

The Council's Policy Call

April 16, 2021



Advancing Our Clean Economy

→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Spring Symposium
- IOU Business Forums
- News from the Board
- Member Working Group Report
- Member Services Summary Report
- What's Coming Up
- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

- CalTF Process Update (Guest Presenter Chris Ford, TEC)
- Developments on IDER Proceeding (Greg)
- Recent CCA Activity of Interest (Serj)

→ Get Ready ... Spring Symposium is just around the corner!

- May 6, 13 & 20; Noon to 1:30 each day; Zoom webinar
- This year's theme will focus taking action centered on 3 major topics:
 - Cost-Effectiveness Reform: Best Practices & Methods (May 6)
 - Demand Response at the Crossroads (May 13)
 - Aligning Climate Policy with Social Justice (May 20)
- We are finalizing the agenda and have confirmed speakers
 - Check our [website](#) for agenda and speaker updates
- Be sure to register! Click [here](#) to register

Virtual Spring Symposium

2021 Vision: Taking Action
Tools & Tactics to Make an Impact

May 6, 13 and 20, 2021
12-1:30PM each day

- Sponsorships are available; please contact Greg for more information

→ DR-Focused IOU Business Forums: Mark your calendars!

- Hear about new developments/plans from your utility clients, explore future opportunities, and participate in engaging dialogue
- Agenda for each meeting:
 - Plans for upcoming DR program filings
 - Integrating DR/DER activities into grid ops
- Mark these dates:
 - SCE: April 20; 11am-Noon
 - SDG&E: April 29; 2-2:30pm
 - PG&E: May 4; 11am-Noon
(Note the date change)
- Webinar information [here](#)



Business
Forum

➔ News from the Board

- The Board had its quarterly meeting on April 15th
- Staff reported that all accounting functions are back to normal following the passing of Lori McAdams earlier this year
- Plans are underway for a Strategic Board retreat in June
 - The Strategic Planning committee is incorporating the results of the recent Member Survey
 - We are assessing ways that we can to break the regulatory logjam negatively affecting EE and DR resources
- The Board continues to address and implement the Council's DE&I priorities



➤ Member Working Group Report

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	Monthly	Greg

- All WG meeting notes are available on the Members-only section of www.cedmc.org.
- All members are welcome to join any working group; contact Greg, Serj or Mary.

Member Services Summary Report: Q1 2021

- Member Calls (14 Total!): This table indicates for each type of member call the number of calls and the number of attendees completed
- Member Working Groups (47 Total!): This table reports for each type of member working group the number of calls and the number of members indicating interest to participate for each group
- Filings/Testimony (21 Total!): CPUC (17); CEC (3); CAISO (1)
- Newsletters: A total of 6 Newsletters were sent to all members (N=538)
- Events: We held the EM&V Forum on February 4th; We had a record of 233 registrants and 141 attended on the day of the event; The event was a technical and content success; Feedback from the post-event survey was very positive

Member Call	Number of Calls	Average Number of Attendees
Policy Calls	6	69
DR Calls	6	23
EM&V Calls	2	19
Total Member Calls	14	37 (average)

Working Group	Number of Calls	Number of Members
Solicitation Process	3	50
Custom Review Process	3	34
NMEC Rulebook	3	44
Cost-Effectiveness	3	36
Market Transformation	3	29
Capitol (State Legislation)	6	13
Federal Legislation	6	12
DR CPUC Advocacy	11	10
DR CAISO Advocacy	6	15
DR Action Planning	3	12
Total Calls	47	26 (average)

➤ What's Coming Up?

- **Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) Meeting**
 - April 16th, 1 pm
 - [Zoom Meeting](#); Meeting ID 965 5361 6816 / Passcode: DACAG; Telephone: (877) 853-5257
- **NAESCO Webinar: Great Savings Opportunities for Coolers and Freezers**
 - April 19th, 11 am – noon
 - [Registration](#)
- **UC Berkeley/Haas School Webinar: Where is Pollution Moving? Environmental Markets and Environmental Justice**
 - April 20th, 9:30 – 10:30 am
 - [Registration](#)
- **LBNL Webinar: Recent Research on Solar-Adopter Income Trends**
 - April 22nd, 10 – 11 am
 - [Registration](#)
- **AEE Webinar: State of Advanced Energy-Markets, Jobs & Lessons from the COVID Year**
 - April 28th, 10 – 11 am
 - [Registration](#)
- **CPUC Workshop: 2019 Com, Ind, Ag Custom (CIAC) Impact Evaluation [Work Plan](#)**
 - April 29th, 10:30 – noon
 - [Webex Link](#); Meeting ID: 187 982 0397 / Password: 2019CIAC
- **CPUC Workshop: DRPs Final LIP Reports for Compliance Year 2022**
 - May 3rd, 9:30 am – 4 pm
 - Agenda, video conference details, and other information will be distributed as the date gets closer.
- **CEC DAWG Workshop: 2021 Transportation Energy Demand Forecast (TEDF)**
 - May 5th, 1 – 5 pm
 - [Zoom Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 964 6006 5687 / Passcode: 260066; Telephone: (669) 219-2599
- **CEC EPIC Workshop: Co-Creating Clean Energy Research Opportunities With California's Communities**
 - May 10th, 9 am – 11:45 am
 - <https://hopin.com/events/co-creating-epic-clean-energy-research-investments-with-california-s-communities>

