

# The Council's Policy Call

April 1, 2022



*Advancing Our Clean Economy*

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# → Today's Agenda

## Council News

- Welcome New Member!
- Staff Update
- Upcoming Event – Spring Symposium!
- Member Services Update
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up?
- Information of Interest
- Capitol Update

## Issues/Topics

- 2024-31 EE Strategic Business Plans
- Update on Transportation Electrification proceeding

# → Welcome Dan Violette!

- While Dan is now a member of the Council, he is by no means new to California having supported numerous DSM-related efforts here for decades
- He is a recognized industry leader in the areas of demand-side management and distributed energy resources (EE, DR, EVs, renewables and storage)
- Dan is currently working on operational/performance risk assessments of utility distribution systems and DER investments



## ➤ Staff Update

- Greg will be passing the ED torch by July 31st
  - In the meantime, he will be leading staff, leading all initiatives, and supporting the Board on the ED search process
  - After July 31st, Greg has offered to be available to support the Council and Board on a limited basis
- Clark McIsaac will be our new Manager of Policy & Strategy
  - His first day with the Council will be April 21st at the Spring Symposium
  - Clark has a wealth of advocacy experience as a result of doing much the same for the past 6 years in Washington State

# → Spring Symposium: Be sure to Register!

- Don't miss our first in-person event for 2022 – April 21 at the City Club in Downtown LA
- The Events Committee is now working hard to develop a thoughtful and relevant program
  - We are building on our industry's most pressing themes: decarbonization, grid resilience and emerging technologies
  - We are focusing on pragmatic solutions with a focus toward innovation and optimism
- Our speaker lineup is shaping up nicely... look for some announcements on that front next week!



[Registration Link](#)

# ➤ Member Services Report: Q1 2022

- Standing Calls: 15
- Member Working Group Calls: 34
- Filings/Statements/Letters: 21 total
  - CPUC: 11
  - CEC: 2
  - CAISO: 2
  - Legislature: 4
  - Federal: 2

Standing Call	Number of Calls	Average Number of Attendees
Policy Calls	6	44
DR Calls	6	12
EM&V Calls	3	13
<b>Total Member Calls</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23 (average)</b>

- Newsletters: 6 sent to 600+ members
- Events:
  - EM&V Forum (2/2 virtual):
    - 144 registered
    - 84 attended
  - Business Forums: 5 total
    - MCE 3/15; 29 attended
    - SCE 3/17; 52 attended
    - PG&E 3/21; 60 attended
    - SoCalGas 3/24; 43 attended
    - SDG&E 3/29; 49 attended

Working Group	Number of Calls	Average Number of Attendees
Solicitation Process	3	9
Custom Review Process	3	7
NMEC Rulebook	3	16
Cost-Effectiveness	3	11
Market Transformation	NA	NA
Capitol (State Legislation)	7	12
Federal Legislation	3	12
DR CPUC Advocacy	4	10
DR CAISO Advocacy	5	12
DR Policy	3	12
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12 (average)</b>

# ➤ Member Working Group Report

Member Working Group	Meeting Cadence	Update
Capitol	Biweekly	3/30: Updated on
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	3/21: Reviewed CET reform opportunities stemming from policy proposals in BP applications; discussed other possible avenues for addressing CE reform through the BP application process
Custom Review	Monthly	
DR Policy	Monthly	
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
Federal	Monthly	
Market Transformation	Monthly	<i>Note: This working group is on hold and will resume once the MTA is on board</i>
NMEC	Monthly	
Solicitations	Monthly	3/22: Reviewed various key issues that could be raised through our comments on BP applications, including 2-stage process and P4P reform measures



# ➤ What's Coming Up?

- **Governor's Office of Planning and Research Webinar: Resilience Roundtable: Discussing California's Updated Climate Adaptation Strategy**
  - April 4, 12 pm – 1 pm; [Registration](#)
- **ACEEE 2022 International Symposium on Energy Efficiency**
  - April 6, 7 am – 10 am; [Registration](#)
- **Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Working Group Meeting**
  - April 7, 1 pm – 3:30 pm; [Microsoft Teams](#); Telephone: (415) 906-0873 / Access Code: 816756754#
- **CEC IEPR Staff Workshop on Demand Scenarios**
  - April 7, 1 pm – 5 pm; [Zoom](#); Telephone: (669) 900-9128 / Access Code: 988 3533 9548 and passcode: IEPR2022; [Agenda](#)
- **CEC Pre-Application Workshop - GFO-21-901 - Cost Share for Federal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities**
  - April 8, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm; [Zoom](#); Telephone: (888) 475-4499 / Access Code: 99120480096#
- **UC Berkeley Energy Resources Collaborative (BERC): Energy Innovation Summit 2022**
  - April 11 (all day in person at UC Berkeley campus)
  - [Registration](#)
- **SCE Webinar: PY 2021 CPP Process Evaluation (TRC) Workshop**
  - April 12, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm; [Microsoft Teams](#); Telephone: (213) 297-0156 / Access Code: 559 898 634#
- **NAESCO Webinar: The Future of Building Efficiency: Optimization and Energy Efficiency from Advanced BMS Sequences in HVAC Operation**
  - April 18, 11 am – 12 pm; [Registration](#)
- **CPUC High DER Grid Proceeding: Track Two Workshop**
  - May 3, 10 am – 3 pm; [Zoom](#); Telephone: (669) 900-9128 / Meeting ID: 211 434 6475



