



CAPITOL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP MEETING 1/5/22

Agenda

1. CEDMC 2022 Proposed Legislation
 - a. Clean Energy Parity Bill [Concept](#)
 - b. Developments and Next Steps

Meeting Notes

CEDMC 2022 Proposed Legislation

- Legislative context
 - Independent redistricting process
 - Significant departures and changes to legislators
 - Union push for pumped hydro
 - NEM 3.0
- CEDMC legislative concept
 - Key impediment to legislation is whether labor (especially IBEW and building trades) will support proposal
 - Author's office urged us to obtain that support prior to moving forward with our bill
 - Will be particularly difficult to earn their support, despite some distractions (NEM 3.0, pumped hydro)
 - Even if we convince labor to remain neutral on this issue (unlikely given their history)
 - All of this eliminates a bill path for our concept
 - Instead, we are refocusing our efforts to attaching our priority to legislative leadership priorities
- Discussion on path forward
 - Some desire for CEDMC to get more involved in NEM 3.0 discussion, in addition to staff's previous outreach to SEIA, CALSSA, etc.
 - However, this does not seem to be our fight
 - Constituencies within legislature (e.g. enviros, CCAs, etc.) will want something in return for the negative of NEM 3.0

- Pumped hydro issue faces hurdles to broader acceptance with labor is market impact
- Positioning our concept as a key solution in the wake of NEM 3.0 being adopted and push for pumped hydro seems more realistic
 - Are we being bold enough in making our legislative concept, and EE/DR more broadly, high profile?
- Despite significant outreach efforts, we were unable to get strong support from key stakeholders
 - AEE's lack of explicit support in particular is disappointing given the strong push we made
 - We also reached out to CALSSA, CESA, SEIA, CEC, etc., and despite high-level support for our concept they are reluctant to give official support
 - Labor's opposition remains the elephant in the room
- Playing defense of our resource may be a reasonable approach during this legislative session given the many difficult hurdles our legislative concept may face
 - We are going to engage a number of key players in the legislature as allies/proponents (e.g. Bennett)
 - We also need to push back on the narrative that EE/DR/BTM DERs are not good for labor
 - Short-term reliability issues will not be fixed by pumped hydro; EE/DR/BTM DERs can be ramped up quickly to keep our grid solvent
 - Need to appeal to our business customers (represented by CLECA) to help us carry this narrative
 - We have been well aligned with CLECA in the past, e.g. on custom projects

Next Steps

Our next formal Working Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 19th at 8:15 am**. 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.