



Community Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2025



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Welcome and Call to Order

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Roll Call



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Land Acknowledgement

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Special Presentation & Introductions

Welcome New CAC Member



Shaun Sumner

City of La Mesa Representative

Welcome Staff



Cody Harrison
Senior Program Associate



Jeb Spengler
Strategic Finance Manager

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Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items



Items to be Withdrawn or Reordered on the Agenda

Consent Calendar

1. **Approval of March 13, 2025, CAC Regular Meeting Minutes**
2. **Receive and File Update on Marketing, Public Relations, and Local Government Affairs**
3. **Receive and File Update on Customer Operations**
4. **Receive and File Update on Programs**

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Public Comment on Consent Calendar

Regular Agenda

5. **Quarterly Update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs**
6. **Update on the California Energy Commission's Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program**
7. **Update on Power Services**

Item No. 5

Quarterly Update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Recommendation:

Receive and File Quarterly Update on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Presenters:

Laura Fernandez, Director of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Aisha Cissna, Senior Policy Manager

Stephen Gunther, Regulatory Manager

Dean Kinports, Senior Strategic Policy Manager

Patrick Welch, Senior Legislative Manager

Regulatory & Legislative Update

The Policy Life Cycle



Legislative

The legislative process is how the government considers and votes on bills to turn them into laws.



Regulatory

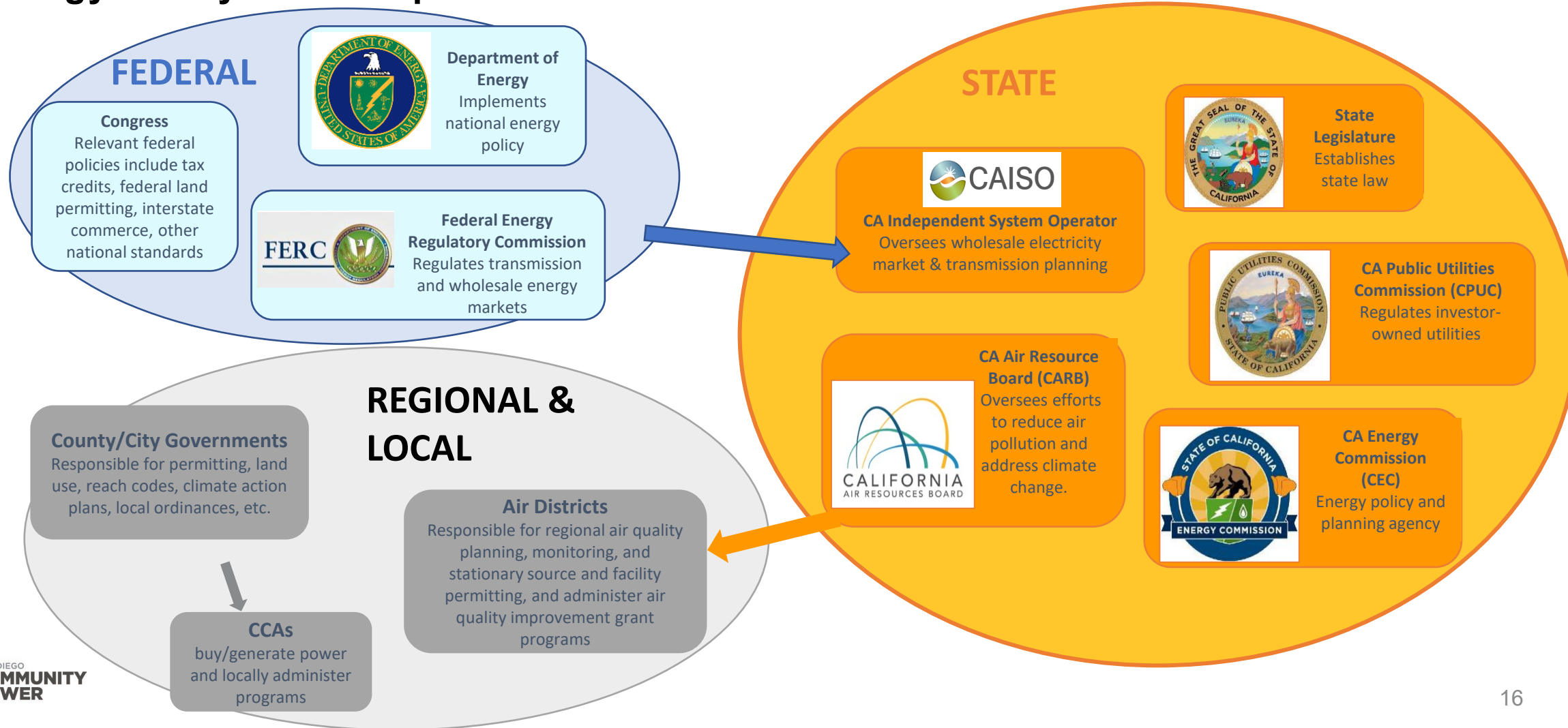
Regulatory agencies oversee and administer the laws passed by the legislature.

