

The Council's Policy Call

January 22, 2021



Advancing Our Clean Economy

→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Member Survey
- EM&V Forum
- Member Working Group Update
- What's Coming Up
- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

- CPUC Emergency Reliability Rulemaking (Greg)
- CPUC DER Procurement Pilot PD (Greg)
- EE Potential & Goals Study (Greg)

➤ Member Survey!

- By now you should have received an email blast from The Council providing a link to the member survey
- This survey is critical to ensuring you continue to receive the very best from your Council membership
- The survey also helps our leadership prioritize the strategic direction for the Council for this year and beyond
- We want to hear from you!
- Please complete the survey as soon as possible!

Section 1 of 6

1. 2020 CEDMC Member Survey

The Council will be updating its Strategic Plan to better align it with the needs of our members in the changing EE and DR industries and to develop an action plan for 2021. We strongly value the input from all of our member companies in developing the Council's Strategic Plan. We are building on the insightful contributions from members over the course of 2020 and from previous years to dig deeper into those strategic areas that are important to your company. To that end, we are asking for your help.

Please complete the following survey. It should take approximately 20 minutes of your time.

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→ Don't Miss Our Upcoming Virtual EM&V Forum!

Our Theme - Ready to Move Forward!

- Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 4th 10 am – 2 pm**
- We will focus on the convergence of evaluation and implementation issues related to three important topics:
 - Decarbonization
 - Distributed energy resources
 - NMEC site-based projects
- We have lined up our keynote speaker -- Ed Vine from LBNL and are finalizing a great list of expert moderators and speakers for each of the three panels
- You can register [Here](#) or go to the *Major Events* page on our [website](#)
- Sponsorships are still available. We will be sending out a call for sponsors later today. Contact Greg for more information.

➤ Member Working Group Update

- We currently have **10 active working groups** where we tackle various technical issues, shape positions, and strategize on how to engage with various parties

Working Group	Meeting Frequency	Staff Lead
Solicitations	Monthly	Greg
Custom Review	Monthly	Greg
Capitol	Bi-monthly	Serj
Federal Legislation	Bi-monthly	Greg
NMEC	Monthly	Greg
Market Transformation	Monthly	Serj
DR Regulatory	As Needed	Greg
DR Action Plan	Monthly	Greg
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	Serj
CAISO Advocacy Service (special member category)	Monthly	Greg

- All Full and Sustaining members are welcome to join any of the first 9 working groups listed above; contact Greg or Serj for more information

➤ What's Coming Up?

- **CEC AB 841 School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program (SEESP) Workshop**
 - January 22nd, 2 – 4 pm
 - [Zoom](#); Meeting ID; 966 5665 8863 / Passcode: ab841; [Agenda](#) and [additional information](#)
- **SCE Workshop: Draft Implementation Plan for the CA Statewide Lighting (SWL) Program**
 - January 25th, 10 – 11 am
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
 - Telephone: (213) 297-0156 / Meeting ID: 613720697#
- **MCE 2021 ABAL Workshop**
 - January 25th, 1 – 2 pm
 - Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jmSNERW1QHiSsCHXhm9DIA
- **SCG Workshop: Draft Implementation Plan for the Public Small & Medium Program**
 - January 26th, 10 – 11 am
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - +1 858-284-1506; Meeting ID: 104504146#
- **CPUC Clean Energy Financing Workshop**
 - January 28th, 9 am – 5 pm; January 29th, 9 am – 1:30 pm
 - [Detailed agenda](#), webinar details to be provided next week
- **Clean Coalition Webinar: What CAISO didn't tell you about the August blackouts**
 - January 28th, 10 – 11:30 am
 - Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7896999686759251981>
- **CPUC Solicitations Stakeholder Meeting**
 - January 29th, 10 am – noon
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - +1 213-297-0156, 488281134#

➤ What's Coming Up?

