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# Weekly Member Policy Call

## September 11, 2026

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# Today's Agenda

- Announcements
- Policy Updates - CPUC
  - A.25-04-014 SDG&E Withdrawal
  - A.26-07-004 Market Transformation
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  - R.22-11-013 DER Cost-Effectiveness
  - EE Business Plan Testimony
- Legislative Priorities
- Q&A



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# Announcements

**Don’t miss out! Register today to lock in the best price.**

**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

**REGISTER**
cedmc.org/events/fall-conference

## SAVE THE DATE

**Industry Training Series: California's DSM Market Intelligence**

*A CEDMC Professional Development Series*

**Sessions on Oct 20, 22, 27 & 29 | 12:00–1:00 pm Pacific | Online via Zoom**

Can't make every session live? No problem - all registrants get access to the recordings.

**THE SESSIONS:**

**1. California Energy Policy Foundations** (Oct 20)
How we got here — EE/DR policy history, the roles of CPUC/CEC/CAISO, and today's biggest hot topics.

**2. Energy Efficiency in Practice** (Oct 22)
How EE programs and savings actually work, and why cost-effectiveness and evaluation matter.

**3. Demand Response & Load Flexibility** (Oct 27)
DR's role in reliability and decarbonization, plus utility, aggregator, and CCA program models.

**4. Regulatory Process & Decision-Making** (Oct 29)
How CPUC decisions get made, how to engage in proceedings, and what's ahead for 2026–2027.

# Happy Hour with Young Professionals in Energy - LA

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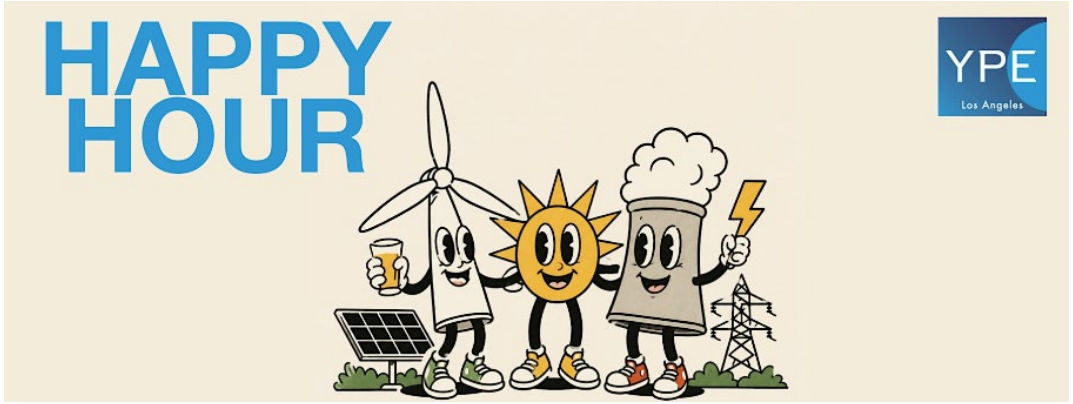
- Tuesday, September 16, 2026
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- Ashland Hill – 2807 Main St.
- Santa Monica, CA 90405




*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

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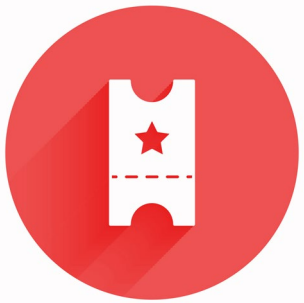
**REGISTER by 9/22**
aesp.org/event/aesp-california-chapter-caltf-joint-happy-hour-in-oakland/

**September 24**
4:30 - 6:30 pm



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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

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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# NOW HIRING

## Events & Board Operations Manager

California Efficiency + Demand Management Council

**Reports To:** CEDMC Operations Director or Managing Director

**Terms:** Part-time, hourly (15–20 hrs/week)

**Location:** Remote in California

**Compensation:** $40–$45/hour

**Apply: ops@cedmc.org**

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

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# Policy Updates - CPUC

# A.25-04-014

# SDG&E to Exit Regional EE Programs Proposed Decision

On **September 2**, the ALJ filed a Proposed Decision - a big win! For details, please see CEDMC's September 9 Newsletter.

