



# The Council's Policy Call

July 10, 2020



*Advancing Our Clean Economy*

# → Today's Agenda

## Council News

- Upcoming Council events
- Member working group report
- What's coming up
- Capitol update

## Issues/Topics

- CPUC Click-through proceeding (Greg)
- CPUC Custom Project Stakeholder Forum (Greg)
- CPUC COVID-19 EE Ruling (Serj)
- CPUC ESA comments (Serj)

# ➤ Upcoming Council Virtual Events

- Federal Legislation Update - July 15th
- CEDMC's Lunch & Learn Series:
  - Cost-Effectiveness Reform - July 23rd
  - Decarbonization Update - August 20th
- CEDMC's Industry Training - August 13th
- CEDMC's Fall Conference - October 22nd



For more information about all these events, please visit the Events page on our website at <https://cedmc.org/events/trainings/>

# ➤ Federal Legislation Webinar -- July 15th at 10 AM

- This 1-hour webinar will focus on various federal stimulus priorities that have been put forward by a number of DC-based organizations that advance energy efficiency
- Speakers:
  - Roger Flanagan, TRC
  - Ben Evans, Alliance to Save Energy
  - Kateri Callahan, Dynamic Energy Strategies
  - Jennifer Schafer, Cascade Associates
  - Moderator: Greg Wikler, CEDMC
- Webinar information:
  - Time: 10-11 AM Pacific
  - [Zoom Link](#)
  - Call in: +13017158592,,93272129064#



# ➤ Lunch & Learn Webinar -- CE Reform July 23rd at Noon

- This 90-minute webinar will address important cost-effectiveness (CE) developments that are happening around the country aimed at improving and modernizing the ways in which CE assessments are structured, valued and ultimately carried out for EE and DR resources
- Speakers:
  - Julie Michals, E4theFuture
  - Courtney Welch and Gabe Cuadra, eSource
  - Christa Heavey, E3
  - Moderator: Terry Fry, Cadmus
- Webinar information:
  - Time: 12-1:30 PM Pacific
  - Registration [Link](#)



# ➤ Member Working Group Report

- We currently have **9 active working groups** where we tackle various technical issues, shape positions, and strategize on how to engage with other parties

Working Group	Meetings over Past 2 Weeks	Upcoming Meetings
Solicitations	None	<b>July 21</b>
Custom Review	July 8	<b>July 22</b>
Capitol	July 1	<b>July 15</b>
Federal Legislation	July 8	<b>July 22</b>
NMEC	July 1	<b>July 15</b>
Market Transformation	None	<b>July 27</b>
DR Regulatory	June 29	<b>July 14</b>
DR Action Plan	July 1	<b>August 6</b>
Cost-Effectiveness	None	<b>July 16</b>

- All Full and Sustaining members are welcome to join any of our working groups; send Greg or Serj an email if you would like to join any of the working groups! ➤

# ➤ What's Coming Up?

- **Demand Analysis Working Group: "2021 CPUC Efficiency Potential and Goals Study – Modeling"**
  - Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
  - <https://energy.zoom.us/j/91751014642?pwd=eXlrNTIFdks1UklvVVkyMEIEVVFDZz09%E2%80%8B> (pw: 106853)
  - Dial-in: 877-853 5257; Webinar ID: 917 5101 4642
- **CPUC Solicitations Workshops**
  - Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 4:00 pm
  - Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 12:00 – 4:00 pm
  - Webinar, call-in details, agenda TBD; will be sent to members once available
- **CAEECC August Quarterly Meeting – ABAL Workshops**
  - August 5th (9 am – 12:30 pm): Northern/Central California ABALs – PG&E, BayREN, MCE, and 3C-REN
  - August 6th (9 am – 12:30 pm ): Southern California ABALs – SCE, SDG&E, SCG, and SoCalREN
  - Agenda + Registration: <https://www.caeccc.org/8-5-20-coordinating-committee-meeti>

## SOLICITATION NOTIFICATION

- **SCPPA RFP for EE Audits and Direct Install Services**
  - RFP released July 7<sup>th</sup>, responses due by August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm PT
  - [http://scppa.org/file.axd?file=%2f2020%2f06%2fRFP\\_Distributed+Energy+Resources+Demand+Management+Systems\\_06-29-2020+to+08-05-2020+Final.pdf](http://scppa.org/file.axd?file=%2f2020%2f06%2fRFP_Distributed+Energy+Resources+Demand+Management+Systems_06-29-2020+to+08-05-2020+Final.pdf)
  - Questions can be answered at [AuditsDIRFP@scppa.org](mailto:AuditsDIRFP@scppa.org)
- **Evaluation of TECH Initiative and BUILD Program RFP**
  - Pre-Release Service List Notification released July 9<sup>th</sup>; responses due by August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm PT
  - Will be released via the Ariba platform; forwarded to all providers registered in the SCE Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Management Application (PEPMA) database
  - Providers that wish to be added can contact Justin Du ([Xiang.Du@sce.com](mailto:Xiang.Du@sce.com)) to be forwarded registration information.

