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Weekly Member Policy Call

September 4, 2026

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Today's Agenda – August Recap

- CEDMC Announcements
- Board Activities
- August Policy Summary
- September Policy Opportunities
- Empower DSM Coalition
- Legislative Update
- Q&A

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Announcements

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What to expect: Invigorating discussions, innovative perspectives, captivating keynotes, and lots of networking!

Theme: The Demand Side Delivers: Efficiency, Flexibility, and Load Growth for a California Grid That Works for All

Where: South San Francisco Conference Center

When: Nov 17-18, 2026

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cedmc.org/events/fall-conference

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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You're Invited!
AESP Happy Hour

REGISTER by 9/22
aesp.org/event/aesp-california-chapter-caltf-joint-happy-hour-in-oakland/

September 24
4:30 - 6:30 pm

$5 entry for CEDMC
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Clean Power Alliance RFP: Instant AC Program

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

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; ground rule 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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Apply: ops@cedmc.org

Friday, September 11 • 5 p.m. PT for fullest consideration

Board Activities - August

August Board Activities – Events Committee

Industry Training

Breaking up the training into four online sessions.

Dates: October 20, 22, 27, 29

https://cedmc.org/events/trainings/

Session Topics

- **California Energy Policy Foundations**
  - How we got here & what drives today's system
- **Energy Efficiency in Practice**
  - How savings are defined, measured & valued
- **Demand Response & Load Flexibility**
  - DR's role in reliability, affordability & decarbonization
- **Regulatory Process & Decision-Making**
  - How decisions actually get made

August Board Activities – Events Committee

Fall Conference

Join us in South San Francisco on November 17-18, 2026. Agenda planning is actively underway. More details will be announced at:https://cedmc.org/events/fall-conference/

Agenda Topics

- Keynote: Leuwam Tesfai, Executive Director, CPUC
- The Electricity Affordability Equation: Efficiency, Flexible Demand, and Smart Electrification and their impact on Rates
- Powering Growth, Centering Communities: Navigating Local Impacts of Rapid Load Expansion
- Efficiency Plans for Natural Gas' Future
- Building the Workforce Behind Efficiency and Electrification
- EE Applications: What's Emerging, What Matters, and What Comes Next
- Where Strategy Meets Customer Reality: Leadership Perspectives on California's Energy Future

August Board Activities – SPARC

- Member Retention
- Board Strategic Planning Retreat in December
- Increasing DR engagement
- Increasing CAISO involvement

August Board Activities – Policy Committee

- Discussed positions for CalMTA PHC
- Participated in biweekly Empower DSM Coalition calls
- Prepared positions on third-party requirements for ED meeting
- Developed positions for future cost-effectiveness discussions

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Aug/Sep Policy Updates

California Public Utilities Commission

A.25-04-014

SDG&E to Exit Regional EE Programs Proposed Decision! - NEW

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On **September 2**, the ALJ filed a Proposed Decision - a big win!

Key Points:
The Commission rejects the affordability argument used to justify cutting EE programs - $300 million in savings is misleading because it ignores the loss of energy savings, grid benefits, and total system benefits. The PD finds the net savings are only about $14 million over six years once lost benefits are considered.
EE remains a critical affordability tool - "A time of affordability challenges is precisely not the time to remove energy efficiency opportunities at the local level."
The PD rejects the idea that SDG&E's portfolio is fundamentally broken - SDG&E's resource acquisition portfolio achieved a 1.19 TRC in 2025 and even without statewide programs, it achieved 1.05 TRC, showing improving cost-effectiveness.
The current IOU/REN structure should be preserved - IOUs remain the foundational EE portfolio administrators with RENs complementing, not replacing, IOU portfolios.
The PD protects Equity and Market Support programs - Eliminating SDG&E's portfolio would eliminate important Equity and Market Support offerings and would negatively affect hard-to-reach customers, workforce development efforts, and environmental justice goals.
No statewide precedent set - Accepting the application would be opening the door for other IOUs to pursue similar requests.
CEDMC was referenced 36 times! Thank you to all members who contributed to CEDMC's proceeding efforts.

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

CalMTA filed its Second Tranche Application proposing three new Market Transformation Initiatives (MTIs):

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

CEDMC filed a response on August 7th along with other participating parties

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

CEDMC will file a PHC statement and participate in the PHC to discuss:

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

R.19-01-011 Building Decarbonization

Amended Phase 3B Scoping Memo - RECAP

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 14 Comments / 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 - RECAP

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.21-06-017 High DER Proceeding - NEW

Clean Coalition filed a Motion to Compel on **August 19** seeking hourly load data from SCE for specific facilities in the Goleta/Santa Barbara area.

What's at Issue:

Clean Coalition requested 8760 hourly load data to evaluate location- and time-specific grid needs and opportunities for DERs and load flexibility.
SCE declined to provide the data, raising concerns related to scope, burden, confidentiality, and the timing of the request.
Clean Coalition argues the requested information is necessary to evaluate DER orchestration opportunities and meaningful third-party participation.

August 31 Responses/Oppositions:

Joint Supporting Parties (CALSSA, CBD, UCAN, 350 Bay Area): Support the motion, saying hourly data is needed to evaluate local grid needs and shouldn't be withheld over generalized objections.
SCE: Opposes the motion as outside the proceeding's scope and premature given Track 2's framework isn't adopted yet.
PG&E/SDG&E: Oppose the motion, warning it would set a burdensome precedent and prejudge issues pending in a related proceeding.
SBUA: Partially supports the motion, arguing SCE's relevance to proceeding objection is incorrect

Why It Matters:
The dispute raises a broader Track 2 policy question: **What grid data should third parties be able to access in order to effectively participate in DER orchestration?**

R.22-11-013 DER Cost-Effectiveness - RECAP

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

Key Considerations for Testimony

- Justification to have different PRG/IE process for DSM vs supply side
- What could promote more meter based savings programs
- How will the competitive pressure to be cost-effective change
- How can we capture original benefits of moving to this third party model
- What parties are best suited for innovation

September Filing Opportunities

September Opportunities

Upcoming Comment Opportunities

- **Sept. 22** – Comments due on Proposed Decision on A.25-04-014 SDGE EE Withdrawal

Coming Up for CEDMC

- CalMTA Pre-hearing Conference
- Support SDG&E PD
- Schedule meetings on SDG&E PD, if needed
- Develop testimony on Business Plan Applications

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Legislative Update

End of Session

With the end of the CA legislative session on **August 31**, Empower DSM calls were focused on tracking status of various bills and funds.

Highlights:

- Available GGRF funds are less than expected
- Folks are still actively working on extending DSGS; using CalSHAPE interest dollars to fund it potentially
- SB 913: DER Resource Adequacy
- AB 2313: Home Energy Choice Act
- AB 2124: Third-party review mechanism for legislation that imposes mandated programs or requirements on electric and gas utilities

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Legislative Update

- CEDMC Priority Bill List - September 2026

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Discussion and Questions

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