REGULATORY PROCEEDING UPDATES

- **Final Energy Efficiency 2019-2021 EM&V Joint Plan**
 - Posted to <https://pda.energydataweb.com/#/>

SOLICITATION NOTIFICATION

- **Energy efficiency program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**
- **SCG Local Residential Behavioral RFP**
 - RFP Release Date – January 15, 2021
 - Bidders Proposal Due – February 19, 2021
 - Selected Bidder(s) notified – April 2021
 - Access to RFP materials through PowerAdvocate
 - Point of contact: Brian Johnston (bjohnston@socalgas.com)
- **Market Transformation Administrator (MTA) RFP – DELAYED**
 - CPUC has indicated this RFP is delayed, likely until January

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

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela



Tiffany Phan

CPUC Emergency Reliability OIR

R.20-11-003

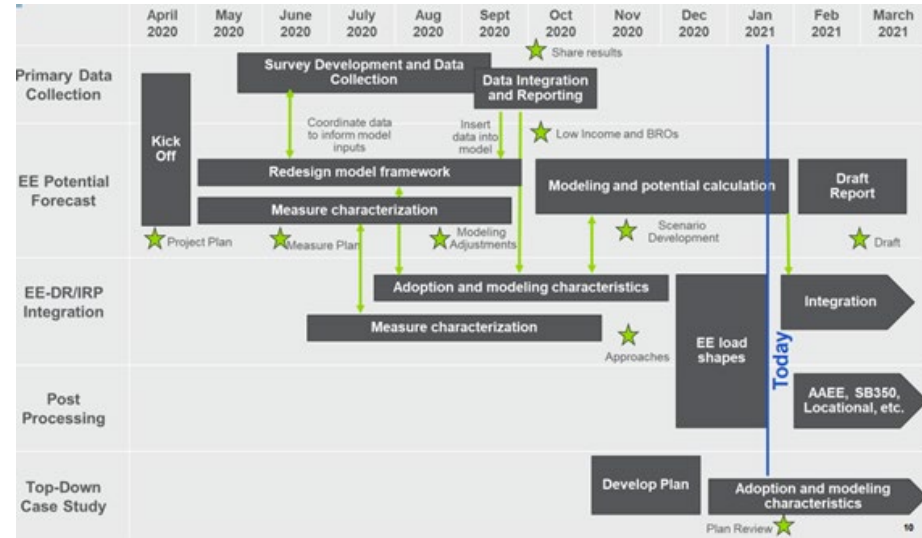
- CPUC opened new proceeding on 11/20 addressing Summer 2021 reliability
 - Considers temporary changes to existing processes, programs, and rules for DR, RA, and other initiatives to add resources for Summer 2021
 - This is a fast-track proceeding given the urgency of the situation
- Council submitted [Testimony](#) on 1/11 and [Rebuttal Testimony](#) on 1/19.
- The Council led a coalition of DR providers, including several member companies (Google, Leap, Oracle, Willdan) plus a few non-members (Tesla, NMR, and Voltus) to co-sponsor the testimony and rebuttal.
- Key issues we are addressing:
 - Reiterated the role of demand-side resources for in 2021 and 2022 reliability
 - Address gaps in Flex Alert media campaign
 - Emergency Load Reduction Program (ELRP) proposal
 - Liberating existing IOU DR program rules (e.g., eliminating procurement caps)
 - Remove IOU-imposed rules that inhibit BIP and CBP customer participation
 - Modify AC cycling program rules and drastically expand distribution of smart thermostats
- Next steps
 - Hearings next week Wed-Fri)
 - We might testify if other parties want to cross examine us (TBD)
 - We expect an expedited decision

➤ IDER PD: DER Test Pilots to Avoid/Defer Capital Investments

- On January 5, the CPUC issued a [Proposed Decision](#) (R.14-10-003) adopting pilots to test two frameworks for DER procurement.
- The PD adopts pilots (set to launch later this year) to test two frameworks for procuring distributed energy resources to avoid/defer utility distribution investments:
 1. A 5-year DER distribution deferral tariff pilot named the Partnership Pilot because of its reliance on several partnerships
 2. A 3-year standard offer contract pilot for procuring DERs to defer distribution investments
- The Commission formalized the guiding principles for the design of DER tariffs
 - They supported our positions on technology neutrality and leveraging of private investment guiding principles.
 - They also in effect endorsed our position on DERMS by essentially punting on any specifications or requirements regarding the use of DERMS for the pilots.
 - They are pushing forward on the rules regarding incrementality, which is a loss for us.
- Opening Comments are due on 1/25 and Reply Comments on 2/1
 - We will express support for the 5-year Partnership Pilot over the 3-year SO pilot.
 - We will again push back on the rules regarding incrementality.

➔ Potential & Goals Study Update

- P&G study workshop held on 1/20
- The study team is still on track
- Workshop topics:
 - Top-down scope presentation
 - Incorporating COVID impacts
 - Study reporting plans
- Link to presentation [here](#)



→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank you!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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