In general, regulatory agencies have two functions:

- *Legislative*: The regulations they adopt have the force of law.
- *Judicial*: They may also conduct hearings and pass judgments concerning adherence to those regulations.

Regulatory & Legislative Update

Energy Policy Landscape



Regulatory & Legislative Update

Community Power Policy Platform

- Board approved. Revised on a 2-year cycle.
- Three general policy principles:
 1. Accelerating Deep Decarbonization
 2. Promoting Local Development
 3. Stabilizing Community Choice
- Always available on Community Power's website

<https://sdcommunitypower.org/legislative-priorities/>



San Diego Community Power Regulatory & Legislative Platform

Overview and Purpose

San Diego Community Power's (SDCP) Regulatory & Legislative Platform (Platform) serves as a guide to the SDCP Board of Directors, SDCP staff, and SDCP advocates in their efforts and engagement on policy matters of interest to SDCP. The Platform allows both Board members and staff to pursue actions at the local, regional, state, and federal legislative and regulatory levels in a consistent manner and with the understanding that they are pursuing actions in the best interest of the organization and its mission, its member agencies, and its customers. The Platform enables the organization to move swiftly to respond to issues before Legislature and Executive Branch agencies including, but not limited to, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Independent System Operator (CAISO), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) so that SDCP's views can be heard on important matters in a timely fashion. This Platform applies, but is not limited to, statewide referenda, grant funding opportunities, and local ballot initiatives. The Platform is also applicable to opportunities arising out of recent federal legislation, including the Inflation Reduction Act as well as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Platform provides guidance to the Chief Executive Officer or their designee on positions that should be taken on legislative matters identified by the SDCP Director of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs or their designee and the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) Board of Directors.

The Platform outlines the legislative and regulatory priorities and stances of SDCP with the intent to inform customers, stakeholders, representatives, and policymakers on the myriad of public policies that intersect with SDCP's priorities, programs, and services.

SDCP has three major policy priorities:

1. Accelerating Deep Decarbonization, Equitably and Expeditiously
2. Promoting Local Development, and
3. Stabilizing Community Choice Energy.

SDCP support of policies will be contingent upon that legislation or regulation adhering to these priorities as well as SDCP's organizational goals and priorities. Moreover, SDCP supports any and all policies that will preserve or enhance the ability of SDCP to promote these priorities at the local level.

Any questions regarding this Platform can be directed to Laura Fernandez, Director of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, at lfernandez@sdcommunitypower.org.

General Policy Principles

SDCP has three general policy principles. These priorities serve as the foundation for all actions SDCP will take, including the lobbying and public comment for policies that promote those same guiding priorities. Public policy encompasses a myriad of subject and topic areas. However, as these policies intersect at the local level, they have the ability to impact SDCP revenues, programs, operations, and/or administrative discretion and control. SDCP will support policies that accelerate deep decarbonization, promote

Adopted on March 24, 2022. Amended on November 17, 2022, February 23, 2023, and March 28, 2024

Regulatory & Legislative Update

State Legislative Update

Support:

- **SB 239 (Arreguin):** Teleconferencing standards for subsidiary bodies
- **SB 302 (Padilla):** Inflation Reduction Act tax conformity
- **SB 330 (Padilla):** Public financing of transmission powerlines
- **SB 540 (Becker):** Participation in a regional electricity market
- **SB 710 (Blakespear):** Property taxes on behind the meter solar + storage



