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Weekly Member Policy Call

April 10, 2026

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Today's Agenda

- Announcements
- Policy Updates
  - 2028-2035 EE Budget Proposals
  - DR Bridge Funding Comments
  - High DER Track 2 Comments (Collin Smith)
  - Building Decarb Comments (Ryan Wilson)
- Legislative Priorities
- Q&A

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Announcements

CEDMC Spring Symposium

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

Early Bird Pricing Extended Until April 12th

Take the leap, register before the speakers are announced and save $100!

Full Session Descriptions Announced

See today's Newsletter or

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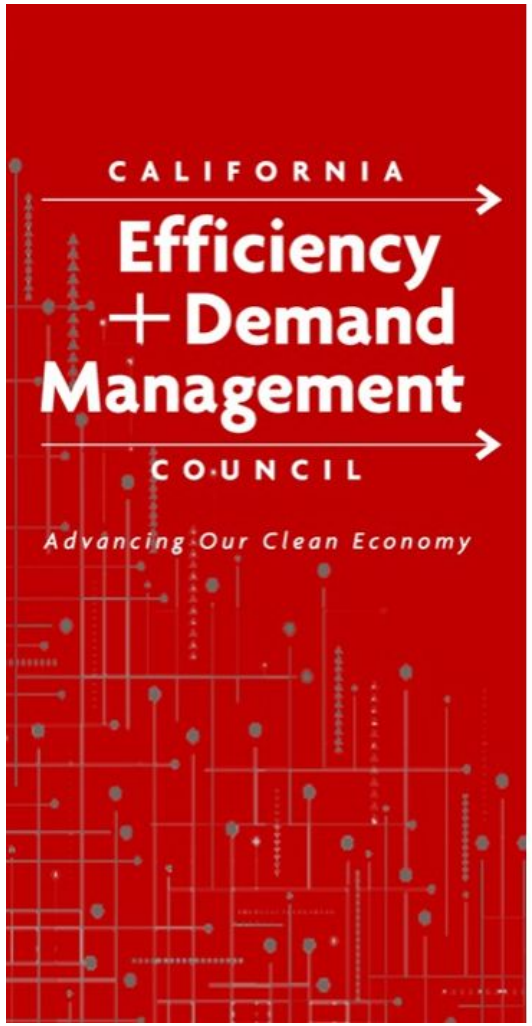
Reminder



WE ARE HIRING!

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Reminders

- April 15: Annual EE Third-Party Solicitations Stakeholder Meeting
  - 9:30 AM – 3:45 PM
  - **Virtual Meeting ID**: 255-461-153-082-02; **Passcode**: cY2za369
  - **Dial in by phone**: +1 213-297-0156; **Phone ID**: 163 147 441#
- April 11-19: Heat Pump Week
- May 7: CEDMC Spring Symposium; Costa Mesa
- June 10: CEC/EPRI Electrification Summit, Sacramento

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Policy Updates

A.26-03-009-021 (EE Applications)

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
- Developing positions that align with CEDMC's strategic goals and 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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R.25-09-004 (Enhance DR)

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ALJ Ruling (3/10) on IOUs 2028-2029 Bridge Year Funding (Staff Proposal)

CEDMC to request:

- Increased budgets for load modifying programs
- Additional budget for developing SCT mechanism during bridge
- Should be pilot funding during bridge

April 8 ALJ Ruling on Bridge Year Funding

Modifies Schedule and Poses Supplemental Questions:

- Should ELRP pilot be extended as-is or with modifications? Should there be a sunset date?
- Explain any specific design changes recommended as part of the response
- Are there lessons or elements from DSGS that could inform ELRP pilot design – benefit all ratepayers?

Comments due April 30 (NEW DATE); Reply Comments due May 21 (NEW DATE)
(Note: specific instructions on numbering your responses to questions!)

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

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Assigned Commissioner's Ruling (3/23/26) identifies 5 priority areas to guide Track 2 DER Orchestration framework

- DER visibility to distribution system operators (DSO)
- DER visibility to CAISO
- DER dispatchability/control
- Open access to distribution system
- Reliability coordination at T&D interface

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R.21-06-017 (High DER Future) (2)

DER orchestration through DSO framework = coordinated management of technologies and flexible loads across distribution grid

First steps for a framework:

- Develop models for cost-effective grid services; evaluate use cases
- Advance open, interoperable communication
- Enable DER visibility to CAISO and DSO-CAISO coordination
- Evaluate options for compensating distribution flexibility procurement/dispatch mechanisms
- Define performance metrics and evaluation criteria
- Identify appropriate initial locations on the system

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R.21-06-017 (High DER Future) (3)

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Ruling proposes hybrid procedural approach

- Begin with two Commission-led workshops to build early alignment
- Follow with IOU applications to develop and operationalize full DER orchestration framework
  - Workshop 1:
    - Refine application process, discuss guiding principles, technical requirements
    - Proposals for workshops, new working group
  - Workshop 2:
    - Enhance CAISO visibility with improved access to aggregated data on DER capacity, schedules, performance
    - Strengthen TSO-DSO coord by clarifying roles/data-sharing protocols
    - Facilitate collab between TSOs, DSOs, and stakeholders on shared priorities

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R.21-06-017 (High DER Future) (4)

Ruling proposes Integrated Capacity Analysis (ICA) Workshop cadence

- Biannual cadence better aligns with release of biannual reports – move from quarterly

Ruling proposes modifying process for Grid Modernization Progress Reports

- Align with reporting requirements under PUC Section 913.6
  - **4/14 CEDMC Call to discuss/allocate questions**
  - **4/20 (NEW DATE):** Responses to questions on proposed IOU DSO-led application process as well as Integrated Capacity Analysis workshops and the filing of Grid Modernization Reports
  - **4/30 (NEW DATE)**: Reply Comments due
  - **5/21 (NEW DATE)** Workshop to discuss options for Track 2

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R.19-01-011 (Building Decarb)

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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 14 (NEW); Reply Comments due April 27 (NEW)

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R.19-01-011 (Building Decarb) (2)

Commission staff's Best Practices and Future Pathways Framework is the foundation of the proposed Building Decarb Action Plan

Framework identified six categories of best practices:

- Integrated program offerings
- Measure-specific successes
- Right-sizing electric service
- Recognizing remediation needs
- Excelling in customer buy-in
- Leveraging data and analytics

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Regulatory Calendar

- **April 14: CEDMC Call on High-DER Comments**
- **April 14: Opening Comments on Building Decarb (R.19-01-011)**
- **April 20: Opening Comments High-DER Track 2 Comments**
- April 20: Opening Briefs SDG&E Application to Exit Regional EE (A.25-04-014)
- **April 27: Reply Comments on Building Decarb**
- **April 30: Comments due on DR Bridge Funding Ruling (R.25-09-004)**
- **April 30: Replies on High-DER Track**
- **May 1: Responses/Protests to EE Business Plan Applications (A.26-03-XXX)**
- **May 21: Replies on DR Bridge Funding (R.25-09-004)**
- May 18: PA Responses due (A.26-03-XXX)

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Legislative Updates

Legislative Priorities

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

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Discussion and Questions

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