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Weekly Member Policy Call

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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

Registration is now OPEN!

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.

You're Invited!

AESP Happy Hour

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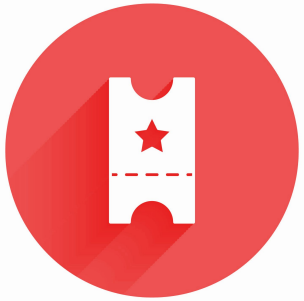
REGISTER by 9/22
aesp.org/event/aesp-california-chapter-caltf-joint-happy-hour-in-oakland/

September 24
4:30 - 6:30 pm



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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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SCE Request for Offer

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2026 Long Duration Energy Storage-Clean Firm Resources (LDES-CFR) Request for Offers

SCE is in the process of procuring Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) and Clean Firm Resources (CFR) pursuant to D.26-02-057. Interested parties should access the solicitation documents and must submit all offers for this RFO electronically through the Power Advocate® (“Power Advocate”) website at:
https://www.poweradvocate.com/pR.do?okey=243310&pubEvent=true

Deadline for submission: **September 30, 2026 by 5 pm PPT**

Efficiency First California's September Webinar

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Power Efficient Design
Wednesday, the 23rd, 5-6pm PT

Guest speakers: Jenny Low from Build it Green and Iain Walker from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

You can find the registration link here:
https://efficiencyfirstca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8NBYMSfGSi-kZ9r6rtaTuw#/registration

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Policy Updates - CPUC

A.25-04-014

SDG&E to Exit Regional EE Programs Proposed Decision

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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.

- Modify FoF 2 suggesting SDG&E withdrawal would provide $300million in savings for ratepayers
- Add in a FoF establishing EE benefits reach all ratepayers, not just those participating in programs (directly rebutting claim from SDG&E)
- Broad support for the PD

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

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

- No consolidation of proceeding
- Broad agreement on ALJ's proposed scope
  - CalMTA pushed back on Tier 2 Advice Letter

Up next:

- Scoping and schedule ruling expected to come out in the next couple of weeks
- CEDMC will develop Testimony

R.19-01-001 Building Decarb

A Ruling was filed extending deadlines for high-Global Warming Potential (GWP >750) refrigerant equipment to remain eligible for incentives under the BUILD Program and TECH Initiative.

Equipment	Old CPUC Deadline	New CPUC Deadline
VRF HVAC systems	Manufacture by 1/1/25; install by 1/1/26	**Manufacture by 1/1/26; install by 1/1/27 (+1 year each)**
"Self-contained" heat pump products	Manufacture by 1/1/25; install by 1/1/26	Manufacture by 1/1/25 (unchanged); **install by 1/1/28 (+2 years)**
All other heat pump HVAC systems	Manufacture by 1/1/25; install by 1/1/26	Manufacture by 1/1/25 (unchanged); **install deadline removed entirely**
Heat pump water heaters & heat pump dryers	Install by 1/1/27	**Install by 1/1/28 (+1 year)**

Why It Matters: Manufacturers and installers get more time before high-GWP refrigerant equipment becomes ineligible for BUILD/TECH incentives, with the installation deadline eliminated altogether for the "all other" HVAC category.

R.21-06-017 High DER Proceeding

Utility Consumers Action Network and Center for Biological Diversity filed a Motion to address an unaddressed issue

What's the issue?

IOUs earn profit through large capital infrastructure investments, but a high-DER future would reduce the need for that infrastructure. The petitioners argue this financial incentive structure could bias IOUs (determined to be the DSOs) against fairly valuing and enabling DER alternatives.

Relief requested - The Commission should either:

(1) Explain how it has already addressed this conflict of interest

(2) Extend Track 2 into 2027 or open a new/successor phase with stakeholder working groups to resolve it, before authorizing any IOU DSO applications.

Why It Matters:
If utilities are allowed to control DER orchestration while their profits still depend on building costly infrastructure, they may have little incentive to fully enable cheaper, faster DER alternatives

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Policy Updates - CEC

24-BPS-01 CEC - Building Energy Performance Strategy Report

On **July 7**, the CEC published a draft of their California Building Energy Performance Strategy Report

There is an opportunity to integrate Building Performance Standards (BPS) into EE regulations to provide visibility to and meet BPS goals

Next Steps:

- Form a working group to define vision, including integration into EE program designs, attribution of savings, and data access + management
  - Can BPS be a targeting mechanism for new and existing EE programs?
  - Could/should EE programs claim attribution for savings from
  - a BPS?
  - What data is needed to evaluate compliance and help adopt future targets?
- Filter issues to most appropriate vehicles for adoption
  - EE BP Proceeding/CEC/ED

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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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