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Weekly Member Policy Call

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Today's Agenda

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Announcements

CEDMC Fundraiser for Senator Stern

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We have a unique opportunity to host a political event for longtime energy efficiency ally, Senator Henry Stern.

Details:

- Meet and mingle with an intimate group of CEDMC members
- Allow CEDMC to support the Senator's continued service to our state.
- One hour on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in August
- Minimum of 5 companies to anchor this event.

Donation request: $2,000 per company.

Interested? Please email Kira by July 30th at admin@cedmc.org.

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NOW HIRING

Managing Director

California Efficiency + Demand Management Council

Reports To: CEDMC Board of Directors

Terms: Part-Time Salaried (24 hrs/week)

Location: Remote in California

Compensation: $106,000 – $112,000 annually

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Candidates should submit a resume and cover letter outlining their interest, qualifications, salary expectations within the posted range, and available start date to ops@cedmc.org.

CEDMC is seeking a dynamic and strategic Managing Director to lead the organization through its next phase of growth and impact. This part-time exempt position serves as the primary public representative, spokesperson, and relationship-builder for the organization while providing leadership in support of the Council's mission, strategic priorities, and member engagement efforts.

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Inaugural CalNEXT Innovation Nexus

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On August 26 in Irwindale, the CalNEXT Innovation Nexus will create a space to explore how emerging technologies and utility programs can contribute to California's energy efficiency goals. CalNEXT project findings will be presented and will connect research to potential outcomes for developing and utilizing new technologies.

See the full agenda and register at:
https://calnext.com/events/innovation-nexus/

Keynote Speaker
Gene Rodrigues
former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability at the Department of Energy

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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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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.

Date: July 29, 2026

Register today!

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Policy Updates - CPUC

A.26-07-004 California Market Transformation Administrators' (CalMTA) Second Tranche Application

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CalMTA filed an application for their second tranche of market transformation initiative (MTI) programs, featuring:

- Residential Heat Pump Water Heating
- Commercial Replacement and Attachment Window Solutions
- Commercial Rooftop Units

Call with Resource Innovations

- Discussed key themes we expect to see in the proceeding
- Request for CEDMC to support merits of MTI approach, "affordability crisis" language from our BPA filing, Tier 2 Advice Letter approach
- Upcoming MTI RFP - will be added to the newsletter

R.21-06-017 High DER Proceeding

Two Major Workstreams Continue to Advance

Flexible Service Connections (FSCs)

Develops a statewide framework for faster DER interconnections.

Focuses on **how customers connect** to the grid.

Assigned Commissioner's Proposal under review.

On July 14th IOU'S filed responses regarding their Grid- edge DERMS efforts

DER Orchestration (Track 2)

Develops a framework for coordinating DERs and improving transmission-distribution operations.

Focuses on **how connected DERs operate** once online.

Workshop reports entered into the record for comment.

Key Dates (Both Tracks)

- **July 27** – Opening Comments
- **July 31** – Reply Comments

CEDMC will review Opening Comments on 7/27; wait for Reply Comments

R.26-04-009 Electric Rate Design

- **New CPUC rulemaking launched to modernize residential and non-residential electric rate design.** The proceeding will examine affordability, time-of-use rates, cost allocation, dynamic pricing, demand flexibility, and electrification while addressing remaining issues from the Demand Flexibility proceeding.
- **Large-load customers are a major new focus.** The CPUC will evaluate rate design options for data centers and other large electric loads in response to SB 57, including approaches to reduce stranded costs and cost shifting. The proceeding will also implement AB 2109 requirements related to industrial process heat recovery.
- **Proceeding expected to shape future electric rate policy.** Key topics include updated time-of-use rates, affordability, Base Services Charges, demand flexibility, dynamic rates, and electrification. A proposed residential rate reform is expected from Energy Division later in 2026.

R.25-04-010 Energy Efficiency

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- **The Commission is considering how Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) should be funded when administering energy efficiency programs.** Parties generally support a more stable budget methodology but disagree over whether broader funding and program administration issues should also be addressed in this proceeding.
- **Stakeholders remain divided on the future role of CCAs, Regional Energy Networks (RENs), and investor-owned utilities.** CCAs and RENs are seeking greater funding certainty and flexibility, while utilities and the Public Advocates Office argue that broader policy changes should be considered elsewhere.

Why it matters: Although the immediate issue is budget methodology, the Commission's decision could shape how California funds and administers energy efficiency programs for years to come. The outcome may influence the balance of responsibilities among CCAs, RENs, and investor-owned utilities, as well as future discussions on program administration and funding statewide.

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2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)

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The IEPR is the California Energy Commission's biennial assessment of the state's energy system and serves as one of California's primary long-term energy planning documents.

Key Takeaways:

- **Load flexibility is becoming a core planning resource**
- **Distributed Energy Resources are becoming foundational to system planning**
- **Interconnection and energization remain key implementation challenges**
- **Planning is becoming more scenario-based.**
- **Data centers are reshaping long-term planning**

Look for a Policy Spotlight on the IEPR in our next Newsletter!

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Legislative Update

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- CEDMC Priority Bill List - July2026
- Legislature on Summer Recess
- Full Coverage will Continue when Session Resumes

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California State Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee Hearing (August 5)

The Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee is scheduled to hold an informational hearing on August 5 titled *Savings You Don't See: California's Energy Efficiency Programs*. The hearing is expected to examine the role of California's EE programs, their benefits to customers and the electric grid, and opportunities to improve program delivery and oversight. CEDMC has been coordinating with Committee staff and other stakeholders to prepare for the hearing, and we have been invited to participate on the panel. All are welcome to attend

UTILITIES AND ENERGY; PETRIE-NORRIS, Chair

1:30 p.m. — 1021 O Street, Room 1100

Sacramento

Discussion and Questions

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Thank You!

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