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Today's Agenda – covers June 2026

- **CEDMC Announcements** | *Kira Kimick*
- **Board Activities** | Kira Kimick, Melanie Gillette
- **June Policy Summary** | *Melanie Gillette*
- **July 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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Announcements

Networking Happy Hour in Los Angeles on July 23!

- **Date**: Thursday, July 23, 2026
- **Time**: 4:30 – 7 p.m.
- **Location**: Arts District Brewing Company
  - 828 Traction Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90013
  - About a half-mile walk from LACI
  - About a mile walk to the Amtrak station

Pricing

- AESP Member: $5 - AESP Non-member: $10
- CEDMC Discount Code: **AESPCA26**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Registration includes light appetizers, with gluten-free and vegetarian options available.

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California Powers Up: Energy & Policy Solutions Summit from AEU

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On **August 11 in Sacramento, Advanced Energy United** is bringing together state lawmakers and industry leaders working to modernize California's grid and deliver more reliable, affordable, and forward-looking energy solutions. Through content-packed panels and breakout sessions, attendees will hear firsthand how state energy policies are evolving and engage directly with the people influencing those decisions.

CEDMC members and partners are eligible for a **20% discount** off the non-profit registration fee for the event via the promo code **CEDMC20**.

Register Here:
https://reg.eventmobi.com/california-powers-up

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PG&E Webinar

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Closure of Residential Customer Energy Orchestration Program

- **July 27, 9:30-10:30 AM**
- **Draft Presentation will be posted on CAEECC website by July 17**
- **Microsoft Teams meeting**
- **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/246859674242417?p=ujb7cT9fkAxKvy84hK
- Meeting ID: 246 859 674 242 417
- Passcode: Pd2ps2Yn

Report Available

Now Available Online: Updated Proposed Final [2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report].

Board Activities - June

June Board Activities – Events Committee

Industry Training

Agenda planning is currently underway for the Fall 2026 remote session.

Fall Conference

Join us in South San Francisco on November 17-18, 2026. Agenda planning is actively underway.

Call for Proposals: Please send your session ideas to admin@cedmc.org!

June Board Activities – SPARC

Member Survey

Thank you for submission your Member Survey. The results are being tallied and we will discuss at the next SPARC call later in July.

Employee Lists Update

We are updating our member employee lists. If you haven't sent in your edits, please reach out to Kira at kkimick@cedmc.org.

We appreciate your help making sure our lists are going to the right people.

June Board Activities – Policy Committee

- Met with Energy Division staff on to discuss XXX
  - Coby Rudolph, Eli Jacobson and Jessie Levine from ED
- Provided feedback on comments filed in June
  - June 1 Response to SDG&E/PAO Settlement Agreement on SDG&E Application to withdraw from Regional EE
- Participated in biweekly Empower DSM Coalition calls
- Provided feedback on Legislation, Support Letters

June Board Activities – Policy Committee

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Held monthly meeting with CPUC Energy Division staff on 6/12 to discuss implementer risk and leveraging portfolio funds for electrification

Provided feedback on comments filed in June

Participated in Empower DSM collaborative and provided feedback on legislation, support letters

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June Policy Update - CPUC

A.26-03-009 (EE Business Plans)

A.26-03-009 EE Business Plan Applications

June 19 Prehearing Conference: Commission outlined its proposed scope for the proceeding.

Key priorities:

- Keep the proceeding focused enough to issue a final decision by **Summer 2027** so portfolios can launch on schedule in **January 2028.**
- Separate broad statewide policy questions from portfolio-specific issues.
- Focus this proceeding on reviewing portfolio applications rather than rewriting EE policy.

