

The Council's Policy Call

October 15, 2021



Advancing Our Clean Economy

→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Welcome New Member!
- Upcoming Council Events
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up
- Council Board Update
- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

- CEDMC 2022 Proposed Legislation
- CPUC Statewide Custom Review Subgroup Developments

→ Welcome Back EnergyHub!

- Brooklyn-based EnergyHub works with utility clients to harness distributed energy resources (DERs) to meet the grid needs of a cleaner, more reliable power system.
- Through a suite of DER-focused software platforms, EnergyHub enables their clients to enroll end-use customers and load aggregators in a variety of DER programs.
- The Council is excited to be welcoming back EnergyHub as an important player in California's evolving DER landscape!



➤ Upcoming Council Events

- 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 and after party at Lake Chalet (all are welcome)
 - Register [here](#)
- Confirmed speakers (so far):
 - CA Senator Josh Becker
 - CPUC Commissioner Darcie Hauck
 - Tom Habashi, 3CE
 - Michael Sokol, CEC
 - Rachel Huang, SMUD
 - Rafael Reyes, Peninsula Clean Energy
 - Teddy Kisch, Energy Solutions
 - Lydia Krefta, PG&E
 - Ammi Amarnath, EPRI
 - Quinn Parker, Encolor
 - Andy Satchwell, LBNL
 - Bobby Johnson, Resource Innovations
 - John Powers, Extensible Energy
 - Debyani Ghosh, Guidehouse

OUR MISSION

To accelerate the evolution of clean energy markets and expand the impact of distributed energy resources vital to California's future. We advocate for efficiency and demand management policies and programs for all Californians to create:

- sustainable and equitable jobs
- long-term economic viability
- stable and reasonably priced energy systems
- environmental improvement



> News from the CEDMC Board

- The Board held its quarterly meeting on October 7th
- Staff reported that operations are running smoothly
 - Finances are stable
 - We are fully staffed
- The Strategic Plan was finalized and actions were reviewed
- The Board nominations process was presented and a proposed slate of candidates was approved for upcoming member vote; more information will be forthcoming at our next Policy call on 10/29
- The Board continues to address and implement the Council's DE&I priorities



➤ Member Working Group Report

Working Group	Meeting Frequency	Update
Solicitations	Monthly	
Custom Review	Monthly	10/6 meeting
Capitol	Bi-monthly	10/6 meeting
Federal Legislation	Bi-monthly	10/13 meeting
NMEC	Monthly	10/6 meeting
Market Transformation	Monthly	Paused until MTA is final
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
DR Action Plan	Monthly	
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	
CAISO Advocacy	Monthly	10/14 meeting

- 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?

Upcoming Events

- **AEE Webinar: Getting Value and Opportunity Out of DERs in Wholesale Markets**
 - October 19, 10 am
 - [Registration](#)
- **SDG&E 2022 and 2023 Annual Budget Advice Letter (ABAL) Program Closure Webinar**
 - October 19, 3 – 3:50 pm
 - [Registration](#)
- **SCG 2022 and 2023 Annual Budget Advice Letter (ABAL) Program Closure Webinar**
 - October 21, 10 – 11 am
 - Telephone: +1 858-284-1506 / Passcode: 172055305#
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
- **SoCalREN 2022 and 2023 BBAL Program Webinar**
 - October 21, 11:30 am – noon
 - Telephone: +1 323-776-6996; Passcode: 134367721#
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
- **Institute for Policy Integrity Webinar – Just Transition in the Power Sector: New Research and Policy Approaches**
 - October 26, 10 – 11 am
 - [Registration](#)
- **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](#)
- **LBNL Webinar: How Do Buildings Use Energy? New Public End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock**
 - October 28, 9 am
 - [Registration](#)

➤ What's Coming Up?

- **CPUC EPIC Policy + Innovation Forum**
 - October 28, 10 am – 3 pm
 - [Registration](#), [agenda](#)
- **SDG&E Public Webinar – Draft Implementation Plan for the new Federal Energy Program**
 - October 29, 10 – 11 am
 - Call-in: 858-284-1506; Passcode: 338091363#
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)

Notable Regulatory Documents

- **Incentive Layering [Proposed Decision](#)**
 - CPUC released PD on September 30th to layer incentives “...across multiple building decarbonization programs efficiently and effectively”
 - [Appendix A](#) details incentive layering guiding principles and requirements
 - Opening Comments due Wednesday, October 20th

➤ 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
- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela

Tiffany Phan

➤ CEDMC 2022 Proposed Legislation

- **CEDMC has been working to develop legislative proposals for next session**
 - We have held a number of discussions with our Capitol Committee and board members
 - After honing the ideas into four concrete proposals, we offered ranked choice voting
- **The two legislative proposals with the most votes:**
 - DERs should be presumed cost-effective until proven otherwise, aim of parity with other resources
 - DER portfolio standard (RPS/EERS for DERs)/requiring loading order in procurement of resources
- **CEDMC staff held meeting on 10/14 to develop a single proposal**
 - Intent was to refine proposals, with the potential to combine them
 - Group felt that the standard procurement process that DERs will be presumed cost-effective unless proven otherwise, and should only apply to procured resources
 - Intent not to ignore DER cost-effectiveness, but to give DERs parity with supply side resources
 - Loading order should be part of this language in order to ensure EE/DR procured first, and requiring it in legislation would further reinforce its validity (currently via regulation from [D.12-01-033](#))
 - Codifying loading order in statute a very useful endeavor, despite political concerns around upsetting renewable folks by codifying loading order (which may be avoided by focusing on “parity”)
 - Need statutory language helping with implementation, despite reticence from legislators to micromanage regulatory agencies
- **Next steps are to shop ideas with potential legislator authors**
 - Council staff will work with lobbyists to find an author
 - We will continue to gather input from board members and Capitol Committee

➤ Custom Projects: CPUC is Launching a 3-month Pilot Effort

- Over the past several months, CPUC staff along with a group of stakeholders (including many CEDMC members) have been developing procedures aimed at streamlining the approval process for certain custom projects.
- The working group has developed documents to operationalize certain elements of Resolution E-5115. These have been approved by the CPUC for Pilot use for the next 3 months.
- For reference, Resolution E-5115 directs custom project implementers to collect information from customers and provide written documentation supporting the viability of existing equipment and program influence documentation.
- The 3-month Operationalization Pilot will provide feedback from implementers and PA's on the use/implementation of guidance contained in the Operationalization documents.
- Operationalization documents will be in use until changes are issued by the CPUC based on Pilot feedback.
- The CPUC has asked CEDMC to provide information on the Operationalization Pilot to CEDMC members. Below are links to 3 documents that CPUC has asked implementers to review:

[E-5115 Proposed Operationalization](#) | [Feasibility Study Template](#) | [Pilot Draft Document](#)

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank you!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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