

The Council's Policy Call

October 1, 2021



Advancing Our Clean Economy

→ Today's Agenda

Council News

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

Issues/Topics

- High DER Grid Mod Workshop
- Council Quarterly Work Summary

➤ Upcoming Council Events

- IOU Business Forums – Three down - One to Go!
 - Held 3 Forums thus far: PG&E on 9/8, SCE on 9/15, and SDG&E on 9/22
 - Don't forget to register for the last one:
 - [SoCalGas](#): Tues 10/5 10am - 12noon
- CEDMC-AESP Virtual Happy Hour – Thurs 10/7 5-6pm
 - Greg will moderate a discussion about the history of California's DR efforts with special guests Ahmad Faruqui and Joe Desmond
 - Look for more information next week!



- Member-only Forum – Weds 11/3 at the Scottish Rite Center w/ web option
 - Register [here](#) for in-person; Register [here](#) for virtual
- Fall Conference – Thurs 11/4 at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center w/web option
 - Register [here](#)

➤ Member Working Group Report

Working Group	Meeting Frequency	Update
Solicitations	Monthly	9/28 meeting
Custom Review	Monthly	
Capitol	Bi-monthly	9/22 meeting
Federal Legislation	Bi-monthly	9/29 meeting
NMEC	Monthly	9/28 meeting w/ CPUC
Market Transformation	Monthly	Paused until MTA is final
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
DR Action Plan	Monthly	
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	
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 Kira.

➤ What's Coming Up?

- **CEC DR Qualifying Capacity (QC) Working Group**
 - October 4, 9 – 11 am
 - Call-in: (213) 338-8477 / ID: 93617449632#
 - [Zoom Link](#)
- **CEC Vehicle Interoperability Testing Symposium (VOLTS) RFP bidders conference**
 - October 5, 10 am
 - [Zoom link](#).
 - Meeting Number: 966 1641 5247; Meeting Password: 631812
- **CEC Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Workshop on Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings**
 - October 5, 10 am – 12:30 pm: Session 1:
 - [Zoom Link](#)
 - ID: 948 1410 5249 / Passcode: IEPR2021
 - October 5, 2 – 4 pm: Session 2
 - [Zoom Link](#)
 - ID: 918 5558 9429 / Passcode: IEPR2021
- **CEC En Banc Meeting: Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) 2021-2025 Investment Plan**
 - October 8, 1:30 – 3 pm
 - [Zoom Link](#), [meeting notice](#)
 - Dial-in: 213-297-0156,,942925736#
- **SCE 2022 and 2023 Annual Budget Advice Letter (ABAL) Program Closure Webinar**
 - October 14, 10 – 11 am
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
 - Dial-in: 213-297-0156,,942925736#
- **SDG&E Public Webinar – Draft Implementation Plan for the New Public Sector K-12 Schools Energy Efficiency Program (KEEP)**
 - October 27, 10 – 11:30 am
 - Call-in: (858) 284-1506 / Passcode: 994645882#
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)

➤ What's Coming Up?

Notable Regulatory Documents

- **September 27th Joint IOU ESA “Pilot Plus” and “Pilot Deep” workshop**
 - The IOUs [presented](#) their proposed approaches to these new pilots as required by [D.21-06-015](#) and detailed in that Decision’s [Attachment A](#)
 - These pilots will be part of first ESA efforts to use energy savings as a metric
 - The presentation details SCE & SCG’s joint pilot and PG&E and SDG&E’s joint pilot
 - Includes descriptions of proposed measures, implementation (including third-party implementation), and EM&V approach
 - Total budgets 2022–2026 across all four IOUs: \$103.5M
- **CET Update: 2021 Avoided Costs**
 - Energy Efficiency Cost Effectiveness Test calculator ([CET](#)) has been updated with avoided cost combinations based on the 2021 avoided costs
 - Please see the CET [user guide](#) for more details
 - Please note: it has been confirmed by the CPUC via [Decision D.21-05-031](#) that the 2021 Avoided Cost Calculator vintage will *not* be used for 2022–2023 EE portfolios
- **CAEECC Equity & Market Support Working Group draft reports**
 - Working group has developed [draft report](#) of objectives, metrics for equity segment programs
 - Wide-ranging objectives include energy savings, health + comfort + safety (e.g. indoor air quality, reduced indoor temperatures), etc.
 - Market Support working group has also developed a [draft report](#)
- **Final Potential & Goals Decision issued**
 - The CPUC released the final [Decision](#) Adopting Energy Efficiency Goals for 2022-2032
 - As reported in last Policy Call, despite Scenario 2 using TRC being specified, market potential (and thus goals) will be based on a 0.85 TRC threshold

