

The Council's Policy Call

May 14, 2021



Advancing Our Clean Economy

→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Spring Symposium
- Member Working Group Report
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- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

- CPUC Potential & Goals, Portfolio Modification PD (Serj)
- CPUC Potential & Goals Study Ruling (Greg)
- CPUC 2021 Avoided Cost Calculator Update (Greg)

➤ Spring Symposium – Two down and one to go!

- May 20; Noon to 1:30; Zoom webinar
- Our last session will be focused on aligning our state's climate policies with social justice objectives
 - We have a great lineup of speakers who will engage in a lively discussion covering the broad range of issues on this topic
- Check our [website](#) for agenda and speaker listings
- You can still register and have access to first two sessions via recording plus attend next week's sessions live... and at a discounted rate!
- Click [here](#) to register



➤ Member Working Group Report

Working Group	Meeting Frequency	Recent Meeting Date
Solicitations	Monthly	
Custom Review	Monthly	5/3, 5/12
Capitol	Bi-monthly	
Federal Legislation	Bi-monthly	5/12
NMEC	Monthly	5/3
Market Transformation	Monthly	
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
DR Action Plan	Monthly	
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	
CAISO Advocacy	Monthly	5/13

- 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.

➤ What's Coming Up?

- **Low Income Oversight Board Low Income Energy Assistance Programs Subcommittee**
 - May 14th, 3 – 5 pm
 - [Webex](#): Event Number: 187 437 0068 / Passcode: LIOB
 - Telephone: (855) 282-6330 / Access Code: 187 437 0068
- **U.S. DOE Better Buildings Summit: Better Buildings, Better Plants**
 - May 17th – 20th, 9 am – 11:45 am
 - Registration + agenda available at: <https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/summit>
- **NAESCO Webinar: Improve IAQ, reduce carbon emissions, and save energy through performance-based ventilation design**
 - May 17th, 11 am – noon
 - [Registration](#)
- **Biden Administration's Climate Agenda: A Conversation with Gina McCarthy**
 - May 18th, 9 – 9:45 am
 - [Registration](#)
- **CEC Draft Building Decarbonization Assessment**
 - May 21st, 11 am
 - Agenda will be made available [here](#)
 - Telephone: (888) 475-4499; Workshop ID: 954 4662 0608
 - [Zoom Link](#); Workshop ID: 954 4662 0608; Workshop Password: 480235
- **CEC 2022 Building EE Standards (Title 24, Part 1 & Part 6) Lead Commissioner Hearing**
 - May 24th, 9 – 5:30 pm
 - <https://energy.zoom.us/j/96244675126pwd=MVhHMUpXTStuWXFRT2t0Q1ZKOWRrQT09>
 - Hearing ID: 962 4467 5126
- **CPUC Workshop on Advanced DER & Flexible Load Management**
 - May 25th, 9 am – 4:30 pm
 - [Registration](#) and [Webex](#); access code: 187 190 9492

➤ What's Coming Up?

Upcoming Solicitations

- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**
- **PG&E's 2021 Distribution Investment Deferral Framework (DIDF) RFO**
 - PG&E has uploaded additional documents for the 2021 Distribution Investment Deferral Framework (DIDF) RFO. The documents have been posted to the Solicitation website at <http://www.pge.com/2021didf>.
 - June 14, 2021 @ 1:00 PM: Deadline for Participants to submit Offer(s) via Power Advocate
 - June 15, 2021: Deadline for Participants to submit Offer(s) to Independent Evaluator via USB flash-drive
- **SCE Spring 2021 DAC Green Tariff (DAC-GT) & Community Solar Green Tariff (DAC-CSGT) RFO**
 - RFO access: [DAC-GT](#) (event code 112082) & [DAC-CSGT](#) (event code 112083)
 - Offers due May 3rd by 12 Noon.
- **SoCalGas Public – Large Solicitations RFA Release**
 - RFA released April 23rd, 2021
 - Bidders Abstracts Due – May 28, 2021
 - All Bidders are required to register in [PowerAdvocate](#) to access the RFA documents
 - Bidders can apply through the “Opportunities” portal, search for the SoCalGas event “113623 – SoCalGas Large Public RFA”, click the key to request access to the event