# ➤ Information of Interest

## Notable Regulatory Documents

- [CPUC Quarterly EM&V Stakeholder Webinar](#): Slide decks from 3/29 stakeholder webinar
- [Clean Energy Financing Workshop](#): IOU slide decks from 3/25 webinar providing IOU's high-level proposals; Full proposals will be filed by IOUs on 4/15
- [NMEC Working Group Consolidated Draft Report](#)
- **CPUC released the [Avoided Cost Calculator \(ACC\) PD](#) on 3/30**: Opening comments due 4/19; replies due 4/25
- [Electrification Impacts Study Research Plan](#): Kevala released this on 3/29 per R.21-06-017
- **DRAM Performance Summary Reports**: These informative summaries include contracted MWs compared to supply plans, market bids and must offer obligations, quantities scheduled relative to bid, quantities delivered compared to expected; [Q1 2021 Report](#); [Q2 2021 Report](#)

## Open Solicitations

- **EE program 3P solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#)**
- [PG&E's Energy Efficiency Summer Reliability RFP](#): Bids due 5/16 by 3PM
- Spring 2022 PG&E [Solar Choice RFO](#) and Spring 2022 [Regional Renewable Choice \(RRC\) RFO](#) were launched on March 31
  - Any questions regarding the two GTSR Solicitations may be directed to: [GTSRProcurement@pge.com](mailto:GTSRProcurement@pge.com); More information can be found [here](#)

# → Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela



Tiffany Phan

# ➤ 2024-31 EE Strategic Business Plans

- On March 4, 9 PAs (4 IOUs, 1 CCA and 4 RENS) filed their 2024-2031 EE Strategic Business Plans
- Since then, we have reviewed all the documents (testimony, exhibits, etc.), we organized 5 Business Forums with PAs, and we held a special MWG meeting on March 30
- Based on everything gathered so far, we are now in the process of summarizing our comments (due 4/15)
- **Policy-based comments:**
  - *Improve the cost-effectiveness tool (CET)* by way of technical modifications, increased funding, and establish governance principles
  - *Make CEDARS more user friendly* by increased funding aimed at improving the functionality of the database
  - *Clarify TSB methodologies* through improved documentation that better defines TSB components and ensures consistency in TSB calculations across PAs
  - *Revisit Net-to-Gross (NTG) framework*, particularly in the context of Custom and site-based NMEC projects
  - *Modify the 3P solicitations process* by going to single-stage RFP, improve bidder feedback process, and create better opportunities for DBE bidders
  - *Develop non-energy benefits (NEB) framework* for equity segment programs
  - *Consider alternative cost-effectiveness (CE) test perspectives* to ensure broader role of EE in achieving state's carbon reduction goals
  - *Modify the 3P contract provisions* to equitably spread risk burden for meeting program performance metrics
  - *Encourage and Support Commitment to Equity* with expanded HTR definition and raising the 30% budget cap on MS and Equity programs (and also by improving the 3P solicitation/contracting processes)
- **Plan-specific comments: We are in the process of developing these and will review with members prior to submittal**

# → Transportation Electrification (TE) Proceeding Update (R.18-12-006)

- **On February 25, ED Staff submitted a [proposal](#) to establish transportation electrification funding cycles and a statewide behind-the-meter program**
  - The proposal aims to accelerate electric vehicle (EV) behind-the-meter (BTM) charging deployment to support California’s ambitious carbon reduction goals
- **The components of the proposal are:**
  - Timeline: 10-year plan for all TE infrastructure and 5-year IOU funding cycles
  - Programs: Do not adopt IOU Transportation Electrification Plans (TEPs) but continue to plan
  - Funding Cycles and Structure: Use funding cycles to establish clear budgets and set program timelines
  - Budget: ~\$1B over five years (2024-2029)
  - Administration: Statewide IOUs with third-party administering components
  - Implementation: IOUs file advice letters and issue RFPs; no room for third-party implementers
- **At the request of a few members, the Council recently filed for and was granted party status**
- **The main thrust of our comments is to maximize innovation and cost-effectiveness through a 3P solicitation process, and accommodate the following recommendations based on our experience in other program delivery contexts:**
  - Incentive Design: Allow for creativity beyond a fixed and rigid rebate structure
  - Eligible Measures: Allow for optimal charging solutions based on end-user needs
  - Budget Flexibility: Rather than cap yearly budgets at \$200M, allow for flexibility to accommodate learning ramp
- **Opening comments due April 25 and reply comments due May 16**

## → Discussion and Q&A

# Thank You!

*Please contact us if you have any questions.*

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