

# The Council's Policy Call

January 21, 2022



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# → Today's Agenda

## Council News

- EM&V Forum: Save the Date
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up?
- Upcoming Solicitations
- Capitol Update

## Issues/Topics

- Sierra Club Motion to Prohibit EE Funding for Non-Cost-Effective Gas Measures (Serj)
- Draft 3P Solicitations for EE Process Evaluation (Greg)

# → CEDMC's 2022 EM&V Forum is Just Around the Corner!



- This virtual event will take place 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM with a cool speed networking session planned right afterwards at 2 PM
- This year's theme is *Evaluation to Build Back Better*
- There are four EM&V topic-rich panels:
  - Panel 1: DE&I focus
  - Panel 2: Near-term grid reliability focus
  - Panel 3: Long-term *Total System Benefits* focus
  - Panel 4: Improving NMEC processes focus

[Registration Link](#)

or via our website <https://cedmc.org/events/emv-forum/>

# ➤ Member Working Group Report

Member Working Group	Meeting Cadence	Update
Capitol	Biweekly	1/19: Reviewed status of DER parity legislative concept; introduced DR for low income potential legislation
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	<i>Note: next meeting rescheduled to 1/24</i>
Custom Review	Monthly	
DR Policy	Monthly	
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
Federal	Monthly	1/12: Updates on DOE implementation efforts for IIJA; BBB update
Market Transformation	<i>Temporarily Postponed</i>	
NMEC	Monthly	1/12: Reviewed key stakeholder issues and discussed potential solutions regarding population-based NMEC rules
Solicitations	Monthly	

# ➤ What's Coming Up?

## Upcoming Events

- **NAESCO Webinar – Managing the Supply Chain**
  - January 24, 11 am – noon
  - [Registration](#)
- **CPUC High DER Grid Planning Proceeding (R.21-06-017) Smart Inverter Operationalization Workshop and Working Group Kick Off**
  - January 25, 10 am – 3 pm
  - [GoToMeeting](#); access code: 204 220 413
- **CPUC Custom Projects Stakeholder Engagement Meeting**
  - January 25, 1 – 5 pm
  - [WebEx](#); access code: 2496 754 8367
- **Association for Energy Affordability & Energy Solutions TECH Clean California Multifamily Stakeholder Meeting**
  - January 26, 9 – 10 am
  - [Registration](#)
- **MCE Multifamily Strategic Energy Management Implementation Plan Webinar**
  - January 28, 2 – 3 pm
  - [Registration](#)
- **Energy Efficiency Third-Party Solicitations Semi-Annual Stakeholder Forum**
  - January 31, 8 am – noon
  - [WebEx](#); access code: 2492 988 5020; Event password: cX3SFiGhr53

# ➤ What's Coming Up?

## Notable Regulatory Documents

- **Opinion Dynamics Draft BUILD Program [Evaluation Plan](#)**
  - Opinion Dynamics published this draft Evaluation Plan for the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development Program (BUILD Program) for public input, with the comment period having ended on January 19th
  - This draft Evaluation Plan was developed in coordination with CEC and CPUC, and responds to the evaluation directives laid out in SB 1477 and D.20-03-027
  - This evaluation plan will be discussed in detail during CEDMC's EM&V call on 1/26
- **Draft 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report Volume III: Decarbonizing the State's Gas System and Notice of Availability and Request for Comments**
  - CEC seeks comments on the Draft 2021 IEPR Volume III: Decarbonizing the State's Gas System
  - The Draft 2021 IEPR Volume III is available on the [CEC's 2021 IEPR web page](#) (along with the other Volumes).
  - Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2022
- **SoCalGas, SDG&E, SCE, MCE, 3C-REN, SoCalREN [Request for Extension to comply with D. 21-05-031 \(returning to 4-year filing cycles, ending Rolling Portfolios\) in EE proceeding](#)**
  - The requesting parties seek an extension of time of two weeks to comply with OP 5, specifically extending their time frame to file their business plan applications for PY 2024 from February 15, 2022 until March 4, 2022
  - Extension requested due to, "...several of SoCalGas's employees who are working on the application [being] on sick leave and the risk of the virus impacting additional employees, in the coming weeks..."