Why this matters

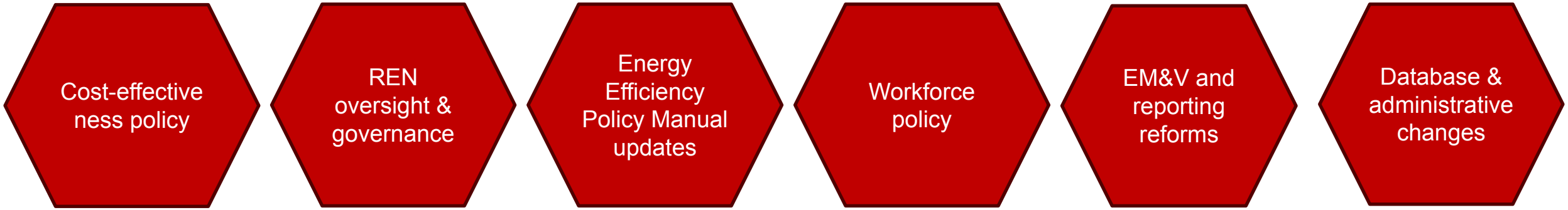
- The Commission signaled it intends to keep the case moving and avoid allowing broader policy debates to delay approval of the next EE portfolio cycle.

A.26-03-009 – EE Business Plan PHC

Major Theme: Policy vs. Portfolio

The ALJs repeatedly emphasized that many policy questions belong in **R.25-04-010 (Energy Efficiency Rulemaking)** rather than this application proceeding.

Examples proposed for the Rulemaking include:



Key takeaway

- The Commission appears committed to separating long-term policy development from approval of the 2028–2031 portfolios.

A.26-03-009 – EE Business Plan PHC

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Issues Remaining In Scope

The Commission's draft scope continues to include review of:

- Portfolio budgets
- Energy savings and performance forecasts
- Individual program proposals
- Equity program definitions and funding
- Statewide program administration
- Third-party procurement reforms
- Integrated Demand Side Management (IDSM)
- Building decarbonization issues

The ALJs also noted portfolios may need updates later if related proceedings change Commission policy.

R.25-09-004 (Enhance DR)

- R.25-09-004 Enhance Demand Response
  - CEDMC stipulated to a new list of issues in this proceeding, including requests from Cal-PA to bifurcate the proceeding into a funding DR Phase 1 and ELRP modification Phase 2.
    - CEDMC supports limiting the areas of concern so we can avoid hearings, and thus delays, if possible.
    - CEDMC continues to strongly advocate both for funding of DR programs and inclusion of ELRP in the bridge years.

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

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- A.25-04-014 (SDG&E Withdrawal from EE):
  - Reviewed Settlement Agreement (SDG&E/PAO)
  - Met with SDREN for discussions on the Agreement/proceeding to date
  - Filed CEDMC response on June 1
    - Settlement Agreement mischaracterizes Cost-Effectiveness claims
    - Settlement Agreement fails to quantify costs or demonstrate net benefits
    - Settlement Agreement ignores cost of program disruption
    - There is no showing that alternatives were considered
    - Settlement Agreement introduces uncertainty and inefficiency that are incompatible with the Commission's affordability objectives

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

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- A.25-04-014 (SDG&E Withdrawal from EE):
    - Filed CEDMC response on June 1
        - SDG&E did not adequately demonstrate affordability benefits of Settlement
        - Cost-effectiveness data presented in Settlement was incomplete and misleading
        - Transition costs, implementation disruption, and lost savings were not sufficiently analyzed
        - Different program types (Resource Acquisition, Equity, Market Support) should not be evaluated using the same cost-effectiveness lens

Key Message: Before approving significant changes to EE program administration, the Commission should have a more complete understanding of costs, benefits, and potential impacts

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

Comparison between Respondents/Why it Matters

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Where CEDMC Aligned

- Concerns about broad policy changes being made through this proceeding.
- Skepticism toward applying uniform cost-effectiveness standards across all program types.
- Recognition of the unique role of non-IOU administrators.

