



**California Energy Commission
May 13, 2026, Business Meeting Backup Materials for
Renewables Portfolio Standard 2021-2024 Verification Results Report**

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

1. CEQA Memo, attached below.
2. Proposed Resolution, attached below.
3. Resolution, posted immediately after business meeting approval.
4. The 25 *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2021-2024 Verification Results for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities, Staff Draft Reports*, posting date was April 22, 2026, at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-RPS-01>.

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Memorandum

To: Docket 24-RPS-01

From: **Josey Crosby, Attorney**
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Date: April 28, 2026

Subject: Basis for Finding that the *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results* are not a project, but if they were, they would still be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the Commonsense Exemption

I. CEQA

The California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, sections 21000 *et seq.*; see also CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15000 *et seq.*) requires that state agencies consider the environmental impact of their discretionary decisions. CEQA allows for certain projects to be exempted from its requirements. Of relevance here, and discussed further below, is the commonsense exemption. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061(b)(3)).

II. Background and Proposed Action

The California Energy Commission (CEC) administers the state's landmark Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), ensures the state's utilities disclose electricity sources to consumers, supports renewable energy development, and tracks the state's progress toward its renewable energy goals. The CEC verifies the eligibility of renewable energy procured by load serving entities, which include retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) that are obligated to participate in California's RPS. The CEC is also responsible for certifying RPS-eligible renewable energy resources, designing and implementing an accounting system to track and report renewable energy procurement for all program participants, and overseeing compliance and enforcement of POUs. The CEC participated in the development of the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS), an independently administered renewable energy tracking system to verify renewable energy procurement for all program participants. The California Public Utilities Commission is responsible for compliance and enforcement for retail sellers.

As part of the verification process, Public Resources Code section 399.25(b) requires the CEC to prepare Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Reports finding that the procurement claim amounts listed are consistent with RPS certification and procurement requirements specified in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook (RPS Eligibility Guidebook)* and the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities (RPS POU Regulations)* and are eligible for the RPS

program as indicated. These results reports are issued for each POU and adopted by the CEC at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

CEC staff have prepared Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024) verification results reports for 25 POUs, titled the *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results*, which include the verification findings for each of these 25 POUs. The CEC is considering adopting the 25 verification results reports at the May 13, 2026, CEC business meeting.

III. The proposed verification results reports are not a project.

A project under CEQA is defined as the “whole of an action which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.” (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15378(a)).

The CEC prepares Renewables Portfolio Standard verification results reports on its findings on the amount of eligible renewable energy procured each compliance period by POUs subject to California’s RPS. The adoption of these findings does not impose any new requirements on POUs and is determined through a process based on the requirements specified in the *RPS Guidebook* and *RPS POU Regulations*. Therefore, the proposed verification results reports have no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Accordingly, the verification results reports do not meet the definition of a project under CEQA, and therefore, the CEC is not obligated to meet the CEQA requirements that apply to projects.

IV. Even if the verification results reports were considered a project, they are exempt from CEQA under the Commonsense Exemption.

If the verification results reports were a project, the action would still be exempt from CEQA under the commonsense exemption. CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061(b)(3)). A “significant effect on the environment” is defined as a substantial, or a potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment, and does not include an economic change by itself. (Public Resources Code, section 21068; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15382).

As detailed above, the purpose of the verification results reports is to simply approve findings on whether the procurement claim amounts listed are consistent with RPS certification and procurement requirements and are eligible for the RPS program as indicated. It can be seen with reasonable certainty that the verification results reports will not have a significant effect on the environment.

V. Conclusion

As shown above, it can be seen with reasonable certainty that the verification results reports are not a project, as they have no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. In the case that the 25 verification results reports were to be a project, they would not have a

significant effect on the environment and, therefore, they are exempt pursuant to the commonsense exemption under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061(b)(3).

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION ADOPTING RENEWABLES
PORTFOLIO STANDARD 2021-2024 VERIFICATION RESULTS REPORTS FOR
25 LOCAL PUBLICLY OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES FOR
COMPLIANCE PERIOD 4**

RESOLUTION NO: [YY-MMDD]-XX

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code Section 399.25(b) requires the California Energy Commission to design and implement an accounting system to verify compliance with California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) by retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs), to ensure that electricity generated by an eligible renewable energy resource is counted only once for the purpose of meeting the renewables portfolio standard of this state or any other state, and for verifying retail product claims in this state or any other state; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission, in collaboration with the California Public Utilities Commission, has adopted regulations and guidelines addressing its responsibilities under Public Utilities Code Section 399.25(b) as well as other provisions of the law governing California's RPS, the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* (RPS POU Regulations) and the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* (RPS Eligibility Guidebook), respectively; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of Public Utilities Code Section 399.25(b) the California Energy Commission prepares Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Reports on its findings on the amount of eligible renewable energy procured each compliance period by POUs subject to California's RPS; and

WHEREAS, the Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Reports apply the statutory requirements as specified in Public Utilities Code Section 399.11, et seq., the RPS POU Regulations, RPS Eligibility Guidebook, and the Energy Commission staff *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Fourth Edition*, in determining the amount of renewable energy procurement that qualifies toward each POU's California RPS procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission staff have prepared a Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024) verification results report for each of the 25 POUs identified in Attachment A hereto, entitled the *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results*; and

