

The Council's Policy Call

July 23, 2021



Advancing Our Clean Economy

→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Council Events Update
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up
- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

- Revised Potential & Goals Study Results (Greg)
- Grid Modernization OIR (Serj)

→ The Council's Industry Training Course: Register your team!

- We will hold this year's industry training course virtually on Wednesday August 4th 1-5pm.
- Virtual course will include the following sessions:
 - History of EE (Ann McCormick)
 - EM&V origins (Ed Vine)
 - History of DR/DER (Greg Wikler & Luke Tougas)
 - Policy tools & resources (Serj Berelson)
- Register [here](#) or go to our events page at <https://cedmc.org/events/trainings/>
- We are encouraging members to reach out to clients and colleagues to encourage them to register.
 - This is a great opportunity for folks who are new to the industry to listen and learn



➤ Other Upcoming Council Events

- IOU Business Forums - Save these dates for virtual Forums with an EE-focus; look for more info soon!
 - PG&E: September 8th 10am - 12noon
 - SCE: September 15th 10am - 12noon
 - SDG&E: September 22nd 10am - 12noon
 - SoCalGas: October 5th 10am - 12noon
- Member-only Forum: Mark your calendars for Wednesday November 3rd 3-5pm at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center, w/ web option
 - Fall Conference - November 4th at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center w/ web option:
 - We are working on a topic-rich program
 - Contact Greg for info re: sponsorships
 - Registration will open by end of August



➤ Member Working Group Report

Working Group	Meeting Frequency	Update
Solicitations	Monthly	
Custom Review	Monthly	
Capitol	Bi-monthly	
Federal Legislation	Bi-monthly	7/21 meeting
NMEC	Monthly	
Market Transformation	Monthly	
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
DR Action Plan	Monthly	7/22 meeting
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	7/19 meeting
CAISO Advocacy	Monthly	

- 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?

- **SoCalGas Large Commercial Program Implementation Plan Stakeholder Webinar**
 - July 27th, 9 – 10 am
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
- **Microgrid Incentive Program Stakeholder Meetings**
 - July 28th, August 4th, and August 11th
 - [Registration and agendas](#)
- **Third Party Solicitations Stakeholder Forum**
 - July 28th, 8 - 12 Noon
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
 - (415) 906-0873 / Passcode: 764590961#
- **SoCalGas RCx+ Large Commercial Program Implementation Plan Stakeholder Webinar**
 - July 28th, 2 – 3 pm
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
 - (415) 906-0873 / Passcode: 764590961#
- **CEC IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Benefits From the Clean Transportation Program**
 - July 30th, 9:30 am
 - [Clean Transportation Program Benefits](#)
 - Webinar ID: 964 9550 5673; Webinar Passcode: IEPR2021
- **Joint IOU/Energy Division Workshop – Strategic Energy Management (SEM) Program Guidebook Changes and Results of SEM Cycle 1 Early Feedback Study**
 - July 30th, 1 – 3 pm
 - Call in: (415) 655-0002 / Passcode: 1460010759##
 - [Webex](#) – ID: 1460 01 0759 / Passcode: pBBRQBxW932
 - The guide and Study can be found [here](#)
- **PANC Webinar – PG&E's Procurement Future**
 - August 4th, 9 – 10 am
 - [Registration](#)
- **Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC) 2022 Major Update Workshop**
 - August 25th save-the-date; additional details forthcoming

➤ What's Coming Up?

Notable Regulatory Documents

• **SCE Launches Partnership Pilot Prescreening**

- “The Partnership Pilot is a five (5)-year Distributed Energy Resource (DER) deferral tariff which involves a tiered payment structure paid to behind the meter (BTM) DER third parties to dispatch DERs according to grid needs. The goal of the Partnership Pilot is to increase opportunities for aggregations of customer hosted BTM DERs to provide deferral services to avoid grid upgrades.”
- Applicants are encouraged to submit a prescreening application as early as possible to allow sufficient time for review of the applications.
- The Prescreening Application and other information regarding the Partnership Pilot can be found at:
 - Residential: sce.com/partnership-pilot-residential
 - Business: sce.com/partnership-pilot-business
- Prescreening Application Submission Deadline: August 14, 2021 @ 11:59 PM PPT
- Approved Aggregators Posted on SCE’s Partnership Pilot Website: September 15, 2021

• **Proposed Decision released regarding California Hub For Energy Efficiency Financing Programs**

- On July 1, ALJ Fitch issued a [Proposed Decision](#) Extending California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing Programs and Conditionally Approving Use of Platform for Non-Ratepayer Funded Programs in R.20-08-022.
- This PD grants the California Alternative Energy & Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) additional ratepayer funding to continue its existing California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing Programs.
- Also conditionally allows for the incorporation of non-ratepayer funds to expand the reach of the programs, extends investor-owned utility support for the programs through December 31, 2026, and requires additional evaluation of the programs.
- Opening Comments are due on July 21 and Reply Comments are due on July 26.