Federal Legislative Update

- Maintain tax-exempt status for municipal bonds
- Preserve federal energy tax incentives
 - Wholesale power: Investment and Production Tax Credits, Elective pay
 - Consumers: Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Credit, Residential Clean Energy Credit, Clean Vehicle Credits
- Streamline transmission development
- Tariffs could create new affordability headwinds
- Uphold existing lease contracts and federal grant commitments

Dear Congressional Leaders,
We, the undersigned,
your one

We, the undersigned California Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), your ongoing support for local customer choice in energy. Formed in more than 200 towns, cities, and counties throughout the state, CCA collectively serve over 14 million residents and businesses with electricity support local energy priorities. Our organizations support lowering energy jobs, and increasing America's economic competitiveness. California CAs billions of dollars in over 18 gigawatts of new-build generation and energy supporting over 36,000 energy construction jobs and helping California and meet the rising demand for electricity while providing savings for our customers.

As the 119th Congress considers energy and tax legislation, we want to share our urge you to help ensure that Californians can continue to receive affordable and reliable electricity for years to come.

Chair of the Board
Desert Community Energy

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Joe Mosca
Chief Executive Officer
Orange County Power Authority

ORANGE COUNTY
POWER AUTHORITY
YOUR CLEAN ENERGY

Elizabeth Burks
Executive Director
Redwood Coast Energy Authority

San Jose Clean Energy

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CC: California Congressional Districts and



SILICON VALLEY
CLEAN ENERGY

Regulatory & Legislative Update

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and Perform Long-Term Gas System Planning

- **Proceeding purpose**
 - Facilitate decarbonization activities over time in a way that supports equity, safety, affordability, reliability, and price spikes
- **Key interests**
 - Gas distribution planning data to support CCA load planning
 - Development of priority zones for neighborhood decarbonization pilots (Senate Bill 1221)



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Regulatory & Legislative Update

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Modifications to Customer Generated Renewables Programs for Priority Communities

What is an Order to Institute Rulemaking (OIR)?

A formal regulatory proceeding initiated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to consider new policies, modify existing programs, or address emerging issues. This is a public process and includes opportunity for stakeholder participation.

Proceeding purpose

Consider programmatic changes and updates to the Customer-Generation Renewable programs for priority communities. This proceeding will shape how customer-generated renewables (like rooftop solar) serve priority communities.

Goal of the Proceeding

Evaluate and improve access to customer-sited renewable energy programs for customers in priority communities, including low-income, disadvantaged communities, and communities of concern.

Key Focus Areas

- Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing program (SOMAH)
- Disadvantaged Communities-Single Family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) program; and
- Modernizing the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer (RES-BCT) program

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Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Modifications to Customer Generated Renewables Programs for Priority Communities

Community Power Interests: Ensuring customer-sited renewable programs meaningfully serve Community Power customers in priority communities, support affordability, and are designed to allow CCAs like Community Power to design complimentary or tailored programs for our community

In particular, Community Power plans to:

- Provide data driven insights to inform program modifications based on the Disadvantaged Communities-Single Family Solar Homes Pilot program
- Monitor the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing program (SOMAH) program proposed changes and engage in the proceedings to ensure alignment with our Solar Battery Savings program
- Monitor Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer (RES-BCT) program proposed changes to advocate for rules that better serve community-based organizations, local governments, and tribes

Regulatory & Legislative Update

Smart Meter Decision Petition for Modification Requesting SDG&E to Continue to Provide Real-Time Data to Customers

Background: Real-Time Energy Usage Data Access

In the late 2000's, the California Public Utilities Commission authorized SDG&E's Smart Meter Program, one of the key benefits cited was giving customers access to real-time energy usage data through Home Area Network (HAN) devices.

HAN devices connect smart meters and allow customers to monitor their energy use in real-time, allowing customers to:

- Monitor and adjust energy usage in real-time
- Participate in demand response and dynamic pricing programs
- Lower their bills and carbon footprint

SDG&E is not restoring such customer data connections or enabling new ones until it deploys next-generation smart meters, which is likely years away, based on a decision which discontinued funding for HAN connections through ZigBee.