➤ What's Coming Up?

Upcoming Solicitations

- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**
- **SoCalGas RFA for the Industrial Solicitation**
 - Bidders Abstracts Due April 23, 2021
 - All Bidders are required to register in [PowerAdvocate](#) to access the RFA documents
- **Clean Power Alliance (CPA) – Demand Response Implementation [RFP](#)**
 - RFP webinar: Monday, April 19, 2021 at 3 pm; linked RFP contains information on how to access
 - CPA will be accepting written questions regarding this RFP until Friday, April 23, 2021 at 4 pm
 - Deadline for bidder proposals is May 7, 2021 at 4 pm. Proposals should be submitted to taquirre@cleanpoweralliance.org with a copy to contracting@cleanpoweralliance.org.

Notable Regulatory Documents

- **CPUC EM&V: Service Upgrades for Electrification Retrofits Research Plan**
 - Research plan available [here](#)
 - Comments due April 26th, 2021 at the above-linked page
- **CEC has posted links for reporting 2020 building energy benchmarking data**
 - Reporting link available [here](#)
- **CEC Load Management Proceeding: Economic Analysis of Load Management Standards**
 - Presentation link available [here](#)
- **CEC Workshop: IEPR Commissioner Workshop on California's Evolving Economic and Demographic Landscape**
 - Recording from February 2nd Workshop available [here](#)

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists

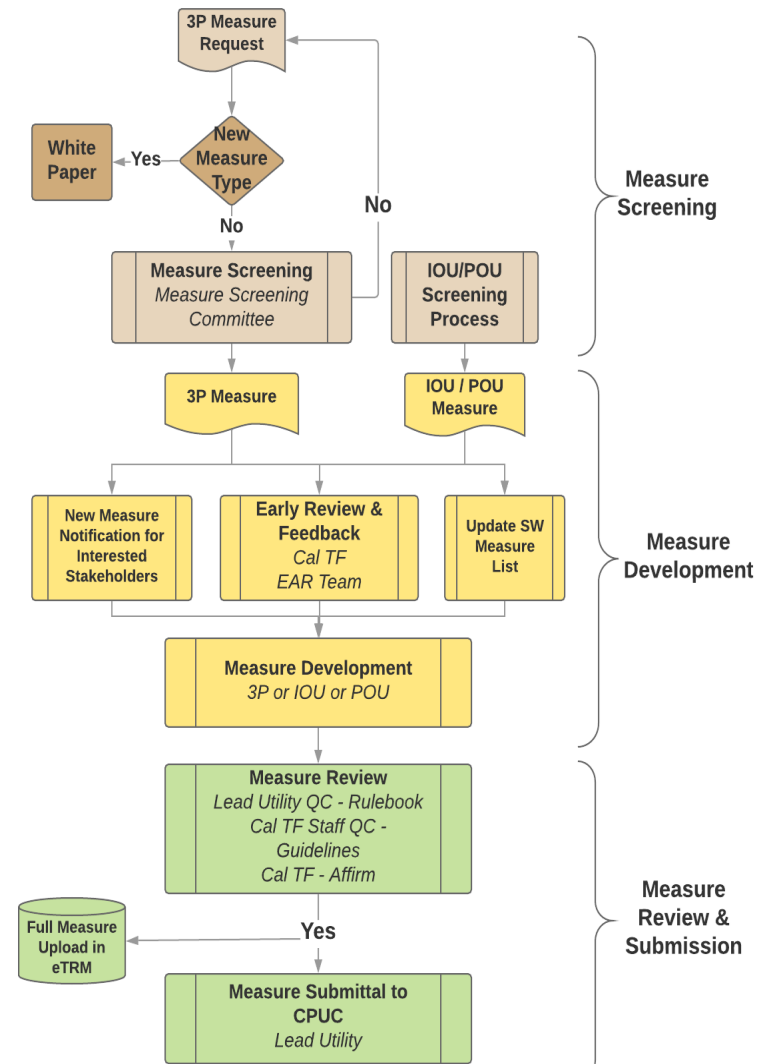


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➤ CalTF Measure Screening Committee