More details on additional events are available from the [Most Recent Council Newsletter](#)

# → Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela

Tiffany Phan



# → Click-Through Proceeding (A.18-11-005)

- On July 1, ALJ McGary held a Case Management Conference in the Click-Through Improvements Proceeding (A.18-11-015, et al.)
- The Council attended the conference, we filed for and were granted party status at that time
- On Monday 7/13, the Council, along with Mission:Data and 2 of our members (Ohmconnect and Home Energy Analytics) and possibly CESA will file joint comments addressing the following:
  - We favor expanding the IOU click-through programs to DERs and energy management providers
  - We strongly object to the IOUs' procedural delays given that much of what they argue has already been adjudicated over a decade in earlier proceedings
  - We also objected to the IOUs narrowing of eligibility of click-through providers
- Next steps: Scheduling order & ruling 7/22; PD Q1 2021

# CPUC Custom Project Stakeholder Forum

- On July 8, the CPUC hosted its quarterly Custom Project stakeholder forum
- Updates were provided about the CPUC's progress toward meeting the objectives of SB 1131 (Hertzberg, 2018)
- Sub working groups also reported progress made over the past few months; topics include:
  - Technical training
  - Small projects
  - Large projects
  - Statewide guidance
  - Projects review timeline
- [Link](#) to presentations and other materials

# ➤ CPUC EE COVID Ruling

- **Unexpected July 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruling modifies scope, process, timing due to COVID**
  - The IOUs will file new portfolio filings on September 1, 2021
  - The CPUC will consider implementing CAEECC 4-year filing cycle proposal (discussed in past Policy Calls) in February/March 2021, rather than in 2025 as previously planned
  - Scope will include "...a number of questions related to how to define cost-effectiveness requirements, and how they should be applied in the setting of potential and goals and budget approval"
  - CPUC will be reevaluating a number of factors impacting development of cost-effective EE portfolios in order to make portfolio design/implementation "...more realistic and effective"
  - Commission staff will consider challenges presented by the current COVID crisis into consideration when reviewing the ABALs
  - "2021 + 2022 PA budget recovery requests, energy savings forecasts, and program changes will be reviewed and approved or modified by either Commission staff disposition or resolution, whether or not they meet all of the criteria originally laid out in D.18-05-041."
  - The Council's April 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is quoted regarding the health of our industry
- **Next steps**
  - Comment on Ruling seeking comments on CAEECC proposal Ruling expected in August or September, with party Opening + Reply Comments due in October
  - Use any and all comment opportunities, ex parte discussions, open letters, and other means to reinforce the need for cost-effectiveness reform
  - Advocate for explicit criteria for ED in evaluating filed PA portfolios in light of COVID

# ➤ CAEECC 4-Year Filing Cycle Report

- **CAEECC working group submitting final report to CPUC**
- **Return to 4-year filing cycle**
  - EE filings will return to a 4-year cycle (likely beginning in 2026)
  - Budgets will be set for 4 years, with savings and cost-effectiveness on an annual cadence during each of the 4 years
  - IOUs will file annual reports and trigger-based filings (e.g. program closure, budget addition, missing savings/cost-effectiveness goals) instead of ABALs
  - Filing cycle will align w/potential & goals, ACC and other engineering updates
- **Contracting & market stability**
  - We have consistently stressed the importance of market stability, continuity of program delivery during CAEECC meetings
  - In all potential scenarios, third parties are allowed to contract beyond the end of the current cycle
  - In case of delay in approval of subsequent application, PAs will continue to implement programs with current approved budgets “at the average yearly budget of the currently approved four-year cycle until such time as the CPUC decides on the application”
- Final report: <https://www.caeec.org/4-2-2020-ee-portfolio-filing-wg-mtg>

# ➤ CPUC ESA Ruling Comments

- **June 25<sup>th</sup> CPUC Ruling on ED’s Staff Proposal to the ESA Program design**
- **Draft Staff Proposal recommends major goal changes**
  - Shift from aggregate savings goal to average treated household energy savings
  - Staff proposes savings goal increase by  $\geq 5$  percent each year compared to the previous year over the course of PY2021-2026 (initial savings goal not specified)
  - Maximize ESA household participation, coordination with other clean energy programs
  - Build universal low-income customer application system, capabilities for sharing application and energy usage information with program partners
- **Shift from participation to energy savings + participation goal**
  - This is a major shift from participation (i.e. homes treated) goal previously used
  - Will likely transform how ESA interventions are conducted
- **ESA will now use three tiers of EE treatments**
  - 1. “Basic”, includes existing ESA EE measures
  - 2. “Strategic”, includes HVAC + Hot Water systems w/ advanced controls, DR, etc.
  - 3. “Advanced”, includes windows/doors, advanced insulation, replacing HVAC systems
- **Comments are due July 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - Staff is leaning heavily on interested members to author comments
  - Please reach out to Serj if you are interested in providing comments!

## → Discussion and Q&A

# Thank you!

*Please contact us if you have any questions.*

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