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Weekly Member Policy Call

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Today's Agenda

- CEDMC is now hiring
- Spring Symposium agenda topics
- Policy Announcements
- 2028-2035 EE Budget Proposals
- DR Bridge Funding Comments - April 15
- High DR Ruling
- DDEMI Comments
- Legislative Priorities
- Next Steps

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CEDMC is Hiring!

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Title: Manager of Policy and Strategy
Organization: California Efficiency + Demand Management Council (www.cedmc.org)
Reports to: Michelle Vigen Ralston, Operations Director and Melanie Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor
Type: Full-time employment (32 hours/week)
Salary Range: $92,000-$105,000 annually, depending on experience
Location: Remote, located anywhere in California

This role provides an excellent opportunity for a professional to combat climate change by representing the energy efficiency (EE), demand response (DR), and distributed energy resources (DER) industries in key California regulatory and legislative contexts. The Council has a long legacy of influencing critical and enduring policy venues to ensure successful EE, DR, and DER implementation by the industry and members it represents. To that end, we seek an experienced regulatory advocate with initiative to bring folks together to build better and stronger policy for all.

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CEDMC Spring Symposium Registration is Open

California's Clean Energy Future: Flexible, Distributed, and Technology-Enabled

- Thursday, May 7, 2026
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm followed by a networking reception until 6:30 pm
- Norma Hertzog Community Center, Costa Mesa, CA
- Click here to learn more & register

Agenda Topics:

- Keynote Speaker on the State of the Industry
- Evaluating Viable Electric Alternatives
- Getting it Right: The Role of Data Centers in CA's Energy Ecosystem
- Data-Driven Electrification: Turning Programs into Grid Resources
- Transformative Neighborhood-scale Energy Solutions
- Transportation Electrification

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Early Bird Pricing Until April 7th - Take the leap, register before the full agenda and save $100

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Policy Announcements (1)

SoCalREN will be hosting an informational webinar on April 7th, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, to provide further insight into their Business Plan Application filing long-term strategies, and proposed initiatives. Details of this webinar are provided below:

Webinar Details:

- **Date:** April 7th
- **Time:** 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/252685064781 45?p=z6PhuoPCke7nTTTmh6
  - Meeting ID: 252 685 064 781 45; Passcode: DJ6FZ7uw

Policy Announcements (2)

4/15: The Annual Energy Efficiency Third-Party Solicitations Stakeholder Meeting

Agenda includes ED Regulatory Updates; Observations from 2025 Independent Evaluator (IE) Semi-annual Reports; IOUs third party solicitations updates; panel discussions with implementers, IEs and IOUs; discussion on the custom review process improvements; as well as opportunities to network.

- Please join us in-person or via the Microsoft Teams Meeting link below.
  - Date: **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**
  - Time: **9:30 AM – 3:45 PM**
  - Location: **SCE's Irwindale Conference Center at the SCE Energy Education Center, Irwindale (6900 N. Irwindale Ave, Irwindale CA)**
    - If you are planning to attend in person, please RSVP to Jessie Levine at **jessica.levine@cpuc.ca.gov** by **Friday, April 3rd at 5pm.**
  - **Microsoft Teams meeting**: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25546115308202?p=Ut9gxF300DQNgszUtu
    - **Meeting ID**: 255 461 153 082 02
    - **Passcode**: cY2zu369
    - **Dial in by phone**: +1 213-297-0156
    - **Phone conference ID**: 163 147 441#

Regulatory Priorities

- R.25-04-010 (EE Portfolios, Policies, Programs, Evaluation)
- A.25-04-014 (SDG&E Application to Exit Regional EE Programs)
- R.25-09-004 (Enhance Demand Response in CA)
- R.21-06-017 (High DER Future)
- R. 22-11-013 (DER Cost Effectiveness/Data Access)
- CEC Docket No. 22-RENEW-01 (Demand Side Grid Support)
- CAISO Demand & Distributed Energy Market Integration (DDEMI)

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R.25-04-010 (EE)

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R.25-04-010 (EE Portfolios, Policies, Programs, Evaluation)

- 3/16: PA EE Business Plans/Portfolios for 2028-2035 (waiting for new consolidated application number)
  - 13 PAs filed plans
- 3/18: ALJ email ruling set extended dates for responses to PA EE Business Plans
  - Party Responses/Protests due May 1
  - PA Responses due May 18

Ad hoc Working Group needed to work on responses to EE Applications. Please reach out to Melanie and Kira if you can help with comments.

