



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION



California Energy Commission January 21, 2026 Business Meeting Backup Materials Sacramento Municipal Utility District

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available as described below:

1. Proposed Resolution, attached below.
2. Recommendation Memo, attached below.

For the complete record, please visit: [Docket No. 25-EPS-01](#).

ORDER NO:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Emission Performance Standard
Compliance Filing**

Docket No. 25-EPS-01

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8341(e)(1), the California Energy Commission (CEC) established a greenhouse gases emission performance standard (EPS) of 1,100 pounds carbon dioxide per megawatt hour, as codified in Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, section 2900 et seq. The CEC is responsible for reviewing all long-term financial commitments entered into by local publicly owned electric utilities for compliance with the EPS.

II. FINDINGS

- a. On December 4, 2025, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) submitted a compliance filing requesting that the CEC find that SMUD's amended power purchase agreement (PPA) with Geysers Power Company LLC for geothermal energy from 13 geothermal power plants be determined to be compliant with the EPS;
- b. CEC staff reviewed SMUD's filing and found it complete. Based on its review, on December 10, 2025, staff recommended that the procurement be found to be in compliance with the EPS; specifically, staff concluded that the geothermal facilities listed in the PPA are determined to be compliant with the EPS under section 2903(b)(1) of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations; and
- c. The CEC concurs with staff's recommendation that SMUD's compliance filing is complete and that the contract with Geysers Power Company LLC, as described in the compliance filing, complies with the EPS.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The CEC hereby adopts staff's recommendation and orders that the long-term financial commitment described in SMUD's compliance filing complies with the CEC's Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard, as codified in Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, section 2900 et seq.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on January 21, 2026.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

Memorandum

To: Chair David Hochschild
Commissioner Siva Gunda
Commissioner Andrew McAllister
Commissioner Nancy Skinner
Commissioner Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo

Date: December 20, 2025

From: Drew Bohan
Executive Director

Subject: RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF A SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT EMISSION PERFORMANCE STANDARD COMPLIANCE FILING

On December 4, 2025, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) submitted a compliance filing requesting the California Energy Commission (CEC) find that SMUD's amendment to a covered procurement for geothermal energy with Geysers Power Company LLC be determined to be compliant with the CEC Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard (EPS), pursuant to Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, §2900, et seq.

Senate Bill 1368 (Perata, Chapter 598, Statutes of 2006) limits long-term investments in baseload generation by the state's load serving entities and local publicly owned electric utilities to power plants that meet an EPS jointly established by the CEC and the California Public Utilities Commission. The CO₂ emission rate limit is 1,100 pounds per megawatt-hour. The EPS establishes a public process for determining the compliance of proposed utility investments. Utilities are required to submit a compliance filing upon committing to an investment that is required to meet the EPS.

The power purchase agreement (PPA) with Geysers Power Company LLC is being amended to extend the original term of the contract by ten years through December 31, 2042, and increase the contracted-for geothermal energy and capacity from 100 megawatts (MW) to 125 MW from 2028 through 2029, inclusive, and from 125 MW to 150 MW from 2030 through 2042, inclusive. The energy is procured from a portfolio of 13 geothermal generating facilities. Each of the 13 geothermal facilities is certified as a renewable resource under the Renewable Portfolio Standard. In 2022, the CEC determined the original covered procurement was compliant with the EPS. See Order No. 22-0608-01a.

Staff completed a review of the compliance filing and concludes that the contract is compliant with the EPS pursuant to Section 2903(b)(1). Specifically, each of the 13 geothermal facilities meets the criteria of a renewable electricity generation facility as defined in Chapter 8.6 of Division 15 of the Public Resources Code and as such each is determined to be compliant with the EPS. Staff recommends that the Commission find the covered procurement described in SMUD's compliance filing complies with

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the CEC Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard, Title 20, Section 2900 et seq., of the California Code of Regulations.



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Drew Bohan
Executive Director

Date