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What is SDG&E Doing (or Not Doing)

SDG&E stopped supporting ZigBee-based HAN reconnections, leaving customers without real-time data access

SDG&E claims it will restore this functionality when it deploys next-generation smart meters (wifi enabled), which is likely years away

In the meantime:

- Customers who lose their connection are permanently disconnected in this interim period
- Customers cannot request new HAN connections

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What is a Petition for Modification (PFM)?

A procedural request to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to make changes to or clarify the text of an issued decision.

It is used when circumstances have changed, or when a decision's implementation is unclear or flawed.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Approval of its Demand Response Programs, Pilots and Budgets for Program Years 2023-2027.	Application No. 22-05-002
And Related Matters.	Application 22-05-003 Application 22-05-004
PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF DECISION 22-12-009 OF CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE, SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER AND MISSION:DATA COALITION, INC	

Why did Community Power file the PFM?

Our petition asks the CPUC to clarify and modify the previous decision to require SDG&E to:

- Reconnect existing HAN devices that lose connection
- Honor new customer requests for HAN pairing
- Continue these services until WiFi-enabled smart meters are installed

We filed because

- SDG&E is out of compliance with previous CPUC orders
- Customers are being denied a benefit that they have already paid for
- CPUC's recent denial of SDG&E's Smart Meter upgrades was denied in their recent GRC and must be refiled as a separate application

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Community Power Interests: Real-usage data supports customer empowerment, demand flexibility, affordability, and decarbonization

- Community Power views such data as a critical tool that allows retail electric customers to make informed decisions about their energy usage, respond effectively to dynamic rate signals, and shift their load in ways that align with State of California decarbonization objectives and Community Power's own policy goals
- Community Power supports customers' ability to leverage granular, real-time meter data, so customers can adjust usage during peak times, take advantage of lower-cost off-peak periods, and better integrate on-site and community-level renewable resources

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What has happened so far

- SDG&E responded to the Petition for Modification, stating that it is infeasible and impractical for SDG&E to reinstate the ZigBee/HAN connections or offer additional customer support
- The Petition was supported by Voltus and California Efficiency + Demand Management Council, both parties recognizing the importance of real-time data access

Next steps: The commission will evaluate whether the modification is warranted and will likely issue a decision within a year

Regulatory & Legislative Update

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Update and Reform Energy Resource Recovery Account and Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Policies and Processes

On February 20, 2024, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted to open a new order instituting rulemaking (OIR) on the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and other matters related to the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) annual forecast and compliance proceedings.

- **PCIA:** Ratemaking element to ensure indifference to all customers, bundled and unbundled, to avoid cost shifts when load departs the incumbent utility to another load serving entity, such as a CCA, by having all customers pay their share of legacy costs.



Source: CalCCA

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Order Instituting Rulemaking to Update and Reform Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) and Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) Policies and Processes

Rulemaking Goals and Structure:

- Consider improvements to existing ERRA and PCIA rules and processes
- Identify ways to mitigate rate volatility
- Ensure indifference between bundled and departed customers
- Provide policy guidance for forecast ratemaking proceedings

Track 1 is focused on possible adjustments to the Resource Adequacy Market Price Benchmarks for use in 2026 rates

Track 2 will consider additional long-term revisions to ERRA and PCIA rules and processes

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Parties filed opening comments on March 18 and reply comments on April 2

Community Power's trade association, the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA), made the following overarching arguments:

- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has an obligation to ensure indifference for both bundled and unbundled customers
- Overall customer affordability will not be achieved through modifications to the Resource Adequacy Market Price Benchmarks (RA MPB)
 - In today's PCIA framework, lowering bundled customers' rates only increases departed customers' rates
- Any CPUC Decision on the staff proposals must be based on transparent data and modeling demonstrating the rate impacts on bundled and unbundled customers

• CalCCA also addressed the five staff proposals for modifying the RA MPB

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Next Steps

- It is anticipated that a proposed decision on Track One will be issued in May 2025
 - The goal is to address the Resource Adequacy Market Price Benchmarks (RA MPB) in time for Energy Division to provide revised RA MPB inputs in time for the October ERRA Updates (for use in 2026 rates)
- Community Power continues to analyze potential rate impacts of various proposals

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Public Comment on Item No. 5

Item No. 6

Update on the California Energy Commission's Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program

Recommendation:

Recommendation: Receive and File Update on the California Energy Commission's ("CEC") Equitable Building Decarbonization ("EBD") Direct Install Program ("Program").

