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Weekly Member Policy Call

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Today's Agenda

- Announcements
- Policy Updates - CPUC
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  - R.21-06-017 High DER Proceeding
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- 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

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.

SCE Request for Offer

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**

EE Workforce Education and Training

The Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) Energy Efficiency Workforce Education and Training (WE&T) program teams will host the **2026 WE&T Stakeholder Engagement Forum** on October 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST).

The webinar will be given by The Energy Coalition (TEC) who will be providing updates on Energy is Everything program which empowers K-12 students and teachers with hands-on, standards-aligned STEM and real-world energy career pathways to prepare students for a clean energy future.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

The forum will take place on:

- **Date:** Tuesday, October 13, 2026
- **Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST
- **Location:** Online webinar only

Registration Link:
https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a01adcd3-aefc-4106-afb9-775fb9b998ca@5b2a8fee-4c95-4bdc-8aae-196f8aacb1b6?source=copyLinkLegacyShareEventDialog

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Policy Updates - CPUC

A.25-04-014

SDG&E to Exit Regional EE Programs CEDMC's PD Response

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

On September 22, CEDMC filed 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

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Other Parties' Responses

COL 12: "If an IOU seeks to withdraw from regional energy efficiency program administration in the future, it would need to show, at a minimum, an adequate plan for maintaining the ratepayer and grid benefits on an ongoing basis, a coordinated approach to a comprehensive and balanced regional portfolio overall, and a transition plan for administrative duties to be transferred to another willing administrator."

Cal Advocates and SDG&E both want it struck as out of scope.
SBUA and the San Diego Parties want to build on it with more detailed requirements.

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Other Parties' Responses

The PD calls SDG&E's C&S advocacy "one of the most cost-effective and consequential portions" of its portfolio and "foundational" to CEC efforts, and says C&S isn't sufficient without regional programs.

Joint RENs want the PD's C&S language elevated to a FOF and COL.
SDG&E wants the passage deleted.

FOF 9: "Energy efficiency costs for SDG&E ratepayers have decreased and have not contributed to SDG&E rate increases over the past decade."

Cal Advocates says it's factually wrong. Spending fluctuated and rose in several periods, and the PD leaves out SDREN's $124M budget.
SDG&E says it misses the point. The question is whether the $300M delivers value, not whether EE drives rate increases.

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Other Parties' Responses

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Other positions:

SBUA and the San Diego Parties both want the PD to spell out SDG&E's data-sharing obligations for any future withdrawal.
SDGE wants removal of FoF 4, claiming subtracting $286M in TSB from the $300M in savings to be misleading and a "factual and technical error"
SDG&E stands alone on the outcome. Every other party, including Cal Advocates, SDG&E's settlement partner, supports or doesn't contest the denial.

Proceeding Update…

On September 23, the Commission served an extension of the statutory deadline until February 25, 2027, which they deemed necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

R.21-06-017 High DER Proceeding

On September 22, the Commission deemed an extension of the statutory deadline from October 30 to December 31, 2026 necessary to allow time for the Commission to resolve this proceeding.

A.26-03-009 EE Business Plans

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.

CEDMC is now prioritizing questions provided by a Ruling on September 17

- Prioritizing 3rd party requirements
- Will still work to include considerations provided by ED

A.26-03-009 EE Business Plans

Questions for Testimony

Budget and Goals

- Adjust business plans after CARB's heater standards?
- Is equity funding sufficient?

Program Proposals

- SCE: consolidate delivery types?
- SoCalGas: combine programs across segments?

Third-Party Programs

- Impacts of third-party definition changes; alternatives to minimum budget percentage?

Equity

- Single "Equity Targeted Customer" definition?

Fuel Switching

- Is fuel switching within EE authority, and can the ACC value it?
- If allowed: caps, rate impacts, cost-effectiveness?
- Effect on potential and goals?

Low-GWP Measures

- Should no-savings low-GWP measures claim TSB?

Electrification Right-Sizing

- When is right-sizing enough vs. a panel upgrade?
- How to treat right-sizing in cost-effectiveness and NTG?

IDSM

- When should EE funding for load shifting end?

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Legislative Update

Bill Status

Bill Tracker - September 2026

- AB 2124 (Pacheco) vetoed 9/18 - Electricity and natural gas; legislation imposing mandated programs and requirements.

- Newsom signed package of legislation 9/20 to accelerate EV, expand customer choice, provide increased access to clean transportation

Discussion and Questions

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Thank You!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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