



CAPITOL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP MEETING 3/16/22

Agenda

- **Recap of DR questions raised during informational hearing**
 - **Thursday, March 10, 2022**
 - **Assembly Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies**
 - **Subject: Achieving climate neutrality: Trade offs and opportunities**
- **Recap of meeting with CEC Commissioner McAllister**
- **SB 839 (Dodd) BIP**
 - **CLECA sponsored**
 - **Passed Senate Energy Committee, moves on to Senate Appropriation Committee**
- **Discuss bill support letter requests**
 - **SB 1026**
 - **SB 1068**
 - **SB 2667**
- **Other items**
 - **Update on our DR Low Income budget ask (Asm Salas)**
 - **CleanTech Party news**

Meeting Notes

Recap of DR questions raised during informational hearing

- **New President Reynolds testified last week and was given a polite reception by the Senate Energy Committee as a courtesy given her new role at the CPUC**
- **Then there was an Assembly Budget subcommittee meeting that CPUC ED Rachel Peterson testified at.**
 - **Asm Bennett proceeded to pepper ED Peterson with questions that we supplied to him about efforts being made at the CPUC to overcome the various barriers for DR.**
 - **Bennett wasn't impressed with her responses which said how much the CPUC has done.**
 - **Peterson responded that they are working to reduce the various barriers to DR and they left it at that.**

Recap of meeting with CEC Commissioner McAllister

- As a continuation to our Lobby Day from last month, we met with CEC Commissioner McAllister on March 14th.
- Joining the meeting were Luther Kopf (TRC), Cliff Staton (OhmConnect) and Ryan Wilson (Energy Solutions), in addition to Greg, Erin and Tiffany. Joining Commissioner McAllister was Bryan Early, Chief of staff to Commissioner McAllister.
- The objectives for this meeting were to:
 - Highlight to the commissioner some of our legislative priorities for this year (DER parity, DR low income, and DERs for resiliency program)
 - Brainstorm about key issues of interest to our members where CEC might be able to help us: (1) Overcoming DR barriers at the CPUC; (2) Emphasizing our interest and support for CEC efforts aimed at channeling as many federal IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) dollars to California and (3) Discussion about the state's decarb goals and the need to step up our collective efforts in order to meet the state's decarb goals.
- Regarding Item 2 above, CEC is working closely with NASEO (Jeff Genzer) to advocate DOE for moving the IIJA funds our way as quickly as possible.
 - They also highlighted a big challenge area to pay attention to is the Buy America provisions of IIJA, which runs counter to the market realities that most of the decarb measures (i.e., heat pumps) are manufactured abroad.
 - Green hydrogen is a big push for the CEC and there is a play for IIJA dollars to help jumpstart commercialization efforts for this.
 - They also noted that the DOE reorganization is a big factor that is both good (new players; lots of agency enthusiasm) and bad (actions will take longer due to agency inertia).
- Regarding Item 3 above, CEC noted that we all collectively need to do a better job of messaging the heat pump challenge and highlight the massive effort that will be needed for us to meet our long-term carbon goals.
 - Commissioner McAllister also noted that the energy rates landscape is very challenging, especially for lower income customers so more needs to be done to address bill impacts.
- This was an excellent opportunity for us to reiterate to CEC leadership our priorities and to offer our assistance to CEC where it makes sense.
- Commissioner McAllister offered to meet with us on a regular basis going forward. Greg committed to getting another meeting on the calendar for a few months from now. We will invite more members to join that meeting when it happens.

SB 839 (Dodd) BIP

- Passed the Energy Senate committee on Monday 3/14 and they have gotten SCE and PG&E to support the bill.

- There is opposition from TURN and the basis of their concern is that the bill will enshrine BIP in perpetuity and as new markets evolve they believe that BIP will be rendered unnecessary.

Discuss bill support letter requests

- [SB 1026](#) (Asm Wieckowski): Author has requested a support letter from CEDMC. The bill is modeled after what is practiced in Maine and is a disclosure requirement for labeling of energy efficiency levels that would mandate landlords to disclose information about the energy usage of equipment in units.
 - NRDC is supporting this bill.
 - Steve Schiller suggested that we ask if it could be expanded to include commercial tenant markets as well, which makes sense.
 - Building trades are pushing back hard on moving forward on this type of thing for commercial buildings.
- [SB 1068](#) (Sen Laird): Amended last night. This is just an intent or spot bill. Senator wants to require GoBiz to amend economic forecasts addressing climate issues. It is largely procedural.
 - The Senate wants to have a more substantive conversation with the Administration about climate policy and dealing with resilience issues more meaningfully than how the Governor has responded (e.g., more reliance on short-term fixes using carbon-emitting resources).
 - We are exploring with the Senator's office how to further engage on these issues.
- [SB 2667](#) (Asm Friedman): This bill would establish the *Integrated Distributed Energy Resources Fund* as a special fund in the State Treasury, the monies in which would be available to the CEC, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of the bill.
 - The bill was amended last night.
 - New fund would be used for various purposes, including clean vehicle charging and potential microgrids.
 - There is no budget yet tagged to this bill.

Other Items

- DR Low Income Program budget ask (Asm Salas): Cliff from OhmConnected noted that we have 2 new co-signers on the budget request from Asm Salas. The 2 new signers are Asm Rivas and Asm Carrillo. Great news!
- Steve Schiller reminded about an upcoming CleanTech Party event:
 - **Clean Tech Party Virtual Briefing on California's New State Legislature Maps**
 - March 24, 2 pm – 3 pm; [Registration](#); for more information, reach out to shanil@envirovoters.org

Next Meeting

Our next Working Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 30th 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.