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Weekly Member Policy Call

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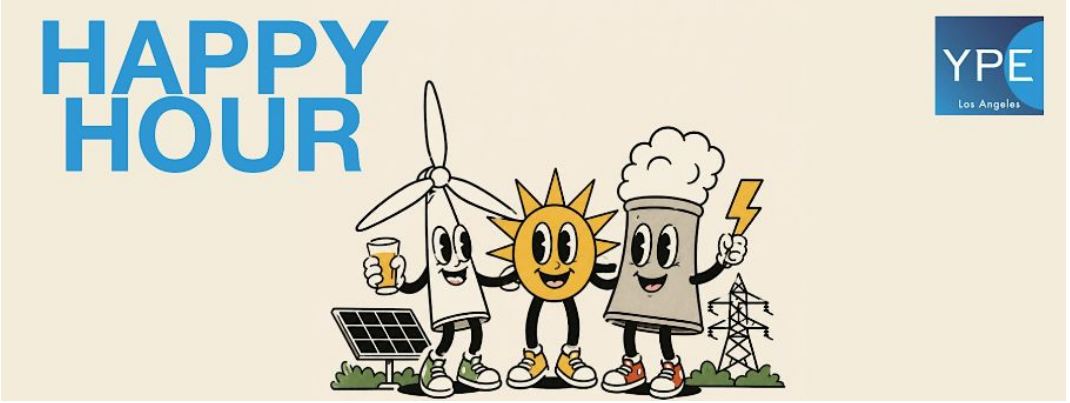
Announcements

Happy Hour with Young Professionals in Energy - LA

- Tuesday, September 16, 2026
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- Ashland Hill – 2807 Main St.
- Santa Monica, CA 90405



Free admission - register here to reserve your spot on 9/16

Join energy professionals of all backgrounds and experience levels for a relaxed evening with no agenda, no name badges required, just genuine connection across the full breadth of LA's energy community.

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Clean Power Alliance RFP: Instant AC Program

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Clean Power Alliance of Southern California (“CPA”) is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced contractors to provide a full range of program development and implementation, customer outreach and engagement, and coupon administration services to implement CPA’s Instant Air Conditioner Program. Click here to view full RFP details.

CPA will be accepting written questions regarding this RFP until August 25, 2026, at 4:00 PM (Pacific Time). Questions should be submitted in writing to contracting@cleanpoweralliance.org. When submitting questions, please specify which section of the RFP you are referencing and quote the language that prompted the question.

The deadline for proposals to this RFP is **September 17, 2026, at 4:00 PM** (Pacific Time).

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Q3 Full CAEECC Meeting

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The Q3 Full CAEECC Meeting will be held on **September 23, 2026** from **10:00am - 3:30pm** and will be fully virtual.

Find the draft agenda here

The Q3 meeting will cover the following topics:

- Updates from Energy Division
- CAEECC planning and business items (update on scope and timing for workshop on workforce standards; groundrule clarification; semi-annual PPRR; call for new members, and website update)
- Panel and Discussion on Fuel Switching: discussing initial ideas, concepts, concerns and questions related to fuel switching policy, given the scoping of the Business Plan Applications.

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ED Draft Workplan for 2027 Potential and Goals Study

On **September 3rd** from **9:30am to 11:30am** the Energy Division will host a webinar to share the Draft Workplan for the 2027 Potential and Goals Study.

Find the Draft Workplan here

The Draft Workplan provides forecasts on energy/demand savings potential and informs the Commission's EE goal-setting process, PA portfolio planning, and budget setting.

Webinar Link: https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m9cf04240b87ef382ae2b61e1dcae9d91

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Policy Updates - CPUC

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

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ALJ Ruling August 26 setting PHC (scope & schedule) for September 11th

CEDMC will participate in the hearing to discuss:

- Proposed timeline
- Items in scope
- Pros and cons of consolidating application process with EE Business Plans

We will be meeting with Smita Gupta from CalMTA to discuss positions prior to the PHC

R.19-01-011 Building Decarbonization
Amended Phase 3B Scoping Memo

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The Commission is considering whether to create an exemption from **D.23-12-037**, which eliminated electric line extension subsidies for mixed-fuel new construction, for certain projects on Tribal lands. **The Commission noticed an August 25 Consultation to hear from tribes on this matter.**

August 21 Reply Comments:

Who Should Qualify?
- **SCE/Cal Advocates**: limit to new residential buildings
- **SCTCA**: wants small Tribal-member-owned commercial entities included
- **CEJA**: Wants Commission to partner with Tribes to define ambiguous terms ("community-facing functions," "community serving facilities," "small Tribal Member-owned business") rather than adopt a fixed narrow or broad definition unilaterally

Implementation Mechanism
- **Joint Utilities, PG&E, SCE, SBUA, SCTCA**: All favor a standardized tariff modification via advice letter
- **Cal Advocates**: Opposes advice letters and wants Tribal customers to go through the existing D.22-09-026 application process, with Tier 3 advice letter only for allowances under $100,000

Prospective vs Retrospective Exemption
- **SCE, Joint Utilities**: Exemption should be prospective only
- **SCTCA**: Strongly opposes prospective-only treatment; wants retroactive "make-whole" relief, citing recent large projects without subsidy

