.
- b. Glendale Water and Power. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Glendale Water and Power IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.

- c. Pasadena Water and Power. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Pasadena Water and Power IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.
- d. Silicon Valley Power. Proposed order adopting CEC's determination that the Silicon Valley Power IRP filing complies with Public Utilities Code section 9621.

### 6. 2025 Energy Code Compliance Provider Applications – 25-BSTD-01.

Proposed order approving California Home Energy Efficiency Rating Services (CHEERS) as an Energy Code Compliance Provider, approving CHEERS's 2025 Energy Code residential data registry, and adopting staff's recommendation that these actions are exempt from CEQA. Contact: Armando Ramirez (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes.)

## 7. Amendments to Building Energy Use Benchmarking and Disclosure Program Regulations – 25-OIR-01.

Proposed resolution approving amendments to the Building Energy Use Data Access, Benchmarking, and Public Disclosure regulations, and adopting staff's recommendation this action is exempt from CEQA. Staff is proposing amendments to CCR, title 20, division 2, chapter 4, article 9 to address unforeseen circumstances that may significantly damage or destroy buildings and affect building owners' ability to meet reporting requirements under the Benchmarking Program. Contact: Jeremiah Ellis (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes.)

### 8. Magnolia Power Project (MPP) Petition to Amend (01-AFC-06C).

Proposed order approving Southern California Public Power Authority's petition to amend the CEC's certification of the MPP by modifying and adding new Air Quality (AQ) Conditions of Certification (COC) and adopting staff's recommended findings that the project changes will not result in significant air quality, public health, or greenhouse gas impacts on the environment. The CEC staff assessment analyzed proposed efficiency upgrades to the combustion turbine generator equipment that could provide up to a 54 megawatt (MW) increase in electricity generation during high ambient temperature conditions and modify emission limits. It concluded that, with the addition of new and amended AQ COCs, including the South Coast Air Quality Management District permit changes, the effect of the project changes on the environment would be less than significant. Contact: Ashley Gutierrez (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

### 9. City of Burbank.

Proposed resolutions adopting CEQA findings and approving two grant agreements, DBA-25-003 and DBA-25-004, with the City of Burbank. (Distributed Electricity

Backup Assets (DEBA) Funding) Contact: Pamela Doughman (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

- a. Proposed resolution adopting CEQA findings and approving grant agreement DBA-25-003 with the City of Burbank.
  - i. CEQA Findings. Based on the environmental assessment and findings adopted for Magnolia Power Project's (MPP) Petition to Amend under the CEC's certified regulatory program (Docket No. 01-AFC-06C), the activities funded by the grant agreement will not have any significant environmental impact and no further environmental review is necessary.
  - ii. City of Burbank. Proposed resolution approving agreement DBA-25-003 with the City of Burbank for a \$23,293,654 grant to purchase, install, and report performance of an advanced compressor system upgrade to the MPP combined cycle natural gas fired power generation facility. The upgrade is expected to increase efficiency, improve hot-day performance, and increase the facility's effective power output by up to 29.9 MW.
- b. Proposed resolution adopting CEQA findings and approving grant agreement DBA-25-004 with the City of Burbank.
  - i. CEQA Findings. Findings based on the environmental assessment for the Southern California Public Power Authority's Petition to Amend under the CEC's certified regulatory program (Docket No. 01-AFC-06C) that the activities funded by the grant agreement will not have any significant environmental impact and no further environmental review is necessary.
  - ii. City of Burbank. Proposed resolution approving agreement DBA-25-004 with the City of Burbank for a \$12,755,466 grant to purchase, install, and report performance of an advanced gas path system upgrade to the Magnolia Power Project combined cycle natural gas fired power generation facility. The upgrade is expected to increase efficiency, improve hot-day performance, and increase the facility's effective power output by up to 24 MW.

### 10. EVgo Services LLC.

Proposed resolution approving agreement ARV-25-002 with EVgo Services LLC for a \$3,761,382 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will install at least 42 public EV DC fast charging ports across three sites located in disadvantaged or low-income communities in Los Angeles County. (CTP Funding) Contact: Jillian Romsdahl (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

# 11. Advancing Designs and Analysis of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Substations and Environmental Monitoring for Floating Offshore Wind – GFO24-307.

This solicitation sought to fund design and analysis of deep-water HVDC substations to inform standardized approaches for offshore electrical infrastructure, and to develop environmental monitoring technologies capable of detecting entangled debris in offshore wind areas. This item includes three projects totaling \$9,243,382. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Nathan Lubega (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

- a. Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-035 with Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC (as the manager and operator for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory) for a \$3,249,955 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will develop a standardized concept design for a floating, high-voltage direct-current (HVDC) substation design for California conditions considering electrical and structural performance, cost, risk, environmental impact, grid integration, supply chain, and logistics.
- b. Integral Consulting Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-037 with Integral Consulting Inc. for a \$3,000,000 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The project will develop entanglement and environmental monitoring and mitigation technology associated with floating offshore wind projects. Technologies include entanglement prediction modeling, a risk assessment framework, and a system of uncrewed underwater and surface vehicles equipped with sonar and visible-light sensors to monitor, identify and mitigate fishing gear and debris entangled within California's designated wind energy areas.
- c. Sofar Ocean Technologies, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-25-038 with Sofar Ocean Technologies, Inc. for a \$2,993,427 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will develop and test a novel, multi-modal system for detecting entanglements in floating offshore wind infrastructure at pre-established test sites in the San Francisco Bay and off the coasts of Half Moon Bay and San Francisco. This novel system will integrate sensors with artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms to enhance the efficacy of entanglement detection.

### 12. Lead Commissioner and Presiding Member Reports.

Lead commissioners on policy matters and presiding members on delegated committees may report to the CEC on relevant matters and discussion may follow.

### 13. Executive Director's Report.

### 14. Public Advisor's Report.

### 15. Chief Counsel's Report.

- a. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another person or employee.
- b. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss pending litigation, including the following matters:
  - i. Shasta County and Pit River Tribe, et al. v. California Energy Commission (Shasta County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV-0203737)
  - ii. California Fuels and Convenience Alliance v. California Energy Commission, et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000058)
  - iii. Interlink Products International, Inc. v. California Energy Commission (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000001)
  - iv. California Energy Commission v. KIGT, Inc., et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV018816)
  - v. City of San Juan Capistrano v. California Energy Commission (Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2025-01507450)
  - vi. State of Washington, et al. v. U.S. Department of Transportation, et al. (United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-00848-TL)
  - vii. State of New York, et al. v. Donald Trump, et al. (United States District Court, District of Rhode Island, Case No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS)
  - viii. State of New York, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al. (United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-11221-WGY)
  - ix. State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Department of Energy, et al. (United States District Court, District of Oregon, Case No. 6:25-cv-01458-MTK)
  - x. State of Arizona, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-02015-TMC)

- c. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to deliberate on a decision to be reached in the following proceedings the state body is required by law to conduct:
  - Morton Bay Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-01
  - ii. Elmore North Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-02
  - iii. Black Rock Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-03
- d. Pursuant to Government Code section11126(e), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss any judicial or administrative proceeding that was formally initiated after this agenda was published; to discuss whether to initiate litigation; or to discuss a significant exposure to litigation against the CEC.

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