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Today's Agenda

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- California Energy Commission
- Legislative Priorities
- Q&A

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Announcements

Welcome, Paul!

CEDMC is so happy to welcome Paul Youngblood to the Council as our newest staff - Manager of Policy and Strategy!

Please reach out to Paul to get acquainted: paul@cedmc.org

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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**

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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:
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PG&E Webinar

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

CalREN 2026 Forum:
Energy Efficiency as an Affordability Resource

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Join CalREN's annual forum to explore how energy efficiency programs are improving affordability, strengthening community resilience, and shaping California's energy future.

[Register today!]

Report Available

The California Energy Commission has released the Updated Proposed 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR). California's biennial energy policy roadmap covering electricity demand, reliability, clean energy planning, and other statewide energy issues.

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Policy Updates - CPUC

IOU Market Support Survey

The Energy Division asked EE Program Administrators to engage directly with market stakeholders, to help define meaningful measures of success for Market Support programs.

CEDMC participated in an online focus group this week with SoCalGas to kick-off their response to this effort. We are in the process of compiling a CEDMC Survey response that addresses the following topics:

- What are the characteristics of a healthy "energy efficiency market?"
- Top priorities for defining goals for (market support) energy efficiency programs

R.21-06-017 – High DER Proceeding

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Commission Seeks Comment on Flexible Service Connections Proposal

The Commission released an Assigned Commissioner's Proposal on July 7th seeking stakeholder feedback on a statewide framework for **Flexible Service Connections (FSCs).**

Proposal Objectives

- Accelerate customer energization
- Make better use of existing grid capacity
- Reduce grid upgrade costs
- Maintain safety, reliability, and affordability

Key Dates

- **July 14** – IOU responses due
- **July 21** – Opening comments due
- **July 28** – Reply comments due

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Why It Matters

The ruling moves the proceeding from exploring Flexible Service Connections to evaluating a specific implementation proposal.

If adopted, the proposal could:

- Reduce energization delays
- Lower infrastructure costs
- Improve utilization of existing grid capacity
- Support faster deployment of distributed energy resources

Additional Topics for Comment

- Grid-edge DERMS
- Cybersecurity
- Customer protections
- Cost-benefit tracking
- Coordination with California Energy Commission

R.21-06-017 – High DER Proceeding

- ALJ Chang's July 9 Ruling provides an opportunity for parties to respond to questions on the DER Orchestration Workshop Reports.
  - Track 2 Workshop Report on TSO-DSO Coordination
  - Track 2 Workshop Report: Distribution System Operator DER Orchestration

- Opening Comments due July 27; Reply Comments due July 31

R.22-11-013: Data Working Group Report

Opening Comments Filed

- Seven parties submitted opening comments on the Data Working Group Report addressing DER data access, governance, privacy, and implementation priorities.

Broad Areas of Agreement

- Improve DER data access
- Strengthen CPUC/CEC coordination
- Expand use of existing data tools
- Improve data standardization

R.22-11-013: Data Working Group Report

Key Policy Themes

Support

- Better DER data access
- Improved data sharing
- Greater interagency coordination

Key Debates

- Statewide DER registry
- New statewide data platforms
- Customer privacy protections
- Cost recovery and ratepayer impacts

R.22-11-013: Data Working Group Report

Why It Matters

While stakeholders broadly support improving DER data access, significant policy questions remain regarding implementation, customer privacy, and funding.

These comments help establish the major issues the Commission will likely address as this proceeding moves toward future policy decisions.

Reply comments are due July 13.

A.25-04-014 – Opening Briefs Filed

Five parties submitted opening briefs on July 1st addressing SDG&E's proposed withdrawal from regional energy efficiency administration.

Major Issues

- Affordability
- Cost-effectiveness
- Transition planning
- Future role of regional administrators

Next Step: Reply briefs due July 15

A.25-04-014 – Opening Briefs Filed

Where Parties Differ

SDG&E & Public Advocates

- Support settlement approval
- Emphasize affordability
- Support consistent cost-effectiveness standards
- Believe SDG&E met its burden of proof

Joint RENs, SDREN & SBUA

- Oppose establishing statewide policy through this application
- Argue current metrics overlook important program benefits
- Raise concerns about customer impacts and transition planning

A.25-04-014 – Opening Briefs Filed

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Why It Matters

This proceeding is no longer focused solely on SDG&E's withdrawal.

The Commission is also considering:

- How affordability should be balanced with broader program benefits
- Whether statewide cost-effectiveness standards should apply to all administrators
- The future role of RENs and other non-IOU administrators
- Whether this application should influence future statewide EE policy

A.25-04-014 – CEDMC Reply Brief

CEDMC Position

Provide support for the CPUC to evaluate SDG&E's rationale for withdrawal. Specifically:

- Mischaracterization of Cost-Effectiveness Claims
- Failure to Quantify Costs or Demonstrate Net Benefits
- Ignoring the Cost of Program Disruption
- Not Showing That Alternatives Were Considered
- That Affordability is not Served by Reducing Program Effectiveness

Our goal is to reassert our original comment claims citing evidence from previous filings.

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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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Legislative Update

Legislative Update

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

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Assembly Oversight Hearing on Energy Efficiency Scheduled for August 5

The Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee has scheduled an oversight hearing titled: **"Savings You Don't See: California's Energy Efficiency Programs.“**

CEDMC Update

- CEDMC is coordinating with legislative advocates and member companies ahead of the hearing.
- Current efforts include identifying program administrators to meet with Assembly committee staff and provide additional perspective on energy efficiency program implementation.
- CEDMC is also preparing supporting materials to help inform the committee's background discussion.

Why It Matters

The hearing is expected to examine the value, cost-effectiveness, and administration of California's energy efficiency programs. It provides an opportunity for CEDMC and its members to help inform the legislative discussion before the hearing takes place.

Assembly Oversight Hearing: State of Electricity Reliability

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Key Takeaways

- State agencies reported California is expected to have sufficient electricity resources to meet **summer 2026 reliability needs.**
- Reliability has improved significantly since the rolling outages of 2020–2022 through new resource procurement and expanded planning.
- Demand response and energy efficiency continue to be recognized as important reliability resources.
- Officials acknowledged longer-term challenges, including data center growth, retirement planning for Diablo Canyon, and preparing for extreme weather events.

Why It Matters

State leaders expressed confidence in near-term grid reliability while emphasizing that continued investment in demand response, energy efficiency, transmission, and new generation will be necessary to meet California's growing electricity demand over the coming years.

Industry Report: California Energy Prices

The Center for Jobs and the Economy released its **June 2026 California Energy Price Report**, highlighting continued concerns about energy affordability.

Key Findings

- Average regular gasoline price fell **49¢** from May to **$5.62 per gallon**.
- Of that amount, **$1.57 per gallon** reflects federal, state, and local taxes and fees.
- California residential customers paid an estimated **$13.3 billion more** for electricity over the previous 12 months than the average U.S. residential customers using the same amount of electricity.

Resource

- June 2026 California Energy Price Report

Discussion and Questions

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Thank You!

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