

The Council's Policy Call

September 3, 2021



Advancing Our Clean Economy

→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Upcoming Council Events
- Call for Nominations for 2021 Art Rosenfeld Award
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up
- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

- CPUC Email Ruling on Governor's July 30th Proclamation (Serj)
- CPUC Potential & Goals Proposed Decision (Greg)
- CEDMC's New Strategic Plan (Serj)

➤ Upcoming Council Events

- IOU Business Forums – The Forums will have an EE-focus; Please be sure to register:
 - [PG&E](#): Weds 9/8 10am - 12noon
 - [SCE](#): Weds 9/15 10am - 12noon
 - [SDG&E](#): Weds 9/22 10am - 12noon
 - [SoCalGas](#): Tues 10/5 10am - 12noon
- Member-only Forum: Weds 11/3 3-5pm at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center w/web option; registration coming soon!
 - Fall Conference - Thurs 11/4 at Oakland Scottish Rite Center w/web option
 - We are working on a topic-rich program
 - Sponsorships are available; more info [here](#)
 - Registration is now open! Register [here](#)



→ Art Rosenfeld Award – Call for Nominations

- This special award was launched by the Council in 2014 to recognize outstanding individuals who have modeled their activities and contributions to the efficiency and demand management industry in the spirit of the late Arthur Rosenfeld
- We are asking members to submit nominations
 - A link to the nomination form can be found [here](#)
 - **We extended the deadline to 9/30 so please submit your nomination(s)!**
 - The winner will be announced at the Fall Conference



➤ Member Working Group Report

Working Group	Meeting Frequency	Update
Solicitations	Monthly	
Custom Review	Monthly	9/1 meeting
Capitol	Bi-monthly	
Federal Legislation	Bi-monthly	9/1 meeting
NMEC	Monthly	9/1 meeting
Market Transformation	Monthly	
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
DR Action Plan	Monthly	
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	8/23 meeting
CAISO Advocacy	Monthly	

- Update on CAEECC activities, including *Market Support* and *Equity* metrics Working Groups.
- 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 Kira.

➤ What's Coming Up?

- **UC Berkeley Haas School of Business: Economics of Energy and the Environment Education Course**
 - September 7 – 10
 - [Registration](#)
- **Statewide State of California Energy Strategy and Support Program Public Webinar**
 - September 15, 1 – 2 pm
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Joint IOUs + Nexant ESA MF-CAM Process Evaluation – Draft Research Plan**
 - September 9, 10 – 11 am
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - Draft Evaluation plan can be found [here](#)
- **CEC Principles Working Group #3**
 - September 13, 9 – 11 am
 - [Zoom](#) / Meeting ID: 912 5885 1488 / Passcode: PWG02
 - More information about this working group can be found [here](#).
- **Joint IOU Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG) Primer**
 - September 13, 10 am – noon
 - [Microsoft Teams](#); Call-in: (213) 297-0156 / Passcode: 687606847#
- **CEC DAWG Workshop on EV Charging for Transportation Forecasts**
 - September 14, 1 – 5 pm
 - [Zoom](#); Call-in: (213) 338-8477 / Meeting ID: 951 6620 9024 / Passcode: 236015
- **SDG&E Distribution Planning Advisory Group Meeting**
 - September 15, 10 am – 4 pm
 - [Microsoft Teams](#); Call-in: (858) 284-1506 / Passcode: 728515958#
- **PANC Virtual Monthly Meeting – SCE's Procurement: A Promising Future (Tara Kaushik, SCE)**
 - September 15, 12 – 1 pm
 - [Registration](#)
- **SCE Distribution Planning Advisory Group Meeting**
 - September 17, 10 am – 4 pm
 - [Microsoft Teams](#); Call-in: (213) 297-0156 / Passcode: 708560693#

➤ What's Coming Up?

Notable Regulatory Documents

- **Email Ruling withdraws closure of IDER proceeding, scheduling evidentiary hearings**
 - ALJ Hymes issues this Email Ruling on August 17th
 - Notes that delays in issuing a second new rulemaking (in tandem with the High DER grid modernization OIR) around the Avoided Cost Calculator and cost-effectiveness has led to the CPUC withdrawing the Proposed Order closing the IDER proceeding
 - A second anticipated rulemaking that would continue the cost-effectiveness framework activities, including the biennial major update of the Avoided Cost Calculator
 - Email Ruling establishes Friday, November 5, 2021 at 10:00 am and continuing on Monday, November 8, 2021 and Tuesday, November 9, 2021 for evidentiary hearings around the ACC
- **CPUC Microgrid Ruling in response to Governor's July 30th Proclamation**
 - On August 23, 2021, ALJ Rizzo issued a Ruling on Potential Microgrid & Resiliency Solutions for Commission Reliability Action to Address Governor Newsom's July 30, 2021 Proclamation of a State Emergency.
 - This Ruling solicits comments from interested parties on policy questions and proposals from parties for specific CPUC action(s) that may result in resiliency and microgrid projects installed and delivering reliability benefits by Summer 2022 and/or Summer 2023. The proposals may involve tariff modifications, or changes to CPUC rules or requirements.
 - Parties are directed to respond to this ruling with specific proposals for actions the CPUC can take by the end of 2021, filed in the form of comments in response to this ruling by September 10, 2021. Parties may reply to each other's proposals by filing Opening Comments by September 24, 2021. Lastly, parties may file Reply Comments on October 1, 2021.
- **August 25th Avoided Cost Calculator workshop recording + slides**
 - Available here; thanks Willdan!
- **CAEECC Full Quarterly Meeting 9/2**
 - Presentations available here