CEDMC is working on a Response to support the Proposed Decision and request modification of FIndings in the PD.

# 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 filed a PHC statement and is participating in the PHC to discuss:

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

# R.21-06-016 High DER Proceeding

A Decision revising the integration capacity analysis workshop schedule and ordering grid modernization progress reports was filed on **September 3, 2026.**

**What are the highlights?**

**Supported by the IOUs:**

- **ICA workshop cadence** → biannual, starting Q1 2027. Used to be quarterly.
- **IOUs can file Tier 2 advice letters to further modify cadence.** IOUs can seek further reductions later without a full rulemaking.
- **Extended time for review and renegotiation of Appendix A's contents.** (Appendix A is the reporting template utilities have to fill out when they submit their Grid Modernization Report)

**Supported by other Parties:**

- **Grid Modernization Progress Reports required.** IOUs now have a standing, recurring compliance filing instead of ad hoc Energy Division data requests.
- **Appendix A applies starting with the 2026 report** (not delayed to 2028 as IOUs requested).
  - Includes cost reporting
  - Includes forward-looking use cases/benefits
  - Does not include quantified, use-case-tied benefit reporting, as requested by CalPA

**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

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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:

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| 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. |

On August 31, parties filed Responses/Oppositions

**On September 8, Clean Coalition requested a Limited Reply to respond to parties:**

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| **The utilities are conflating "discovery" with "publication requirements."** Just because the Commission hasn't ordered this data published before doesn't mean it's not discoverable now. |
| **The utilities' offered substitute (576-point "representative" load profiles) isn't adequate.** Full, hourly (8760-point) data, shows the actual timing/persistence/frequency of load conditions. |
| **The utilities haven't shown concrete burden or confidentiality problems.** Generalized concerns aren't enough to block discovery. |
| **Granting the motion wouldn't prejudge bigger policy questions in Track 2** |

**Why It Matters:**
Though CC argues it doesn't prejudge Track 2 questions, it is directly relevant to the ongoing discussion: **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

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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.

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

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## CPUC Decision (approved September 3, 2026)

| Key changes from Proposed Decision: |
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| **Battery transition year** - going from 4 to 8 hour storage is now set to change in 2031 rather than 2028. |
| **No GHG value cap assigned** - The Commission explicitly acknowledged the many proposed caps (including Societal Cost of Carbon) and rejected all. |

It will be difficult to know the true impact of the new ACC on cost-effectiveness measures until it is formally put into effect, but it is expected to lower energy efficiency TRC scores.

# CEDMC's EE Business Plan Testimony

**CEDMC is convening a working group to build out Testimony for the EE Business Plan Proceeding.**

If you have interest in being a part of a weekly discussion group to build Testimony, please reach out to Paul or Melanie.

**Beyond actual positions, the ED suggested key considerations for our 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?

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# Legislative Update

# End of Session Report

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## 2026 Legislative Session Concludes with Key Energy Bills Awaiting Governor's Action

The California Legislature adjourned its 2025–2026 session on September 1, sending several energy measures to Governor Newsom for consideration. Bills awaiting action include proposals addressing aggregated distributed energy resources as resource adequacy capacity, residential heat-pump installations, utility-bill affordability, transmission and interconnection oversight, and industrial electrification rates. The Governor has until September 30 to sign or veto these measures.

Several other CEDMC-relevant proposals did not advance, including bills addressing dynamic rates, custom agricultural and industrial energy-efficiency projects, funding for public-purpose programs, grid-integrated vehicle technologies, and the statewide discontinuance of utility-administered energy-efficiency programs. AB 2458, which expands the reach of California's appliance efficiency standards, was signed before the end of the session.

The final budget also directs additional cap-and-invest funding toward transit, wildfire prevention, sustainable agricultural lands, safe drinking water, community air quality, climate research, geothermal development, and agricultural equipment programs.

Read the full 2026 End of Session Report for additional context and a bill-by-bill summary.

# Discussion and Questions

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## Thank You!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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