



CAPITOL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP MEETING 12/15/21

Agenda

1. CEDMC 2022 Proposed Legislation
 - a. Clean Energy Parity Bill [Concept](#)
 - b. Discussion of feedback we've heard in the course of socializing concept with stakeholders
2. Capitol developments

Meeting Notes

CEDMC 2022 Proposed Legislation – stakeholder outreach

- Tier 1 – priority outreach completed
 - Advanced Energy Economy (AEE)
 - California Solar & Storage Association (CalSSA)
 - California Energy Storage Alliance (CESA)
 - Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)
 - California Energy Commission (CEC)
- Discussion of feedback we've heard in the course of socializing legislative concept with stakeholders, e.g.:
 - What are the specific implementation details of this legislation?
 - Avoiding rabbit holes that can bog down legislation
 - Exporting storage to the grid an example of both a technical issue and an opportunity to incorporate other resources beyond EE & DR
 - How is this legislation addressing other behind-the-meter resources beyond EE & DR?
 - We have heard from stakeholders that we should be explicitly include other resources such as storage
 - What is the specific mechanism that enables this legislation to make an impact?
 - Concerned about effect of this bill without more explicit mechanism to force compliance

- Statutory language around this issue has existed for some time, but not has not meaningfully impacted procurement and resulted in a level playing field
 - Language could be viewed as advisory rather than directive
 - Desire to hold CPUC responsible for undertaking what language requires
 - Need a reporting requirement or evaluation directive
- Reporting requirement back to the legislature is the path of least resistance, and adds a public lens for accountability
 - e.g. Participation rates, MW/MWh achieved
 - However, legislators have a difficult time drilling down to the details to be able to hold the CPUC accountable. Accountability bills tend not to be as attractive to legislators.
 - Could use a Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) audit or adding language to the budget rather than a standalone bill
 - Timing for this route would be to introduce key folks to this idea now and revisit in January/February; houses would not have to make a decision until April/May
 - Could be introduced as part of a broader energy package and make more sense politically
 - Could make sense within the broader context of the fight around NEM 3.0; the flip side being there could be an argument made against our bill proposal that this is another attempt to cost shift to customers
 - Concerns around the JLAC process is that asking a question through such a targeted process unless we already understand the answer, as their approach to answering the question is through fiduciary responsibility; could be perilous
 - Adding language to the budget would require the CPUC to respond to specific budget subcommittee questions
- Need to have flexibility on all options to pursue the best path, and we will continue to message members despite this being the last meeting
- Capitol developments
 - US EPA announced appointment of Martha Guzman as Regional Administrator for EPA Region 9, creating a vacancy on the California Public Utilities Commission
 - Alice Reynolds [appointed](#) President of CPUC
 - Legislators retiring / redistricting scenarios
 - Assemblymember Rudy Salas running for Congress
 - Assemblymember Bill Quirk not seeking re-election
 - Assemblymember Bloom running for LA supervisor
 - Senator Kamlager statement of candidacy for Congress

- Assemblymember Frazier resignation
- Assemblymember Marc Levine running for Insurance Commissioner
- Assemblymember Kevin Mullin running for Congress
- Assemblymember Jose Medina not seeking re-election
- Lorena Gonzalez (author of controversial 1139) may take a leadership position with labor federation

Next Steps

Our next formal Working Group meeting will be **in 2022 with a new calendar invite; please be on the lookout for that towards the end of this year.** 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 has gone out to all folks on the Working Group.