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Monthly Member Readout

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Today's Agenda – covers 3/13-4/1

- **CEDMC Announcements** | *Kira Kimick*
- **Board Activities** | Kira Kimick, Melanie Gillette
- **Empower DSM Coalition** | *Chris Burmester*
- **March Policy Summary** | *Melanie Gillette*
- **April Policy Opportunities** | *Melanie Gillette*
- **Legislative Update** | *Erin Niemela and Tiffany Phan, Niemela Pappas & Associates, CEDMC Lobbyists*
- **Q&A**

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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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Spring Symposium Early Bird Rate Ends Next Week

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
- Examining the EE Business Plans for 2028-2035
- Why is Electrification Not Cost Effective?
- Opportunities for Load Growth to be a Grid Resource
- The Role of Data Centers in CA's Energy Ecosystem
- Transformative Neighborhood-scale Energy Solutions
- Accelerating Transportation Electrification in California: Lowering Fuel Costs While Protecting Affordability

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Board Committee Updates (1)

Events Committee

Meets every 2 weeks

- The Events Committee provides leadership and support in the planning and coordination of CEDMC's major events (EM&V Forum, Spring Symposium, Fall Conference), industry trainings, and networking activities, including utility business forums. Develops internal and external communication standards, practices, tools, marketing initiatives, and collateral to maximize member services, and raise awareness about CEDMC's leadership status in California.

Board Committee Updates (2)

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SPARC - Strategic Planning and Revenue Committee

Meets monthly

- Provide strategic planning leadership to the Board of Directors and the overall organization.
- Ensure that the organization invests resources on highest strategic priorities and pivots as necessary to remain focused on priorities.
- Generate sufficient revenue to meet the organization's current base level budget.
- Develop and execute a plan to fund growth/maintenance of base level budget to meet the transitional needs of the Energy Efficiency, Decarbonization and Demand Response industries.

Board Committee Updates (3)

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Policy Committee

Meets every 2 weeks

- The role of the Policy committee is to provide both proactive and reactive leadership by working with Council staff, board, and membership to maximize the beneficial impact of our organization in two key arenas: regulatory and legislative.

- In regulatory terms, we seek to optimize CPUC, CEC, and CAISO policy. Our overall goal is to positively influence the impact of policy and regulation on our industry where possible, and to track and report all substantial related activities and outcomes to our membership.

Empower DSM Committee

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Meets every 2 weeks

- This group is made up of CEDMC members, CCAs, and RENs to collaborate in the defense of our industry funding in California through proactive policy solutions, education, advocacy, etc. The goal is to collaborate broadly with aligned stakeholders in the state to promote the preferred resources of Energy Efficiency and Demand Response in California.

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Empower DSM Coalition

Reminders

- April 7: SoCalREN Webinar on Business Plans
  - 9:30-11:00 AM
  - Provide further insight into their BPA filing, long-term stratefies and proposed initiatives.
- April 15: Annual EE Third-Party Solicitations Stakeholder Meeting
  - 9:30 AM – 3:45 PM
  - In-person at SCE's Irwindale Conference Center (at SCE Energy Education Center; 6900 Irwindale Avenue)
  - **Virtual Meeting ID**: 255-461-153-082-02; **Passcode**: cY2za369
  - **Dial in by phone**: +1 213-297-0156; **Phone ID**: 163 147 441#
- May 7: CEDMC Spring Symposium; Costa Mesa

March Policy Activities

- Held the following calls:
  - MMR call on 3/13 to describe new management structure/goals
  - Board Policy Committee calls every other week
  - Weekly Policy Calls beginning 3/20 – Fridays at 10am
  - Monthly CAISO-WG call to discuss opportunities
  - Member calls to determine policy priorities - Ongoing
- Participated in pre-BPA filing calls with SoCalGas and PG&E; post-BPA filing call with PG&E
- Participated in biweekly Empower DSM Coalition meetings
- Instituted biweekly Newsletters – 3/20 and 4/3

March Filings

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

- Filed Opening Comments at CPUC supporting Flex Alert Proposed Decision
  - Requested modifications to individualize messages per Opinion Dynamics recommendation

CAISO Demand & Distributed Energy Market Integration (DDEMI)

- CEDMC filed Comments (3/27) supporting DDEMI Track 1 Straw Proposal: End-User Exports in DR Performance Measurement. Requested 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)

Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (1)

A.26-03-009 – A.26-03-021 PA Business Plan Applications (BPA)

