



STATE POLICY WORKING GROUP MEETING 3/31/2023

Agenda

1. Process check
2. Eto Appointed to CAISO Board of Governors
3. SB 48 - BPS
4. SB 306 - EBDP
5. SB 795: HVAC registry/compliance
6. IEPR Proposed Scope
7. Upcoming Legislative Activity/Schedules

Notes

1. Process Check

- Spring recess began following yesterday's (3/30) adjournment, the Legislature will reconvene April 10.

2. Eto Appointed to CAISO Board of Governors

- Joseph Eto, of Oakland, has been appointed to the California Independent System Operator Board of Governors. Eto has been a Staff Scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory since 1982. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Eto earned a Master of Science degree in Energy and Resources from the University of California, Berkeley. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$40,000, in addition to per diem meeting preparation and attendance costs. Eto is a Democrat.
- The Council had [supported](#) the appointment of Steve Schiller to the Board of Governors in November of 2022.

3. SB 48: Building Performance Standards: Originally scheduled for hearing 3/21; Postponed to April

- The Council submitted [supporting comments](#) on the bill at request of the Sponsor and proponents.
- May be scheduled for hearing on April 10 in Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee.
- Joe Desmond was scheduled to testify in-person during the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, & Communication hearing on March 21 - but that was postponed.
- The bill has since been amended to strengthen the BPS language while clarifying alternative routes of compliance, etc. for buildings who are unable to comply for appropriate reasons [from the intent language]:

- *The bill would require the Energy Commission, as part of the building performance standards, to establish a process by which building owners can propose, and the commission, or a local city or county building department to which the commission delegates this authority, may approve or reject, an alternative compliance plan for unusual circumstances where a covered building cannot reasonably meet one or more of the applicable building performance standards within the required period of time, as specified.*
- Incorporates some protections for renters, building owners.

4. SB 306: Equitable Building Decarb Program (Direct Install): Previously scheduled for hearing 3/21; postponed

- **Amended a few days ago**
- [SB 306](#) (Caballero)
- The bill was scheduled to be heard alongside SB 48, but was delayed as well.
- Appears to be scheduled for hearing in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee on April 10.
- Key concerns with bill previously: overly burdensome definitions, rigid language that overstepped appropriate boundaries best suited for agency implementation process, clearer connection to climate goals, and clarification of benefits to L-MI customers.
- There is new amended language re: third parties;
 - *(e) The commission may administer the direct install program through regional direct install third-party implementers selected through a competitive solicitation process. In selecting ~~the applicants to classify as those~~ third-party implementers, the commission shall prioritize applications from entities that include at least one community-based organization in order to ensure for the provision of ~~culturally appropriate~~ *culturally appropriate* outreach, education, and support to households participating in the direct install program, and from entities that employ workers from local communities.*

5. SB 795: Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment: sale registry and compliance tracking system: compliance documentation data repository

- *Reports by the Energy Commission and by the Public Utilities Commission have found that permits are obtained for HVAC replacements as little as 10 percent of the time, and that contractors comply with the California Energy Code's quality installation requirements as little as 15 percent of the time. It is estimated that by correcting these problems, peak energy demand could be decreased by 400 megawatts.*
 - Note: you can find the report in this docket:
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-DECARB-03>
- Amended from a spot bill, summary of changes:
 - This bill would require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment sales registry and compliance tracking ~~system. The system to allow the Contractors State License Board and other responsible enforcement agencies to cross-check the purchase of HVAC equipment with the submittal of permit compliance verification documents in order to identify contractors and other installers that fail to comply~~

with the law. The bill would specify that the system is not directly accessible by the general public and would require the commission to designate certain information in the system as presumptively confidential.

- *This bill would also require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide compliance—~~document~~documentation data repository. repository with certain capabilities. The bill would specify that the repository is not directly accessible by the general public and would require the commission to designate certain information in the repository as presumptively confidential.*
- *Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.*
- *This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.*

6. IEPR Proposed Scope

- The Council's two key requests have been generally incorporated into the updated IEPR scope:
 - Direct reference to coordination with other agencies
 - Acknowledgment of SB 846 and load shifting targets (more TBD)...

7. Upcoming Cleantech Party Congressional Speaker event

- Clean Energy Congressional Speaker Series
- California Congressmen Pete Aguilar and Mike Levin
- Free Virtual Event – Tuesday, April 4 from 4-5 pm PT / 7-8 pm ET
- [RSVP here](#)
- Our next virtual event is with Congressmen Pete Aguilar and Mike Levin, Democrats of California, on Tuesday, April 4th @ 4-5 pm Pacific/7-8 pm Eastern. Rep. Aguilar (CA-33) is Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and a House Appropriations Committee Member. Rep. Levin (CA-49) is a true Climate Champion and member of the House Natural Resources Committee. Discussion topics may include status of clean energy legislation, jobs for the clean energy economy, climate as an election issue, and commentary on the 2024 elections for the House of Representatives.

Date	Member	2023-24 Status
Tues Mar 21	Rep. Steven Horsford (NV-04)	House Financial Services Committee Clean Energy Author
Tues Apr 4	Rep. Pete Aguilar (CA-33) with Rep. Mike Levin (CA-49)4	Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and House Appropriations Committee Member Climate Champion Natural Resources Committee Member
Tues Apr 18	Senator Jacky Rosen (Nevada)	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Member
Tues May 2	Senator Maria Cantwell (Washington)	Chair of Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Member of Finance and Natural Resources and Energy Committees
Tues May 16	Senator Martin Heinrich (New Mexico)	Member of Resources and Energy, Appropriations, and Joint Economic Committees
Future Dates	Speakers to be announced	TBD

Next Meeting

NOTE: All future State Policy Committee Calls, at least for now, have shifted from every other Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. to every other Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Our next State Policy WG meeting is scheduled for **Friday April 14 at 10:00 a.m.**
Call-in coordinates are below.

[Zoom link](#)

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