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Upcoming Solicitations

- **SoCalGas Large Public RFA – Re-Release**
 - Bidders Abstracts Due August 13, 2021
 - All Bidders are required to register in PowerAdvocate to access the RFA documents, submit questions, and submit an abstract.
 - Bidders can register in PowerAdvocate using the following URL: <https://www.poweradvocate.com>.
Apply to the event through the “Opportunities” portal, search for the SoCalGas event, click the key to request access to the event.
- **SoCalGas Industrial Sector RFP**
 - Bidders Abstracts Due August 27, 2021
 - Selected Bidder(s) notified – October 2021
 - All Bidders are required to register in PowerAdvocate to access the RFA documents, submit questions, and submit an abstract.
 - Bidders can register in PowerAdvocate using the following URL: <https://www.poweradvocate.com>.
Apply to the event through the “Opportunities” portal, search for the SoCalGas event, click the key to request access to the event.
- **SDG&E Open Solicitations**
 - 110851 Residential Single Family 2.0 Request for Abstract
 - 109322 Public Sector: Local Government Segment Request for Abstract
 - 112942 Agricultural Sector: Local Agriculture Request for Abstract
 - 114701 Industrial Sector Request for Abstract
 - 114703 Industrial Sector- Port Tenants Request for Abstract
 - More information can be found at SDG&E’s EE 3P Solicitations [website](#)
- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



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➤ Revised Potential & Goals Results

- **On July 13, the CPUC released updated results for the 2021 EE P&G Study**
 - These results reflect stakeholder comments from 4/23/21.
 - Corrections were made for GHG calculations, resulting in lower electric savings potential and higher gas savings potential from fuel substitution measures than was shown in the original draft study.
 - This study does not change the avoided cost values and relies on the prior 2020 ACC
- **The updated P&G results are available on PDA, along with a memo from Guidehouse that describes the key changes:**
<https://pda.energydataweb.com/#!/documents/2523/view>.
- **The CPUC will soon release an EE potential scenario using 2021 ACC values**
- **On July 22, the CPUC issued a Ruling indicating the following:**
 - PAs are directed to follow D.21-05-031, which specifies that 2020 ACC values will be used for program years (PY) 2022-2023.
 - CPUC decision on PY 2022-23 expected by 9/23/21 with ABAL filings by 11/1/21.
 - CPUC proposes that 2021 ACC values to be used for 2024-2027 portfolio budget applications.
 - Parties are invited to offer responses to specific questions around whether they agree with this hybrid proposal and if not to offer alternative pathways.
 - Opening comments are due **7/30/21**; reply comments will not be accepted.

➤ CPUC Grid Modernization

- **CPUC released [OIR](#) to “Modernize The Electric Grid For A High DER Future”**
 - “...Seeks to determine how to optimize the integration of millions of DERs within the distribution grid while ensuring affordable rates”
 - Will address unresolved/ongoing issues in DRP and IDER proceedings
- **Scope includes key issues impacting our membership**
 - Enabling swift evolution of grid capabilities and operations to integrate solar, storage, EVs/EVSE and other DERs to meet the State’s 100 percent clean energy goals;
 - Improving distribution planning, including charging infrastructure forecasting to support cost effective and widespread TE; and
 - Optimizing grid infrastructure investments by facilitating community input about planned developments, DER siting plans, and resiliency needs.
- **Proceeding will be broken down into 3 tracks**
 - Track 1: high-level policy issues involving DSO roles and responsibilities as well as IOU and aggregator business models;
 - Track 2: near-term evolution/improvement of DRP frameworks, analytic tools, and planning processes into a more holistic Distribution Planning Processes;
 - Track 3: grid mod investments in near/medium term, operationalizing smart inverters to leverage advanced grid services functionality, furthering the alignment of GRC filings with planned infrastructure investments identified during IOU distribution planning
- **OIR unanimously adopted June 24th; Opening Comments due August 16th**
 - CEDMC staff developing joint comments with AEE, potentially NRDC and other parties

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank you!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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