Where CEDMC Stood Apart

- Focused primarily on SDG&E's justification for withdrawal rather than the legality of the settlement.
- Emphasized affordability claims, missing data, transition costs, and potential disruption to EE delivery.

Why It Matters

The comments highlight broader ongoing debates around:

- Energy efficiency affordability,
- Appropriate cost-effectiveness metrics,
- The role of regional and non-IOU administrators,
- And how future EE portfolios should be structured and evaluated.

R.22-11-013 DER Cost Effectiveness
Avoided Cost Calculator

R. 22-11-013

Staff Proposal Issue	CEDMC Position	Key Consideration
Maintain distinct electric/gas GHG values	**Support**	Reflects sector-specific abatement costs
Apply single GHG value across sectors	**Oppose**	May understate electrification benefits
Remove GHG rebalancing component	**Oppose**	Could weaken portfolio/decarbonization treatment
Cap GHG value at societal cost of carbon	**Oppose**	May suppress legitimate avoided-cost values
Integrated generation/GHG calculation refinements	**Support**	Subject to review of supporting workpapers
Require stronger workpapers/model transparency	**Support**	Improves testing and confidence in ACC updates

R.22-11-013 DER Cost Effectiveness
Data Access

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June 12 Ruling Final Data Working Group Report - Commission considering:

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

Why it Matters: Issues could eventually affect:

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

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June Policy Update - CEC

California Energy Commission Update

Proposition 4 DEBA Grant Program

The CEC has released the **draft solicitation** for the Proposition 4 **Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA)** Grant Program.

Highlights

- **$46.1 million** available for eligible distributed energy resource (DER) projects.
- Program is intended to support deployment of backup energy resources that improve grid reliability during extreme events.
- Public comments on the draft solicitation are due **July 15, 2026**.

Resources

- CEC Docket (22-RENEW-01)

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July Policy Opportunities

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July 1: Review Opening Briefs on SDG&E Application to Withdraw from EE

July 1: Review CAISO Demand & Distributed Energy Market Integration (DDEMI) Comments (Track 1)

July 6: Comments on CPUC DER Data Working Group Final Report

July 7: Comments due on CEC 2025 IEPR

July 15: Comments on CEC Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Draft Solicitation

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Empower DSM

Empower DSM Activities June

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Legislative Update

Legislative Update

- CEDMC Priority Bill List - July2026
- Legislative Priorities and Actions
- Budget Priorities and Actions

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AB 2182 (Irwin), as amended 6/30

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- Eliminate CPUC's ex ante review (a HUGE victory)
- Extend to all PA's, not just IOUs
- Don't bring Go Biz into it
- Keep the funding in the overall EE portfolio - there appears to be some weak language on sticking within rate classes, but PA's have a lot of latitude to move money between rate classes if they are not being spent so the flexibility should remain
- Remove the non-EE measures

California Governor Race

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Governor's Race

- **Xavier Becerra (D)** advanced to the November General Election.
- **Steve Hilton (R)** is expected to advance as the second candidate in California's top-two primary system.
- **Tom Steyer (D)** has conceded and endorsed Becerra. (Graphic below from 6/9)

What This Means

- California is currently on track for a **Becerra (D) vs. Hilton (R)** November matchup.
- The outcome will provide voters with a clear ideological contrast rather than an all-Democrat runoff.

Key Dates

- **July 3:** County results due
- **July 10:** State certification of results
- **November 3:** General Election

California State Auditor Update

Electricity and Natural Gas Rates Report (2022-115)

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The California State Auditor posted updated responses related to recommendations issued in its report:

"Electricity and Natural Gas Rates: The California Public Utilities Commission and Cal Advocates Can Better Ensure That Rate Increases Are Necessary."

Recent updates include Recommendations:

- #7 – Utility cost projections
- #8 – Verification of utility work completion
- #9 – Balancing account review
- #11 – Coordination with CPUC on balancing account reviews
- #12 – Protest review procedures

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 to hold 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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