Data Collection
- **SCTCA:** Wants robust new data collection at Tribe-specific, parcel-level, spatial/pipeline-proximity, and reliability/outage data

R.21-06-016 High DER Proceeding

Parties filed **Comments on August 17** and **Reply Comments on August 21** regarding the PD revising the integration capacity analysis workshop schedule and ordering grid modernization progress reports

What are the highlights?:

Comments:

- **Clean Coalition** opposed the workshop cadence reduction, arguing the record didn't support it and that delays could compound between meetings
- **EDF** supported the reporting timeline but wanted more detailed, use-case-specific benefit reporting
- **The Joint IOUs** supported the biannual cadence while pushing back on expanded cost and benefit reporting, arguing it duplicates review already done in the General Rate Case

Replies:

- **EDF** opposed Joint IOUs' opening-comment proposal to delay full reporting implementation until 2028 and to strip out forward-looking sections
- **Cal Advocates** sided with EDF, asking the Commission to revise Appendix A to require quantitative, use-case-specific benefit reporting and opposed the Joint IOUs' request to drop cost reporting
- **Joint IOUs** reiterated that EDF's push for detailed use-case benefit reporting confuses the Progress Report with the Grid Modernization Plan reviewed in the GRC

Why It Matters: Implementers will get more granular visibility into program-level benefit and cost data if the Appendix A reporting requirements are expanded, while the shift to a biannual ICA workshop cadence means less frequent formal updates on capacity data between sessions.

R.22-11-013 DER Cost-Effectiveness

Parties filed **Comments on August 20** and **Reply Comments on August 25** regarding the July 31, 2025 Proposed Decision revising Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC)

What are the highlights?:

Comments:

- **Single electric-sector GHG value for gas / rebalancing removal:** Generally supported - most parties who addressed it back the PD's approach; CUE is the sole opponent
- **GHG value cap/bound:** Parties generally agree some constraint on the GHG value is needed
- **Minor methodology corrections** LOLH/EUE, energy price vs. temperature, weekday/weekend: Uncontested
- **Transparency**: Broadly criticized - most parties who commented on process (CLECA, SoCalGas, PG&E, Cal Advocates, SCE) say this cycle's process was inadequate and want improvements.

Replies:

- **Cap-and-invest double-counting:** Remains genuinely contested in reply - CLECA joins SCE/PG&E in saying the model double-counts; SEIA maintains, with model evidence, that it doesn't
- **Storage transition year:** Generally defended at 2028 - SDG&E and CLECA both rebut Cal Advocates' push for 2031
- **Transmission project-selection process:** PCF claims DTIM and LNBA land significantly different avoided costs but a deeper issue is utility profits are tied to building transmission infrastructure (not avoiding it).

Bottom Line: The current use of an electric-sector GHG value in the gas ACC model is interim, and The Commission should continue work on a gas-specific GHG avoided-cost methodology.

CEDMC's 8/28 Meeting with Energy Division

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CEDMC Engagement on Business Plan Proposals

CEDMC developed proposed language for Energy Division related to third-party requirements in the Business Plan proposals, including:

- **60% third-party requirement** — PG&E and SCE propose lowering the current requirement; CEDMC endorses 60%
- **Program design** — CEDMC supports redefining as "third party implemented"
- **Procurement streamlining** — opportunities to simplify the procurement process
- **PRG participation** — CEDMC supports removal of PRG/IE roles

Cost-Effectiveness Discussion

CEDMC will also discuss cost-effectiveness methodology and related efforts following the August 5 Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee hearing.

Energy Division is currently evaluating cost-effectiveness measures that may appear in near-term rulings, and CEDMC is interested in learning more about those efforts and their potential implications.

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Legislative Update

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- CEDMC Priority Bill List - August2026

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Senate Released Proposed GGRF Spending Plan

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On August 20, Senate budget leaders released a proposed 2026–27 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) spending plan amid significantly **lower-than-expected available funding**.

The Senate proposal would allocate $1.128 billion, including $750 million for legislative priorities and an estimated $378 million for Tier Three programs (when approximately 4.35 billion is appropriate to fully fund Tier III programs).

The proposed allocations prioritize:

- Transit
- Affordable housing and sustainable communities
- Forest health
- Community air protection
- Agricultural emissions reductions.

The proposal does not identify dedicated funding for building decarbonization or programs such as TECH Clean California.

SB 913 was Amended

SB 913 was amended on **August 21**, extending from June 2027 to June 2028 the deadline for the CPUC to enhance existing market-integrated pathways for aggregated distributed energy resources (DERs) to qualify as resource adequacy capacity.

The bill would allow qualifying aggregated DERs to receive resource adequacy credit and be included in resource adequacy filings and CPUC-ordered procurement.

BUT…

The amendments also removed language that would have expressly protected the ability of non-load-serving entities to develop and manage aggregated DERs and offer those resources for resource adequacy capacity or other procurement.

Why it matters: SB 913 could expand opportunities for aggregated DERs to contribute to California's resource adequacy needs, but the latest amendments delay implementation and remove an explicit protection for non-utility aggregators.

Discussion and Questions

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Thank You!

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