# ➤ Upcoming Solicitations

- **CAEECC Facilitator [RFP](#)**
  - RFP is scheduled to be released by early December 2021 with responses due by January 25, 2022
  - Bidders interested in participating in this CAEECC Facilitator RFP must register in [PowerAdvocate](#)
- **City of Berkeley Pilot Climate Equity Fund Programs RFP**
  - RFP due date: January 25, 2022
  - RFP info can be found [here](#)
- **PG&E ESA Northern Multifamily Whole Building (MFWB) RFP**
  - Planned Release Date – January 28, 2022
  - Registration process and pre-qualification requirements info can be found [here](#)
  - Questions about this process should be sent to [PartnershipPilot@sce.com](mailto:PartnershipPilot@sce.com)
- **SDG&E ESA Southern Multifamily Whole Building (MFWB) RFP**
  - Planned Release Date – January 28, 2022
  - Registration process and pre-qualification requirements info can be found [here](#)
- **CEC California School Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Ventilation Program Round One Funding Round Deadline**
  - Planned Release Date – January 31, 2022 at 5 pm
  - Applications must be completed and submitted in the [CalSHAPE Online System](#). Instructions for registering an account and completing an application are provided on the [CalSHAPE Website](#).

## ➤ Upcoming Solicitations (cont.)

- **PG&E ESA Pilot Plus/Deep RFP**
  - Planned Release Date – February 11, 2022
  - Registration process and pre-qualification requirements info can be found [here](#)
- **California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) Technical Advisor Services for the California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing (CHEEF) Program RFP**
  - Response deadline – February 14, 2022
  - Details can be found [here](#)
- **SoCalGas RFP Released for Third-Party Marketplace Solicitation**
  - Response deadline – February 25, 2022
  - Additional details available in PowerAdvocate
- **CEC Building Decarbonization & EE Compliance Strategies Development RFQ**
  - Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications – March 1, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.
  - Registration process and pre-qualification requirements info can be found [here](#)
- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**



# → Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela



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# Sierra Club Motion to Prohibit EE Funding for Non-C/E Gas Measures

- **Sierra Club filed a [Motion](#) to Prohibit EE Funding for Non-Cost-Effective Gas Appliance Incentive Measures**
  - Assert that state subsidies for new gas appliances are inconsistent with California’s climate and public health objectives, drawing on CEC Building Decarbonization Assessment and 2021 Draft Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)
  - “Each new gas appliance installed today locks in continued fossil fuel dependency, creating an additional obstacle to California achieving its decarbonization and air quality objectives.”
  - “Even if a gas appliance installation measure appeared to be cost-effective under modeling circumstances, it cannot be qualitatively assessed as a good investment in the context of California’s policy trajectory.”
  - “According to SoCalGas’ own data shows 16,785 measures (i.e., 94.7% of the measures with TRC data) have a TRC ratio less than 1.0.”
  - Sierra Club asserts that the specific appliance measures addressed via this motion are for space heating equipment, water heaters, and laundry equipment
  - Existing, approved programs that are already approved should be allowed to complete their current cycle, but should be ineligible for continuation thereafter without a showing of measure-level cost-effectiveness.
- **Responses to this Motion are due on January 28**
  - There is diversity of opinion on the future of gas measures among our membership, and reaching a consensus may prove difficult for this complex issue
  - As such, CEDMC will not be filing comments on this delicate matter

# ➤ Draft 3P Solicitations for EE Process Evaluation

- On 1/14, the CPUC released the draft 3P Solicitations process evaluation [report](#); comments can be made through the PDA portal through 1/24.
- The report summarizes important findings about how well the solicitation process has gone relative to original CPUC intentions; findings included:
  - **Supplier Diversity:** Due to a lack of diversity, the report recommends that the CPUC impose diversity mandates.
  - **Innovation:** Since the current process inhibits any meaningful innovation, the report recommends that innovation should be encouraged by PAs throughout the implementation process and that prime contractors must be given the flexibility to hire and replace subcontractors to foster innovation.
  - **Two-Stage Process:** Since there are no real differences between the stages and resulting time lag is out of line with best practices, the report questions the necessity of a two-stage process.
  - **Solicitation Scoring:** Due to an inadequate feedback process, the report recommends more objective and transparent scoring approaches that tie directly to required information, narrative responses, and the intended outcomes of cost-effective savings achievement, innovation, and diversity in the 3P process.
  - **Differences RFP Instructions Across IOUs:** The report did not weigh in on a recommendation to this challenge but tied this issue back to diversity mandates.
  - **Awarding and Negotiating Contracts:** The P4P approach was cited by bidders as unsustainable, and IEs noted that there are too many sticks and not enough carrots.
- **The Council will not file written comments via PDA but we plan to offer our perspectives and insights during the 1/31 solicitations stakeholder meeting.**

## → Discussion and Q&A

# Thank You!

*Please contact us if you have any questions.*

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