➤ Upcoming Solicitations

- **SoCalGas Marketplace Solicitation Request for Abstract (RFA)**
 - On August 20, SoCalGas released its RAF for the Marketplace Solicitation.
 - All bidders are required to register in [PowerAdvocate](#)
 - Bidders Abstracts are due on September 24, 2021.
- **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](#)
- **California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency ([CalSHAPE](#)) Plumbing Program**
 - Now accepting applications as a result of AB 841 towards \$55 million budget to replace noncompliant plumbing fixtures and appliances, prioritizing schools in underserved communities.
 - Additional information including application deadlines, funding restrictions, available funds, and the application process can be found in the [notice of funding availability on the 20-RENEW-01 docket, at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-RENEW-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-RENEW-01).
- **IOU 2021–2026 ESA Solicitations**
 - [PG&E](#), [SCE](#), [SCG](#), and [SDG&E](#) all released solicitations on 9/1 for the 2021–2026 ESA portfolios
- **Energy Solutions TECH Quick Start Grant [Solicitation](#)**
 - Awards will be made in the amount of \$50,000–\$250,000 with 6–12 grants
 - Applicant’s conference on September 8 at 11 am
 - Completed responses due no later than October 1, 2021 at 5 pm
- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela



Tiffany Phan

→ CPUC EE Ruling on Governor's July 30th Proclamation

- On August 6th, ALJ Fitch released an [Email Ruling](#) re: [July 30th Proclamation](#)
- **Seeks proposals for projects/actions installed by 6/1/2022 and/or 6/1/2023**
 - Add/augment/accelerate EE projects resulting in lower overall/peak load
 - Integrating DR/DER/ESA actions with EE program actions or investments;
 - Augment/add financing options to accelerate EE/demand-side investments;
 - Remove rules/requirements that create barriers to expedited/accelerated EE projects
 - Implement innovative marketing strategies, and/or market support or equity program approaches, that lead directly to reducing peak load
- **CEDMC filed Opening Comments August 31st, focused on two categories**
 - Regulatory relief: reduce TRC to 0.85 near-term and give demand savings greater weight; move to PAC long-term; accelerate customer and NMEC project timelines/approval for installation, expedite/make contractual changes to solicitations
 - Programmatic proposals: expand deployment of measures that drive demand savings (e.g. smart thermostats); carving out a separate “peak kW” savings budget; augmenting financing options; create market-access model
- **Reply Comments due September 10th; many useful comments from parties**
 - PG&E: “Treat all reliability-focused custom projects as accelerated replacement”
 - MCE, Gridium, EBCE: switch to PAC
 - NRDC: Avoided cost reliability-adder for measures/programs that target reliability hours for capacity, energy, GHG reliability
 - Enovity: Revise/streamline/eliminate the custom project review

➤ P&G Study – Final Results

- On 8/20, the CPUC issued a [Proposed Decision](#) (and [final study](#)) adopting energy efficiency goals for the 2022-2032 period
- The PD spoke to many of the Council’s concerns regarding alternate scenarios, cost-effectiveness testing, and even NMEC stakeholder processes
 - While Scenario 2 using TRC was specified, market potential (and thus goals) will be based on a 0.85 TRC threshold... **this is a huge positive for EE!!!**
 - As for our recommendation to develop a more variable CE method for the 2024-2032 portfolio period, the Commission dismissed this proposal as not being prudent given the interdependencies of these forecasts with the CEC load forecasting timeline.
 - They indicated that NMEC technical issues are being addressed in other venues.
- **The stage is set for PAs to file BBALs around November 1st (for PYs 2022-23) and Business Plan filings around Q1 2022 (for PYs 2024-2027)**
- **Comments due 9/9; Council will file and focus on these points:**
 - We will vigorously support the 0.85 TRC threshold for goal setting.
 - We will push that a 0.85 TRC also be applied to upcoming budget & portfolio filings.
 - We will stress the need for important rule reforms, particularly related to Custom and NMEC projects.

➤ CEDMC Strategic Plan

- The Council's Board & Staff developed a new [Strategic Plan](#) for 2021
- Our Strategic Plan is divided into Aspirations, Objectives, & Actions
- **Aspirations include:**
 1. Clearly articulate role of EE/DR within broader decarbonization/DER framework, including comprehensive policy vision
 2. Provide new, adjacent opportunities to build out membership (e.g., DERs, EVs, Water, etc.)
 3. Demonstrate organizational shift towards supporting DE&I objectives
 4. Incentivize IOUs to continue working with industry for the success of the EE/DR resource
 5. Reduce barriers for EE/DR business with regulators
 6. Regrow CEDMC's event presence
 7. Develop position about moving to a new model of EE & DR administration
- **What process did we use to accomplish this?**
 - We fielded our annual survey in Q1 and had ongoing discussions with individual members to identify key areas of strategic importance
 - Our Board-level Strategic Planning committee met several times during Q1/Q2 to organize members' strategic input and offer additional strategic insights
 - We held a 2-day Board retreat in June to work through the details of the Plan, including aspirations, objectives, and actions
 - Staff modified and refined the Plan and reviewed various drafts with Board members
- **Member feedback welcome!**
 - Please contact Serj (sberelson@cedmc.org) or Greg (gwikler@cedmc.org)

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank you!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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