➤ Upcoming Solicitations

- **SDG&E Statewide Residential HVAC Quality QI/QM RFA**
 - SDG&E is requesting the Statewide Residential HVAC Sector’s program abstracts.
 - This is the first stage of the [solicitation process](#) beginning in October 2021 to propose, design, implement, and deliver an innovative Statewide HVAC QI/QM program in the residential sector across all four California IOUs.
 - All Bidders are required to register in [Power Advocate](#) to access the RFA documents, submit questions, and submit a Statewide Residential HVAC Sector Program Abstract.
- **SCG Outreach Program Solicitation RFP Release Notification**
 - RFP Release Date – September 19, 2021
 - Bidders Proposal Due – October 29, 2021
 - Selected Bidder(s) notified – December 2021
 - Further details available in PowerAdvocate
- **CEC Vehicle Interoperability Testing Symposium (VOLTS) RFP**
 - Bidders conference – October 5, 2021
 - Submission deadline – November 19, 2021
 - [Solicitation details](#)
- **[PG&E](#), [SCE](#), [SCG](#), and [SDG&E](#) 2021–2026 ESA Solicitations**
 - SCE released details on their upcoming [ESA solicitations](#) ([PEPMA](#) registration required)
 - [SCE ESA Solicitation Workshop Training October 13th](#), 9 – 11 am
 - [SCE ESA Solicitation Workshop Training October 21st](#), 9 – 11 am
 - [SCE ESA Solicitation Workshop Training October 27th](#), 9 – 11 am
- **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

➤ High DER Grid Mod Workshop

- **CPUC held half-day workshop on September 22nd**
 - CPUC [presentation](#) fostered broad discussion on scope/schedule/goals of proceeding ([Recording](#))
- **Proceeding focused on preparing grid for high levels of DERs**
 - However, proceeding will not be setting overall level or increase/decrease number of DERs available.
 - Four (likely simultaneous) tracks: Track 1: Load Flexibility & Rates; Track 2: Grid Infrastructure (current focus) Track 3: Market Integration, and Track 4: DER Customer Programs
- **Proceeding goals**
 - Address unresolved and ongoing issues from the DRP, IDER proceedings
 - Enable 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;
 - Improve distribution planning, including charging infrastructure forecasting to support cost effective and widespread TE; and
 - Optimize grid infrastructure investments by facilitating community input about planned developments, DER siting plans, and resiliency needs.
- **Proceeding scope & schedule**
 - Prioritization of near-term activities (e.g. local solutions, data access, and capacity issues)
 - Whether and how a needs assessment be conducted around community engagement
 - Extent to which the forthcoming smart inverter working group should focus on Distributed Energy Resources Management Systems (DERMs)
 - IOU capabilities to dispatch DERs to perform grid services, and whether the CPUC move grid modernization efforts out of General Rate Cases (GRCs) and into a separate funding source.
- **Separate cost-effectiveness proceeding expected late-2020/early-2021**
 - Expect to explore societal cost test being used in IRP proceeding
 - IDER proceeding is only being kept open to resolve the 2022 Avoided Cost Calculator

Review of Member Services & Activities through Q3 2021

- Member Calls (43 Total): This table indicates for each type of member call the number of calls and the number of attendees completed
- Member Working Groups (113 Total): This table reports for each type of member working group the number of calls and the number of attendees who participated for each group
- Filings/Testimony (58 Total): CPUC (49); CEC (3); CAISO (5); Legislature (1)
- Newsletters: A total of 19 Newsletters were sent to all members (N=593); We continue to receive great feedback...“best Newsletter from an industry group”
- Events: EM&V Forum in Feb; Spring Symposium in May; Industry training in Aug We held 6 IOU Business Forums (3 in Spring w/ DR focus; 3 in Sept w/ EE focus) We also held 9 virtual happy hours

Member Call	Number of Calls	Average Number of Attendees
Policy Calls	18	60
DR Calls	18	19
EM&V Calls	7	16
Total Member Calls	43	32 (average)

Working Group	Number of Calls	Average Number of Attendees
Solicitation Process	9	13
Custom Review Process	10	13
NMEC Rulebook	11	17
Cost-Effectiveness	8	15
Market Transformation	3	11
Capitol (State Legislation)	14	12
Federal Legislation	18	11
DR CPUC Advocacy	20	11
DR CAISO Advocacy	10	8
DR Action Planning	10	8
Total Calls	113	12 (average)

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank you!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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