CEDMC State Policy Call - Update in Lieu of January 10, 2025 Meeting:

Governor Newsom Executive Order N-5-24

- The Governor's office has confirmed receipt of the energy agencies' recommendations as requested by January 1, 2025. The Governor's office has not released any information as of today.
- We understand that a news outlet has filed a Public Records Act Request earlier this week. The Council will disseminate the documents if and when they are made available.

Budget

- Today, the State finance director will hold a media briefing on Governor Newsom's 2025-26 budget.

WHEN: Friday, January 10 at approximately 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Media Briefing Room, Swing Space Building, 1021 O Street, Sacramento

LIVESTREAM: The Governor's YouTube page

Relevant Bills Introduced To-Date

- As of January 10, 2025, we are tracking eight bills. It is still very early in the process, and we anticipate adding many more bills to our list.

AB 13 (Ransom D) Public Utilities Commission: reports.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/2/2024 html pdf

Status: 12/3/2024-From printer. May be heard in committee January 2.

Location: 12/2/2024-A. PRINT

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Summary: Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission to annually prepare a written report on the costs of programs and activities conducted by certain electrical corporations and gas corporations. Current law requires the report to identify specified information, including, among other information, each program mandated by statute or by the commission and its annual cost to ratepayers. Current law requires the commission to complete the report on an annual basis before April 1 of each year, and to submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature on an annual basis no later than April 1 of each year. This bill would require the commission to instead complete and submit the above-described report on a biannual basis.

AB 35 (Alvarez D) California Environmental Quality Act: clean hydrogen transportation projects.

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Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would provide for limited CEQA review of an application for a discretionary permit or authorization for a clean hydrogen transportation project, as defined, by requiring the application to be reviewed through a clean hydrogen environmental assessment, unless otherwise requested by the applicant, as prescribed. The bill would, except as provided, require the lead agency to determine whether to approve the clean hydrogen environmental assessment and issue a discretionary permit or authorization for the project no later than 270 days after the application for the project is deemed complete.

AB 44 (Schultz D) Energy: electrical demand forecasts.

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Summary: Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, at least every 2 years, to conduct assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices. Current law authorizes the commission to require the submission of demand forecasts from electrical utilities, among other entities, to perform its assessments and forecasts. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would require the commission to develop a set of technical guidance and load modification protocols to enable the state to reduce or modify its electrical demand forecast to improve grid reliability, as provided.

AB 61 (Pacheco D) Electricity and natural gas: legislation imposing mandated program and requirements: third-party review.

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Summary: The Public Advocate's Office of the Public Utilities Commission is established as an independent office within the commission to represent and advocate on behalf of the interests of public utility customers and subscribers within the jurisdiction of the commission. This bill would request the office to establish, by January 1, 2027, a program to, upon request of the Legislature, analyze legislation that would establish a mandated requirement or program or otherwise affect electrical or gas ratepayers, as specified. The bill would request the office to develop and implement conflict-of-interest provisions that would prohibit a person from participating in an analysis for which the person knows or has reasons to know that the person has a financial interest. The bill would establish the Energy Programs Benefit Fund in the State Treasury and continuously appropriate the moneys in the fund to the office to support the work of the office in providing analyses under the bill. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2031.

AB 99 (Ta R) Electrical corporations: rates.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/8/2025 html pdf

Status: 1/9/2025-From printer. May be heard in committee February 8.

Location: 1/8/2025-A. PRINT

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Summary: Would prohibit an electrical corporation from proposing, and the Public Utilities Commission from approving, a rate increase above the rate of inflation, unless the rate increase is approved by a majority of the electrical corporation's customers voting in an election conducted according to specified requirements, and except when the commission determines that the costs underlying the rate increase are directly related to safety enhancements and modernization or to higher commodity or fuel costs.

SB 24 (McNerney D) Electrical and gas corporations.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/2/2024 html pdf

Status: 12/3/2024-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 2.

Location: 12/2/2024-S. RLS.

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Summary: Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish priorities among the types or categories of customers of each electrical corporation and each gas corporation, as provided. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that requirement.

SB 51 (Niello R) Permanent standard time.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/18/2024 html pdf

Status: 1/6/2025-Read first time.

Location: 12/18/2024-S. RLS.

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Summary: Under state law, Proposition 7, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 6, 2018, statewide general election, sets the standard time for California and sets daylight saving time to begin each March and end each November. Proposition 7 authorizes the Legislature to amend these provisions by a 2/3 vote to change the dates and times of the daylight saving time period, consistent with federal law, and authorizes the Legislature to amend these provisions by a 2/3 vote to provide for the application of year-round daylight saving time when authorized by federal law. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would relate to the implementation of permanent standard time.

SCR 7 (Niello R) Permanent standard time.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/18/2024 html pdf

Status: 12/18/2024-Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 12/18/2024-S. RLS.

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Summary: Would proclaim that the Legislature acknowledges the health benefits of permanent standard time.