Presenter:

Colin Santulli, Director of Programs

Equitable Building Decarbonization (“EBD”) Direct Install Program

- No-cost, direct installation of decarbonization measures and equipment that:
 - Electrify homes by replacing existing gas-fired appliances
 - Increase the homes’ energy efficiency
 - Conduct basic remediation and safety upgrades
 - Upgrade electric panels
- Available to low-to-moderate income residential households in Disadvantaged and/or Low-Income Communities:
 - Single-family homes (renters)
 - Multi-family homes (renters & condos)
 - Mobile/manufactured homes

Types of No-Cost Measures



Heating and Cooling



Water Heating



Cooking



Laundry



Lighting



Building Envelope



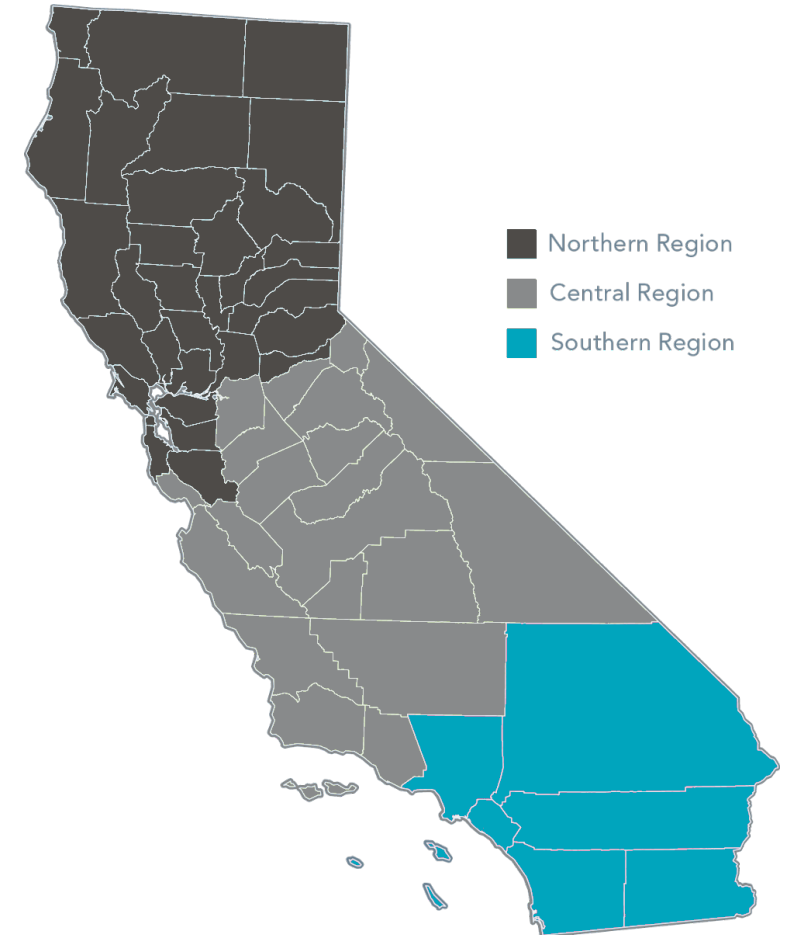
Electrical



Remediation and Safety

Equitable Building Decarbonization (“EBD”) Direct Install Program

- Working with Los Angeles County (“*LA County*”) and Southern California Equitable Building Decarbonization Coalition.
- LA County, through a CEC solicitation, was selected as Program Administrator for the Southern Region.
- Budget of **\$328M** for **Southern Region**.
 - Potential to decarbonize 8,000+ homes in SoCal.
 - Estimated 1,500 homes in Community Power service territory.



