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Weekly Member Policy Call

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Today's Agenda

- Announcements
- Policy Updates
  - DER Cost Effectiveness Proceeding
  - SDG&E Application to withdraw from EE
  - Enhance Demand Response
- Legislative Priorities
- Q&A

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Announcements

CEDMC Member Survey – Due June 26

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Your engagement and satisfaction with the Council is important to us. Please help us help staff and the Board direct resources toward what you and your organization value by taking this short survey. It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please complete by

Friday, June 26, 2026.

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CAISO DDEMI Meeting

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- **Demand & Distributed Energy Market Integration**
- **June 18, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM PDT**
- **CAISO, Folsom, CA**
- **Learn more and register**

Purpose: Review feedback from comments on straw proposal and issue paper

California ISO

Prehearing Conference A.26-03-009

- **EE Business Plan Applications**
- **June 19, 1:30 PM**
- Webex
- Webinar number: 2480 745 4382
- Webinar password: 2026
- PHC Statements filed June 8, 2026
- Additional information in ALJ Ruling

Objective: Discuss scope and schedule of proceeding

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Policy Updates

R.22-11-013 DER Cost Effectiveness Proceeding

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June 12 Ruling

The ALJ issued a ruling seeking comments on the final Data Working Group Report addressing DER data access, governance, privacy, forecasting, and interagency coordination. The ruling seeks stakeholder feedback on recommendations related to data sharing, aggregation standards, DER registries, and potential statewide data platforms.

Comments are due June 26 and reply comments are due July 3.

R.22-11-013 DER Cost Effectiveness Proceeding

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Why It Matters

The CPUC is beginning to grapple with a growing challenge: California has enormous amounts of DER-related data (solar, batteries, EVs, demand response, electrification, load flexibility, etc.), but that data is fragmented across utilities, agencies, and programs.

Several of the questions in the ruling suggest the Commission is considering:

- More standardized DER data sharing
- Better coordination between CPUC and CEC
- New statewide DER databases or registries
- Easier access to data for planners, local governments, and researchers
- Changes to customer privacy and aggregation rules

Those issues could eventually affect:

- EE program evaluation
- Demand response planning
- VPPs
- DER forecasting
- Electrification planning
- Local government climate planning

A. 25-04-014 SDG&E Application to withdraw from EE

Reply Comments on Proposed Settlement

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Public Advocates Office (PAO)	Filed reply comments supporting approval of the settlement.
	Argued opposing parties failed to provide sufficient legal or factual basis to reject the settlement.
	Did not directly address CEDMC's concerns regarding affordability impacts, transition costs, or disputed TRC calculations.
Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA)	Reiterated opposition to the settlement.
	Expressly supported concerns raised by CEDMC regarding SDG&E's cost-effectiveness analysis.
	Argued the record contains incomplete or disputed information regarding TRC performance and program value.

R.25-09-004 Enhance Demand Response

PG&E issued a statement on June 11. The filing states that **no party opposes a 2028–2029 bridge period** for demand response funding. In other words, there appears to be broad agreement that existing DR programs should continue through a two-year bridge period while the Commission works through larger policy questions.

The Main Area of Disagreement: ELRP

The filing repeatedly identifies the **Emergency Load Reduction Program (ELRP)** as the major unresolved issue. Specifically, parties disagree on:

- Whether ELRP should continue through the bridge years
- Whether Category 5 pilots should be retained
- Incentive levels
- Dispatch requirements
- Program modifications
- Cost-effectiveness treatment of ELRP

R.25-09-004 Enhance Demand Response

Cal Advocates Is Pushing for More Process

The most important procedural development is that **Cal Advocates wants testimony** and may later request evidentiary hearings. They argue that proposed ELRP changes are significant enough that the Commission should develop a factual record before making decisions.

They even proposed a testimony schedule extending into September.

Cal Advocates suggested **bifurcating the proceeding**:

Phase 1

- Approve bridge-year funding

Phase 2

- Litigate ELRP funding and modifications separately later

The filing notes this proposal was added to the issues table for parties to weigh in on.

CEDMC is specifically identified among parties that are concerned testimony and hearings could:

- Delay the schedule
- Delay bridge-year funding decisions
- Distract from broader forward-looking DR policy work

R.25-09-004 Enhance Demand Response

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Why It Matters

While stakeholders appear largely aligned on extending demand response funding through the bridge years, ELRP continues to be one of the most contested issues in this phase of the proceeding. The Commission's procedural decisions over the next several months will help determine whether ELRP remains largely intact, undergoes significant modifications, or faces additional scrutiny through testimony and potential hearings.

The filing also highlights a growing divide between stakeholders focused on maintaining program continuity and those seeking additional cost-effectiveness review and accountability measures. How the Commission resolves these procedural questions could shape the timeline, funding certainty, and future structure of California's demand response programs heading into the 2030–2034 planning cycle.

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Legislative Updates

Legislative Priorities

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

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AB 1787 (Shultz)
Optional Dynamic Retail Rates

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CEDMC joined a coalition support letter for AB 1787.

The bill would require utilities to offer optional dynamic rates to customers who pay for future smart meter infrastructure upgrades.

Supporters argue the bill could improve affordability, increase customer access to real-time energy pricing, and encourage electricity use during lower-cost periods.

Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee Oversight Hearing July 1, 2026

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Topic: *The State of Electricity Reliability: Rising Demand, Shifting Reserves, and Retiring Resources*

- Assembly U&E Committee will hold an oversight hearing focused on electricity reliability challenges, including load growth, reserve margins, and resource retirements.

Discussion and Questions

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Thank You!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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