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IOU 2028-2035 Budgets vs Historical

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IOU	Approved 2024-2027 Budget Cap	Approved 2028-2031 Budget Forecast	2028-2031 Budget Requests	2032-2035 Budget Requests
PG&E	$1,004,140,954	$1,032,170,128	$909,723,209	$868,179,041
SCE	$1,674,812,208	$1,783,094,039	$997,213,600	$953,690,600
SDG&E	$308,543,164	$318,911,289	$277,194,397	$287,726,150
SoCalGas	$615,873,145	$673,776,756	$600,000,000	$646,062,000
IOU TOTAL	**$3,603,369,471**	**$3,807,953,212**	**$2,784,131,206**	**$2,755,657,791**

Non-IOU PA Budgets vs Historical

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NON-IOU PA	Approved 2024-2027 Budget Cap	Approved 2028-2031 Budget	2028-2031 Budget Requests	2032-2035 Budget Requests
3C-REN	$71,367,489	$84,000,166	$104,669,625	$123,018,880
BayREN	$171,676,637	$176,819,577	$186,596,277	$206,576,459
CCR REN	--	--	$170,252,643	$243,171,553
I-REN	$45,271,191	N/A	$81,319,000	$97,217,000
MCE	$78,217,316	$80,063,445	$65,251,000	$67,845,000
NREN	--	--	$89,636,000	$127,024,000
PCE	--	--	$36,302,085	$46,821,903
SDREN	--	--	$175,038,485	$199,800,377
SoCalREN	$227,597,351	$356,187,290	$374,551,710	$463,400,000

A.25-04-014 (SDG&E EE)

A.25-04-014 (SDG&E Application to Exit Regional EE Programs)

- SDG&E filed a 2028-2034 Application on 3/16, however they continue to advocate that the Commission instead approve A.25-04-014.
- 3/19: ALJ Email Ruling
  - Hearings cancelled

Opening Briefs April 20; Reply Briefs April 30

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R.25-09-004 (DR)

R.25-09-004 (Enhance Demand Response in CA)

- 3/10 ALJ Ruling on Bridge Year Funding (Proposed Budgets next slide)
  - CEDMC to support 2-year bridge funding
    - Increase budgets for load modifying DR program
    - SCT funding IS needed to develop the mechanism even if we advocate for exemption from SCT requirement for bridge
      - What should that funding be for integration into 2030-2034
    - Exempt from SCT requirement during bridge
  - Should CEDMC support January 1, 2029 filing or should it be earlier?
  - Any other procedural feedback?

Comments due April 15; Reply Comments due May 6

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Table 1: Proposed Budgets for IOUs' Bridge Years (per year)

Annual budget ($thousands) for 2028 and 2029 (per year)	PG&E	SCE	SDG&E
Budget Category 1: Supply-Side Demand Response Program	$ 59,187	$ 131,639	$ 1,776
Budget Category 2: Load-Modifying Demand Response Program	$ 9	$ 3	$ -
Budget Category 3: Demand Response Auction Mechanism	$ 3,500	$ 966	$ 1,648
Budget Category 4: Emerging and Enabling Technology	$ 3,175	$ 9,121	$ 774
~~**Budget Category 5: Pilots**~~	~~$ 27,805~~	~~$ 20,413~~	~~$ 6,720~~
Budget Category 6: Marketing, Education, and Outreach	$ 3,678	$ 3,983	$ 282
Budget Category 7: Portfolio Support	$ 13,112	$ 13,528	$ 4,041
SCT Budget (added to Category 7)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Total Bridge Year Funding (per year)	**$ 82,661 +SCT**	**$ 159,240 +SCT**	**$ 8,521 +SCT**

R.21-06-017

R.21-06-017 (High DER Future)

Proceeding reforms how utilities forecast load, identify grid needs and plan solutions to influence DER deployment and market opportunities.

- 3/23: Assigned Commissioner's Ruling on Track 1 and Track 2 DER Orchestration
  - 4/13 Responses to questions on proposed IOU DSO-led application process as well as Integrated Capacity Analysis workshops and the filing of Grid Modernization Reports
  - 4/20: Reply Comments due
  - 4/29 Workshop to discuss options for Track 2

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CAISO Priorities

CAISO Demand & Distributed Energy Market Integration (DDEMI)

- CEDMC filing comments 3/27 to support CAISO's Track 1 Straw Proposal: End-User Exports in DR Performance Measurement.
  - Support CAISO's efforts; Request CAISO take a broader/more expansive view to ensure there are no sub-LAP level exports
    - Good: Resource ID level (each resource can't be negative)
    - Better: DR Provider level (the total across all of an implementer's resources can't be negative)
    - Best: Sub-LAP level (as long as the sub-LAP in aggregate isn't negative, all exports can be counted)

CEDMC CAISO+ Opportunity: Comments due 3/27.

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Regulatory Calendar

- **March 27: Comments due on CAISO DDEMI Guidance**
- April 7: SoCalRen public webinar to discuss EE Business Plan Application
- **April 15: Comments due on DR Bridge Funding Ruling (R.25-09-004)**
- April 20: Opening Briefs SDG&E Application to Exit Regional EE (A.25-04-014)
- **May 1: Responses/Protests to EE Business Plan Applications (A.26-03-XXX)**
- May 6: Replies on DR Bridge Funding (R.25-09-004)
- May 18: PA Responses due (A.26-03-XXX)

Legislative Priorities

- CEDMC Priority Bill List - March 2026
- CEDMC signing on to Coalition Support Letter for SB 913 (Becker); Clean Local Power Act
  - coalition support letter and sign-on form

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Next Steps

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- Member Survey - what are your policy priorities?
- Detailed Summary/Action Plan for PA EE Applications
- Ad hoc working Groups for DR and EE proceedings - develop comments
- Contact Kira/Melanie if interested in adding DR WG to your membership

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Discussion and Questions

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Thank You!

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