



## **CAPITOL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP MEETING 6/30/21**

### **Agenda**

1. State Budget
2. Assembly Utilities & Energy Oversight Hearing - June 16
3. PUC Commissioner Darcie Houck confirmed by Senate
4. Electrical System Safety Oversight: Wednesday, June 30th
5. CPUC Audit Request
6. PACE bill (AB 476) failed Committee (as shown below)

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **State Budget**

- AB 128 signed by Governor 6/28/21 (“placeholder budget”)
- AB 129 / SB 129 Governor's Desk
  - Amends AB 128 as “June 28th package”, but more budget items not closed out so budget technically not finalized
- Energy efficiency projects and deferred maintenance
- \$175 million University of California
- \$325 million California State University
- Trailer bill anticipated
  - \$250 million energy efficiency in industrial sector
    - Hope to implement similarly to FPIP tiering of projects
      - Tier 1: “drop-in ready”
      - Tier 2: developing technologies
  - \$125 million Food Production Investment Program (FPIP)

#### **Assembly Utilities & Energy Oversight Hearing - June 16**

- Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan questioned CPUC on how state is meeting SB350 goals
  - CPUC staff responded that we are not on track, but is a collaborative effort across regulatory agencies

- Chair Holden, Ting discussed difficult working relationship with legislature, Batjer surprised and apologetic
  - Alternative dispute resolution Ting sponsored 5 years ago still not implemented; another example of CPUC difficulty implementing legislative directives (at least, related to efficiency)

### **PUC Commissioner Darcie Houck confirmed by Senate**

- Confirmed unanimously 35-0

### **Electrical System Safety Oversight: Wednesday, June 30th**

- Joint legislative audit committee on PSPS/de-energization (see next item)

### **CPUC Audit Request**

- Assemblymember Salas makes Formal [audit request](#) for "performance audit regarding the CPUC's role in ensuring a safe and reliable electrical system"
  - Agendizing this request highlights issue

### **PACE bill (AB 476) failed to pass Committee**

- CEDMC joined coalition advancing “oppose unless amended” position due to concerns over audit requirement
  - Lack of clarity around costs, approach to audit
  - Split vote even among parties
  - PACE used unscrupulously in some cases
- CEDMC needs to explore a cohesive position on financing to advance EE opportunities while avoiding bad actors

### **Additional Discussion**

- Additional Senate appointments on July 7th: Siva Gunda (CEC Commissioner), Mary Leslie (CAISO), Jan Shori (CAISO)
  - CEDMC should support Siva, Jan
- SB 756 (Hueso) in consent
  - Increases income eligibility for ESA

### **Next Steps**

Our next Working Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am**. This meeting will recur on a biweekly basis every other Wednesday of each month at 8:15 – 9:15 am. An invite from [Admin@cedmc.org](mailto:Admin@cedmc.org) has gone out to all folks on the Working Group.