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela

Tiffany Phan

➤ CPUC P&G, Portfolio Approval PD

- CPUC released [Proposed Decision](#) on P&G, portfolio approval process
- PD makes a number of important changes to EE portfolio process
 - Changes portfolio assessment metric to Total System Benefit (TSB)
 - Returns TRC to 1.0 threshold, providing some relief from ongoing c/e issues
 - Returns to 4-year filing cycles, as recommended by CAEECC (with significant CEDMC input) that will hopefully improve portfolio issues but will have to play out in practice
 - Assures EE funding for the foreseeable future, providing improved market stability
 - Segments EE portfolios into resource acquisition, market support, and equity (adopted as a direct result of CEDMC input) programs, enabling greater portfolio flexibility
 - Exempts market support + equity programs from cost-effectiveness requirements
 - Retains status quo of not requiring ALs for program changes except in certain cases (e.g. creating new program, closing program, making local/regional program statewide)
- CEDMC filed [Opening Comments](#) on 5/6, asserting:
 - 841 implementation should not count towards 60% 3P requirement
 - PD should address longer EULs for non-res BRO measures
- Party comments largely in-line with ours, except [PAO](#) + [TURN](#) who asserted:
 - 1.25 TRC threshold should be retained, market support programs should be eliminated
- CEDMC filed [Reply Comments](#) on 5/11, asserting:
 - PD appropriately moves (back) to 1.0 TRC, market support programs are critical
 - Cost-effectiveness should evolve to PAC (agreeing w/ [Recurve](#), [Gridium](#), [MCE](#))

> CPUC P&G Ruling Comments

- On April 23, the CPUC issued a [Ruling](#) on the Potential & Goals (P&G) study.
- Comments are due on Friday 5/21; replies due a week later.
- The CPUC held a workshop yesterday; topics included:
 - Low income study overview
 - High level methodology and results
 - Key topics methodology and results
 - Ind/Ag market saturation study
 - Market adoption/characteristics study
 - Fuel substitution analysis
 - EE-DR sensitivity
 - IRP integration
 - COVID-19 sensitivity
 - Policy discussion
- We are formulating our comments, and here are a few areas we plan to address:
 - The potential (reference scenario) is roughly equal to previous studies and raises the question about how are we going to meet SB 350 doubling requirements by 2030?
 - Did the study include all feasible and cost effective “potential” from industrial, custom and BROS measures? This issue also negatively affects the TSB calculations.
- We will also provide our perspectives to all of the questions posed in the Ruling

> 2021 Avoided Cost Calculator

- CPUC recently released [Draft Resolution E-5150](#) updating the ACC for 2021
 - Additional technical details are available [here](#)
- **Draft Resolution addresses three main areas of changes:**
 - (1) Incorporate new data from IRP modeling
 - (2) Fixes minor errors found in the 2020 ACC
 - (3) Updates all the traditional sources of ACC including natural gas price forecasts
- **Substantively, the updated values are cause for concern in that avoided costs are generally coming in below previous ACC iterations**
 - This will put more pressure on driving cost-effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand response resources.
 - While it will be hard to poke holes in the analysis as the methods and data sources all appear reasonable we need to reiterate that without substantial changes to cost-effectiveness methods, we are likely to see a further erosion in the net value of our resources.
 - This comes at a time when we really need to be moving in the opposite direction and encourage these resources to flourish in the marketplace.
- **Comments on Draft Resolution due Monday, May 24th**
 - Interested members can author language on CEDMC's behalf; please email Greg or Serj if you are interested in providing input.

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank you!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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