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Comments regarding CEC's role in addressing the jobs impacts of state energy policy and public investment.

The CEC should define what its goals are regarding jobs, and develop metrics on jobs that address these goals. With no clear goals, it is difficult to choose appropriate job metrics and measurement methodologies.

The UC Berkeley Don Vial Center on Employment in the Green Economy suggests the following goals and corresponding metrics:

Goal	Metric or methodology
1. Incorporate jobs benefits into CEC analysis of alternative policies and programs	Forecast of direct, indirect, and induced jobs
2. Provide information to workforce training and education agencies and institutions to aid planning for training and education investments	Forecast of annual job openings, # of incumbent workers who need skills upgrading
3. Set measurable goals for job quality and job access	Document impact of policies on # of jobs, wages, and distribution of jobs
4. Set minimum competency standards for workers and contractors	Document current training, education, and experience of contractors and workers; assess performance; set standards through technical and stakeholder process

We also believe that there are inexpensive ways to adequately forecast jobs for goals 1 and 2, which rely on common economic development planning tools such as IMPLAN, and rules of thumb derived from studies that have already been conducted, like the California Needs Assessment for Workforce Education and Training.

For goal 3, we urge the CEC to work with the CPUC, which is exploring ways to document metrics on job quality and job access through reporting requirements in the Energy Savings Assistance Program.

For goal 4, we urge that the CEC collaborate with the California Workforce Investment Board, the

Employment Training Panel, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and other state workforce agencies, who are now actively engaged in sector strategy approaches to workforce development.