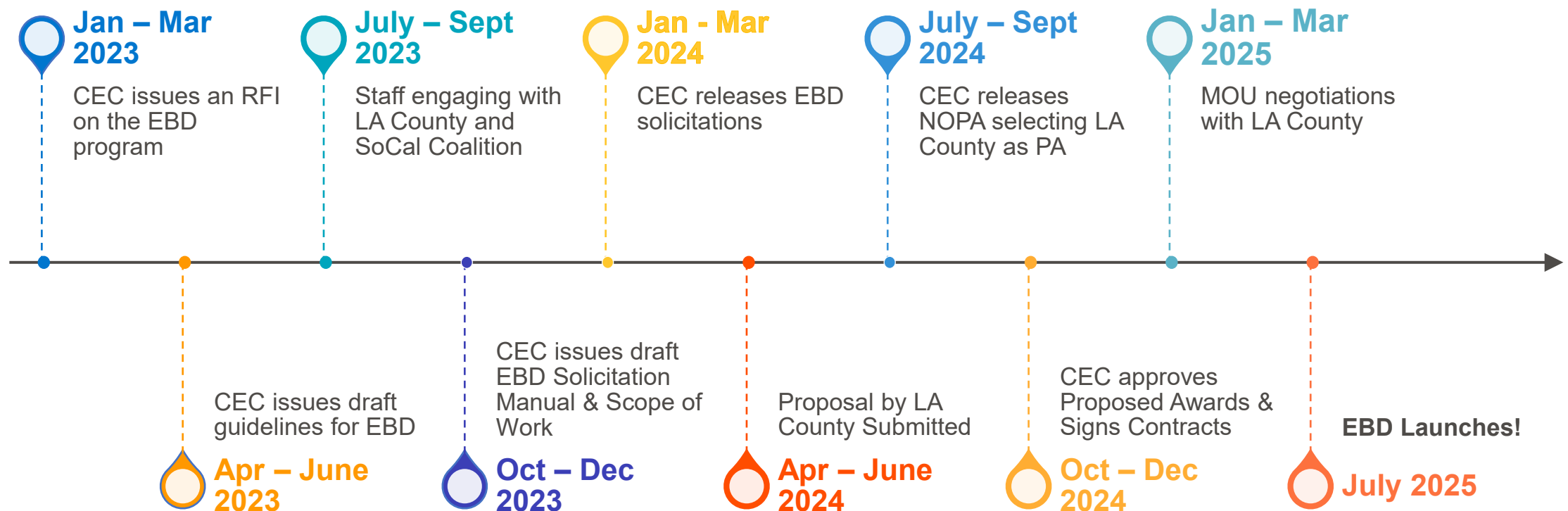
Equitable Building Decarbonization (“EBD”) Direct Install Program

Community Power to receive:

- \$737,000 to conduct marketing, outreach, and educational activities to generate awareness and recruit participants through our Power Network
 - Target communities vulnerable to extreme climate risks and air pollution, underserved by existing programs, and experience high energy burdens
- \$663,000 for Community Power staff time to:
 - Support the Power Network
 - Assist LA County in coordinating and integrating other programs
 - *E.g., Smart Home Flex and/or programs from San Diego Regional Energy Network (“SD REN”)*
 - Deliver additional benefits to participants that can help reduce operating costs and further reduce emissions



Equitable Building Decarbonization (“EBD”) Direct Install Program



Equitable Building Decarbonization (“EBD”) Direct Install Program

- **Next Steps:**
 - Seek Board of Directors approval of Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with LA County at April 2025 meeting
 - Activate community-based organizations in Power Network to conduct marketing, outreach, and education activities
 - Work with LA County to launch the program by **July 2025**





Public Comment on Item No. 6

Item No. 7

Update on Power Services

Recommendation:

Receive and File Update on Power Services

Presenter:

Byron Vosburg, Chief Commercial Officer

Power Services

Strategic Goals

(2025-2027)

- ✓ Develop a clean energy portfolio with renewable content of 100% no later than 2035, with interim targets of 75% by 2027 and 85% by 2030
- ✓ Support development of 1 Gigawatt of local renewable and clean energy capacity by 2035, of which 300 megawatt will be distributed energy resources (DERs) enabled by Community Power programs, tariffs, and procurement
- ✓ Prudently manage the power portfolio to minimize risk and customer costs
- ✓ Ensure cost-effective compliance with Resource Adequacy (RA) and Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) requirements and all other regulatory obligations
- ✓ Create high quality local jobs in renewable energy that support healthy families and vibrant communities

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Public Comment on Item No. 7

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Discussion of Potential Agenda Items for Board of Directors Meetings



Committee Member Announcements

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Adjournment



Next Regular Community Advisory Committee Meeting

May 8, 2025