- Thirteen PAs filed BPAs on March 16. CAEECC has posted all of the Applications and Exhibits for easy access.
- Budgets and Policy Recommendations included in 3/20 Newsletter
- We are still reviewing and identifying areas of alignment with CEDMC's goals and positions, and we have started drafting themes for CEDMC's Response – **due May 1**
- Met with PG&E to discuss their BPA – provided initial reactions

Address issues of decreasing budgets/spend, affordability, cost-effectiveness, new program offerings, building electrification, revamping 3P EE framework, changing NTG, IDSM programs within EE portfolios

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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

Regulatory Opportunities - CPUC (2)

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

- ALJ Ruling (3/10) on Bridge Year Funding (proposed budgets next slide)
  - Proposal is a 2-year bridge of DR program operations and budgets for 2028-2029 due to lack of timing to complete full cycle this year.
    - **SUPPORT**
  - Proposed budgets are extension of 2027 budgets through the bridge years
    - **INCREASE BUDGETS FOR LOAD MODIFYING PROGRAMS**
    - **ADD BUDGET FOR DEVELOPING SCT MECHANISM DURING BRIDGE**
    - **ADDRESS ISSUE OF NO PILOT FUNDING DURING BRIDGE**
  - Proposal suggests exempting bridge year programs from Societal Cost Test
    - **SUPPORT**
  - IOUs would file 2030-2034 applications January 1, 2029, as proposed
    - **POTENTIAL SUPPORT - DISCUSS**

Comments due April 15; Reply Comments due May 6

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Proposed Budgets for DR Bridge Years

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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**

Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (3)

A.25-04-014 (SDG&E Application to Revise 2024-2031 EE Portfolio Business Plan)

- Discontinue Regional EE Program Administration
- "Urgency due to affordability concerns in SDG&E region, coupled with closing non-cost-effective programs"
  - "It is the success of the Commission's energy efficiency investments over the past several decades in CA and the CEC;s aggressive adoption of codes and standards, there is less cost-effective EE available. . . "
- Requests budget reduction of approximately $300 million for 2026-2031

❖ Approved budget $496,036,268. Proposed budget $196,477,188

Board discussions on future PA models

Opening Briefs due April 20; Reply Briefs due April 30

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Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (4)

R. 22-11-013 (DER Cost Effectiveness/Data Access)

- Track 1: Development of Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC) to evaluate EE and DR; Considering adoption of Societal Cost Test (SCT) for DERs
- Track 2: Data access (meter-based EE, more accurate baselines, performance-based EE program models)
- Track 3: Reexamine guiding principles for acc
  - Provide Comments on guiding principles (Scoping Ruling lacks a date – asks for feedback in April and comments in May)
  - Watch for Ruling to provide comments on Tracks 1 and 2

Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (5)

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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Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (6)

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R.19-01-011 (Building Decarbonization)

- 3/20 Assigned Commissioner's and ALJ's Ruling Seeking Information on Building Decarbonization (Attachment A) and Entering Pilot Programs Draft Reports (Attachments B & C) into the Record
- Attachment A: Questions on Building Decarb (16 questions to frame Action Plan)
- Attachment B: BUILD Draft Report
- Attachment C: TECH Draft Report
- **Comments due April 10; Reply Comments due April 17**

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April/May Filing Opportunities

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April: Drafting Response to Business Plan Applications (R.25-04-010)

April 10: Building Decarb Comments (R.19-01-011)

- Need members to help

April 13: Responses on Track 1 & Track 2 DER Orchestration (R.21-06-017)

- Need members to help draft

April 15: Comments due on DR Bridge Funding Ruling (R.25-09-004)

- Support 2-year bridge and exemption of SCT for bridge
- Request funding for SCT methodology development
- Request additional budgets for load modifying DR programs
- Address lack of pilots during bridge – still refining position

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April/May Filing Opportunities

CPUC

April: Drafting Response to Business Plan Applications (R.25-04-010)

April 20: Briefs on SDG&E Application to Exit Regional EE (A.25-04-014)

April 20: Reply Comments on Track 1 High DER Ruling

- Need members to lead on drafting

April 29: Workshop to discuss options for Track 2 High DER

April 30: Reply Briefs on SDG&E Application (A.25-04-014)

- Need members to assist with drafting

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Legislative Update

- CEDMC Priority Bill List - March 2026
- Sacramento legislative briefings
- Legislative Priorities and Actions
- Budget Priorities and Actions

(Update will include bills CEDMC has positioned on as well as the DSGS coalition letter, TECH funding request letter, and ZEV incentive program administration expansion.)

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Discussion and Questions

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