WHEREAS, the scope of each of the *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results* includes RPS procurement verification findings for each of the POUs identified in Attachment A hereto; and

WHEREAS, the *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results* for each POU address the following items, as applicable, with respect to each 25 POUs identified in Attachment A hereto:

- The POU's procurement target, long-term procurement, and portfolio balance requirements and limitations.
- The amount of eligible renewable energy credits retired, and the amount applied to meet the compliance period requirements, both shown by Portfolio Content Category classification and Long-Term Procurement Requirement classification, as applicable.
- Deficits in meeting RPS procurement requirements for the compliance period.
- Optional compliance measures being applied by the POU for the compliance period.
- A calculation of excess procurement accumulated in this compliance period.
- A summary of the POU's excess procurement and historic carryover, if any, including any prior balance, the amount accumulated and used in the current compliance period, and remaining balance.

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the adoption of the *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results*, and concluded that the adoption of this report is not a "project" under CEQA, but that in the event that adoption were determined to be a project, that it would nonetheless be exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3)).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Energy Commission hereby adopts the 25 *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results* for the POUs identified in Attachment A hereto and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to finalize the reports as California Energy Commission adopted reports, including making any necessary minor typographical edits, and distribute and post on the California Energy Commission website as necessary.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that documents and other materials that constitute the proceeding record can be found at the California Energy Commission, 715 P Street, Sacramento, California, 95814 in the custody of the Docket Unit and online in [Docket Number 24-RPS-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-RPS-01), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-RPS-01>; and

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May 2026, by the following vote:

AYE:

NAY:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on May 13, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat

ATTACHMENT A

Alameda Municipal Power	Pittsburg Power Company
Anaheim Public Utilities	Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority
Azusa Light and Water	City of Rancho Cucamonga
City of Banning	City of Redding
City of Cerritos	City of Riverside
City of Corona Utilities Department	Roseville Electric
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Industry Public Utilities	Stockton Port District
Lodi Electric Utility	Turlock Irrigation District
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Port of Oakland	Victorville Municipal Utility Services
City of Palo Alto	

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IN THE MATTER OF:

*Renewables Portfolio Standard
Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024)
Verification and Compliance*

DOCKET NO. 24-RPS-01

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION AT MAY
BUSINESS MEETING

RE: Adoption of the *Local Publicly Owned
Electric Utilities Renewables Portfolio
Standard Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024)
Draft Verification Results Reports – Group 1*

**Notice to Consider Adoption of *Local Publicly Owned
Electric Utilities Renewables Portfolio Standard
Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024)
Draft Verification Results Reports – Group 1***

May 13, 2026

10:00 a.m.

In-person at: California Natural Resources Building
715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Access via Zoom

As part of the May 13, 2026, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adoption of the *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2021-2024 Verification Results for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities, Staff Draft Reports – Group 1 (Draft RPS POU Verification Results Reports – Group 1)* for 25 local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs).

More information about the May 13, 2026, Business Meeting, including the full agenda, location, and instructions for participation is available on the CEC's website at

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/business-meetings>.

Background

The proposed *Draft RPS POU Verification Results Reports – Group 1* detail verification findings of renewable

energy procurement claims submitted by POU's for Compliance Period 4 (CP 4) of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), covering the years 2021-2024. A total of 43 POU's reported claims for CP 4. Staff has completed claims verification for 25 POU's. Staff are currently working to complete the claims verification for the remaining 18 POU's.

The *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* establishes the rules and procedures by which the CEC assesses a POU's compliance with RPS procurement requirements. The methods used by the CEC to verify procurement claims for CP 4 RPS program participants are generally described in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* and further detailed in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Methodology Report, Fourth Edition*. These [documents](#) can be found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard>.

The verification results included in the *Draft RPS POU Verification Results Reports – Group 1* provide the following information, as applicable, for this initial group of POU's that reported procurement claims for CP 4:

- The POU's procurement target, portfolio balance requirements and limitations.
- The amount of eligible renewable energy credits (REC) retired, and the amount applied to meet the compliance period requirements, both shown by Portfolio Content Category classification and Long-Term Procurement Requirement classification.
- Deficits in meeting RPS procurement requirements for the compliance period, if any.
- Optional compliance measures being applied by the POU for the compliance period.
- A calculation of any excess procurement accumulated in this compliance period.
- A summary of the POU's excess procurement and historic carryover, if any, including any prior balance, the amount accumulated and used in the current compliance period, and any remaining balance.

Summary claims details tables are posted to provide detailed information about the corresponding *Draft RPS POU Verification Results Report*. The summary claims details provide the RPS claims reported by each POU for CP 4, and include detailed information on claims deemed eligible, ineligible, and withdrawn by the reporting POU, as applicable. The summary claims tables are available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/files/summary-claims-details-compliance-period-4>.

On April 22, 2026, the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 1* were posted for public comment, with written comments due May 4, 2026. Staff will consider the comments received and update the *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 1* as needed. The *RPS POU Verification Results Draft Reports – Group 1* are available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-RPS-01>.

Public Comment.

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Dated: April 28, 2026, in Sacramento, California.

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