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Weekly Member Policy Call

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Today's Agenda

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- Legislative Priorities
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  - A.26-03-009 EE Business Plans
  - Res. E-5474 – DEER2028 Update
- 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

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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.

EE Workforce Education and Training

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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

The Energy Savings Assistance Program Working Group Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: Hosted remotely via Microsoft Teams:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26011336338773?p=Sg5MCItBUbq3UB8mxc

Agenda:

- Updates
  - ESA Proceedings
  - PP&IS SWG
  - Clean Energy Workshop
- 2027 Income-Qualified Potential and Goals (P&G) Study Draft Work Plan presentation
- Multi-family program pipeline
- ESA Pilot Program learnings, closings, customer transitions

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Legislative Update

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- CEDMC Priority Bill List - August 2026

- Niemela Pappas & Associates: 2026 End of Session Report

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End of Session Updates

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AB 2458 (Bennett) Energy: appliance standards and cost-effective measures.

- **Status: Signed prior to end of session**

AB 2493 (Petrie-Norris) Electrical corporations: interconnection: Public Utilities Commission: transmission development monitor

- **Status: Signed by Governor**

SB 222 (Wiener) Residential heat pump water heater or heat pump HVAC systems

- **Status: Signed by Governor**

SB 905 (Becker) Electricity

- **Status: Signed by Governor**

SB 913 (Becker) Resource adequacy: aggregated distributed energy resources.

- **Status: Signed by Governor**

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Policy Updates - CPUC

A.25-04-014

REVISED PD APPROVED!
SDG&E to Exit Regional EE Programs

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On **October 8**, the Commission voted to approved the recent Revised Proposed Decision - A final decision will be filed soon.

The October 5 Revised PD included all of CEDMC's Opening Comment recommendations:

- A change to FoF regarding $300 million in savings
- A FoF that stated participation levels do not equal levels of program impact
- Corrected record on participation levels

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Revised PD Narrowed Some Findings

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The Revised PD also narrowed the scope of some findings and conclusions, primarily to keep the conclusions of this PD specific to the San Diego region and not statewide precedent.

What was narrowed?

Future Withdrawal Requirements: (benefits plan, balanced portfolio, transition plan) now apply only to SDG&E, not all IOUs, and only while cost-effective regional EE opportunities exist
Rate Impacts: Removed finding that EE has not contributed to SDG&E rate increases; now finds only that regional program costs have generally decreased
Future Flexibility: New language confirms the Commission may revisit EE administrative structures in future proceedings
Portfolio Improvement: SDG&E "should currently be able to improve" cost-effectiveness (was "could ensure")

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Other Parties' Outcomes

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RENs (BayREN, 3CREN, IREN, NREN):

Regional Codes and Standards being an integral part of SDG&E's portfolio was added to FoF and COL
Affordability Challenges for moderate-income customers, and expanded discussion of REN contributions to the portfolio were added as a COL

San Diego Parties (SDCP, CEA, SDREN, and the City of San Diego):

Program-Overlap Claims were fully rejected and FoF stating this was strengthened
Data-access Requirements for a future successor administrator was rejected

SBUA

Equity and Market Support programs would be at risk for environmental and social justice communities and for small and diverse business customers - added as FoF

Discussion on a detailed gap and transition analysis requirement and CCA budget concerns was deferred to R.25-04-010

A.26-03-009 EE Business Plans

Testimony Deadline was extended to **November 13**

CEDMC is convening a working group to build out testimony based on a Ruling on September 17

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

Res. E-5474 – DEER2028 Update

Energy Division released a draft resolution approving DEER2028 (effective January 1, 2028) and a revised DEER2026. It is scheduled for the October 29 Voting Meeting.

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Key Changes:

NTG raised to 1.0	Applies to residential weatherization packages (insulation, duct sealing, windows, doors) and CO2-refrigerant equipment. Custom weatherization and multifamily common-area projects (excluding lighting) can use 1.0 starting January 1, 2027
Commercial water heating baselines rise	Based on DOE's October 6, 2026 gas water heater standard, despite DOE's non-enforcement through October 2027. This cuts gas savings for five packages, including HPWH fuel substitution.
New modeling inputs for PY2028	New 2025 weather files, peak days, and EnergyPlus hourly (8760) load shapes replace the legacy profiles. A new calculator becomes required for all commercial and multifamily water heating.
Longer EULs	High-performance and low-SHGC windows go from 20 to 30 years. There are also new EULs for greenhouse heaters, storefront doors, and door seals.
DEER2030 timeline set	The draft measure package update schedule is due August 1, 2027, and submittals are due July 31, 2028.

Why It Matters: The NTG and EUL changes improve cost-effectiveness for weatherization, refrigeration, and multifamily programs, partly offsetting the new ACC. Water heating implementers should expect lower gas savings claims even if the federal rule is vacated. Load-shifting measure packages can use the new load shape library mid-cycle.

Res. E-5474 – DEER2028 Update

Comments were filed on **October 7** in response to the Draft Resolution E-5474

Common themes:

Stop updating every measure package every cycle: Cal TF, SDG&E, and PG&E all want a cost-benefit process that decides which measure packages get updated
Protect locked values from mid-cycle changes: SDG&E and SoCalGas both argue the draft undercuts the "bus stop" framework in D.15-10-028 and D.21-05-031, which locks ex-ante values for a set period so programs can plan.
Wait on unsettled policy: Several parties object to building in requirements that aren't final yet, including (Ex. Federal commercial water heater standards still in litigation)

Discussion and Questions

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Thank You!

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