- **Purpose:** Review new measure proposals from IOUs and third-parties to determine if further support and development is warranted.
 - First stop on the road to inclusion in the eTRM
 - Committee of technical experts evaluates proposals for measure savings potential, applicability, costs, calculation methodology, market potential, cost-effectiveness, and uniqueness.
- **Voting Members (1 vote each)**
 - IOUs (PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, SoCalGas)
 - POUs (SMUD, LADWP)
 - Industry Groups (CEDMC, NAESCO)
- **Non-Voting Members**
 - CEC, CPUC, CalTF



→ CalTF Measure Screening Committee (cont.)

● Process

- Measure proposals submitted using [CalTF template](#).
- CalTF measure screening lead notifies committee of proposals for review during monthly meeting.
- Committee meets and reviews each proposal in detail.
- If needed - questions may be issued to proposer. Proposer may be invited to attend meeting in person.
- After review is complete, committee votes on advancing the measure. Any member voting “no” typically provides a reason and recommendations for the proposer to improve the measure.
- Votes have generally been unanimous.

● Next Steps

- After a measure is approved to advance, it will be reviewed by the CalTF team, noticed to stakeholders, and workpaper development commences.

➤ Developments on IDER Proceeding (R.14-10-003): IOU Joint Proposal

- On April 9, the IOUs submitted a joint [proposal](#) on the evaluation criteria for the Partnership and Standard Offer Contract Pilot efforts stemming from D.21-02-006, with pilots expected to be launched by later this year.
- The IOUs proposed various evaluation criteria to gauge pilot success and posed a number of questions to be addressed through the evaluations
- The ultimate objective of these pilots is to achieve:
 - Cost-effective procurement
 - Meet grid needs
 - Maintain reliable service
- The IOU proposal appeared reasonable based on our review.
- We will continue to monitor developments in this proceeding, including notification of solicitations.

Evaluation Criteria	Questions to Analyze
Procurement Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were sufficient DERs procured to meet the grid need? If not, why? Were DERs cost-effective compared to the planned investment? Of the projects selected for piloting, how many were successfully procured for? What is the percentage?
DER/Aggregator Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the DER perform to meet the full grid need? If not, what percent of grid need was met? Why did the DER not perform? Did the DER perform according to its contractual obligations? How long did it take the DER to respond? How did the DER perform when called upon day-ahead and day-of? How many dispatch calls were requested and how frequently were they met? Did technology or DER type affect performance?
Local Distribution Reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the DERs defer the wires investment? Was a contingency plan implemented? Were other measures taken to mitigate a violation (e.g., switching, temporary generation, etc.)? Did a violation (e.g., overload, overvoltage, undervoltage, etc.) occur? If so, why? Were there any service interruptions or was system reliability impacted? Did the DER impact operational flexibility? If so, how? Did the DER project impact asset health? If so, how?

➤ Recent CCA Activity of Interest

- **Recent Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) activity illustrates interesting developments in the rollout, acceleration of this relatively new type of PA**
 - CA now has [over 200 CCAs](#) across the state
- **San Jose Clean Energy election to administer programs**
 - SJCE recently filed a lengthy [Advice Letter](#) to administer two EE programs: a Single-Family Residential Program focused on low-income and disadvantaged communities, and a Commercial + Schools Program
 - SJCE is proposing a combined budget of >\$5M for these two programs
 - [Presentation](#) to San Jose City Council indicates a combined TRC of 1.05
- **East Bay Clean Energy active participation in the RA proceeding**
 - EBCE has [filed comments](#) and held [recent ex parte meetings](#) on this topic, marking an interesting expansion into DR
 - Advocate for a “waiver process” for RA obligations when LSEs are unable to meet their compliance requirements for reasons outside of their control
- **Solana Beach Request to Decertify CCA**
 - The City of Solana Beach recently filed a [Letter of Intent](#) with the CPUC to *decertify* its local CCA, Solana Energy Alliance, effective May 31st, 2021
 - First time Council Staff has seen such a development

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank you!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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