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Monthly Member Readout

May 1, 2026

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Today's Agenda – covers April 2026

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

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Spring Symposium is Next Week!

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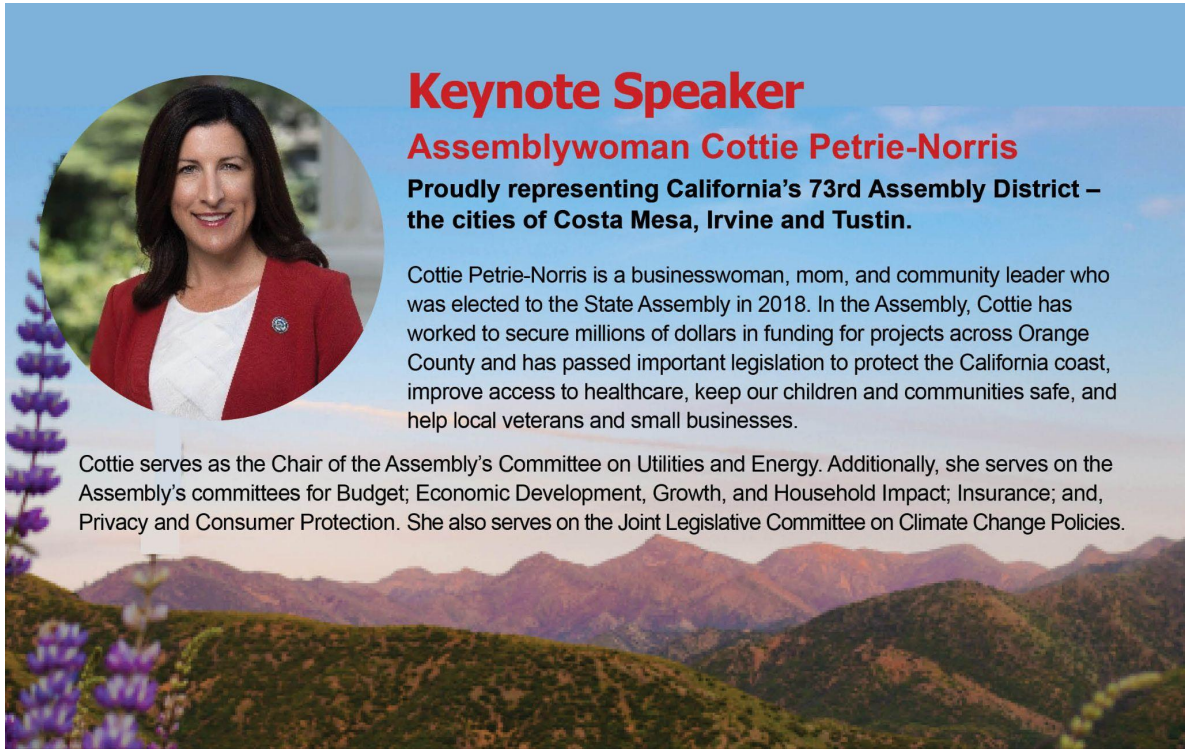
California's Clean Energy Future: Flexible, Distributed, and Technology-Enabled

- 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
- REGISTER HERE

Agenda Topics:

- Session 1: Examining the EE Business Plans for 2028-2035
- Session 2: Why is Electrification Not Cost Effective for the Customer (Yet)?
- Session 3: Accelerating Transportation Electrification in California: Lowering Fuel Costs While Protecting Affordability
- Session 4: Transformative Community-scale Energy Solutions
- Session 5: Getting it Right: Opportunities for Load Growth to be a Grid Resource



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April Policy Activities

- Held the following calls:
  - MMR call on 4/3 to provide March committee updates
  - Board Policy Committee calls every other week
  - Weekly Policy Calls – Fridays at 10am
  - Monthly CAISO-WG call to discuss opportunities
  - EE Working Group - 3 calls to discuss issues for May 1 Response
  - DR Working Group - call to discuss Bridge Funding comments
  - DER Working Group - call to discuss High DER filing

April Filings

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April 20: Opening Comments on Track 1 & Track 2 DER Orchestration (R.21-06-017)

- Must function as open platform, technology neutral, performance-based
- Transparent, location-specific valuation frameworks
- Designed to preserve and integrate with wholesale markets
- Interoperability, open standards, aggregation foundational to scalability
- Phased, evidence-based implementation approach

April Filings (2)

April 30: DR Bridge Funding Comments (R.25-09-004)

- Approve bridge funding (2 years) for continuity/reliability
- Reallocate DR funding to ensure support for load-modifying DR
- Establish dedicated pilot funding for innovation during bridge
- Exempt bridge year funding from Societal Cost Test requirement
- Direct ED to track and report load-shifting impacts
- Approve ELRP during bridge
  - Enhancements to reinforce alignment with Guiding Principles
- Incorporate elements from DSGS for ELRP

Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (1)

A.26-03-009 et.al. PA Business Plan Applications (BPA)

- Optimally utilitize demand-side resources while scaling electrification
- Require IOUs to fully procure all cost-effective EE (load shaping, locational)
- Support sustaining and strengthening IDSM
- Reject proposals to modify existing third-party framework
- Support cohesive set of evaluation and cost-effectiveness reforms
- Align net-to-gross policy with current EE market realities
- Discontinue custom project review; alternatively support streamlined and transparent custom project approval timelines
- Allow EE incentives to support electrification of non-regulated fuel sources
- Support efforts to improve PRG process without reducing independent oversight
- Supports strengthening and clarifying role of CAEECC

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Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (2)

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

- Discontinue Regional EE Program Administration
  - Requests budget reduction of approximately $300 million for 2026-2031
  - Approved budget $496,036,268. Proposed budget $196,477,188

April 7 Ruling

Settlement Motion due May 1

Comments on Settlement Motion due June 1

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Regulatory Opportunities – CPUC (3)

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

- April 23 ALJ Ruling
- Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC) to evaluate EE and DR
  - Staff Proposal for Party Input - Comments due May 13; Replies due May 18
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May Filing Opportunities

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May 1: Response to Business Plan Applications (R.25-04-010)

May 13: Opening Comments on ACC (R.22-11-013)

May 18: PA Responses due (A.26-03-009 et.al)

May 21: Replies on DR Bridge Funding (R.25-09-004)

June 1: Comments on SDG&E settlement motion (Q.25-04-0140

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Empower DSM Activites April

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- CEDMC coalition with RENs and CCA's statewide - meet bi-weekly
- Promotion and advocacy for EE/DSM in the state
- April activities:
  - Coordination for opposition to AB 2508 Hoover (PPP off bill -> GGRF)
  - Developing new, updated, information fact sheet promoting EE/DSM and refuting core talking points
  - Coordinating on proposed amendments to AB 2181 Irwin (CLECA/Industrial Decarb) with MCE and CalTF
    - Proposed reform to all custom programs - eliminate ex-ante review by CPUC
  - Information sharing on other legislation
  - Coordination on comments to business plan comments

Legislative Update

- CEDMC Priority Bill List - May2026
- Sacramento legislative briefings/Lunch & Learn
- 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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Thank You!

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