



**California Energy Commission
May 13, 2026, Business Meeting
Backup Materials for Scoping Order for the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report
Update (2026 IEPR) (Docket 26-IEPR-01)**

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

1. Proposed Order, attached below.
2. Scoping Order for the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update, attached below

For the complete record, please visit: [2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report> or [Docket Log 26-IEPR-01](#).

To stay informed about this project and receive documents as they are filed, please subscribe to the proceeding Topic, which can be accessed here: [subscribe](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report>. The Topic sends out email notifications and direct links when documents are filed in the proceeding docket.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of *Preparing the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (2026 IEPR Update)*

PROPOSED ORDER INSTITUTING INFORMATIONAL PROCEEDING
ORDER NO:26-0513-07

I. BACKGROUND

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is required to adopt the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) every two years and an update on alternate years.¹ The biannual IEPR contains an overview of major energy trends and issues facing the state, as well as assessments of energy supply and demand, energy reliability, efficiency, and other energy issues affecting the state’s economy, public health and safety, and environment. The *2026 IEPR Update* will update certain analyses from the 2025 IEPR, raise energy issues that have emerged since the 2025 IEPR was prepared, and address certain other statutory requirements. The IEPR requires participation from, and coordination with, public and private stakeholders, including utilities, public agencies, marketers, producers, generators, importers and exporters, and others, many of whom submit information to support the CEC’s analytical efforts. Development of the IEPR is a public process, and numerous workshops and other opportunities for public participation are provided throughout the yearlong proceeding. All IEPR events are publicly noticed, and all submissions are received into one of several IEPR dockets maintained for the proceeding, which together serve as the basis for the recommendations in the final IEPR. This IEPR update proceeding will also include consultation and coordination with California Native American tribes under the CEC Tribal Consultation Policy.

II. Assignment of the Committee and Scope

Determining the scope of the *2026 IEPR Update* begins with review of the applicable statutory provisions, found in Public Resources Code sections 25301 *et seq*, and specific sections of the Public Utilities Code and Health and Safety Code which direct the CEC to periodically report on certain information and assessments in the IEPR. Chair David Hochschild is the Lead Commissioner for the *2026 IEPR Update*, and Vice Chair Siva Gunda is Associate Member for the California Electricity Demand Forecast and Commissioner Noemí Gallardo is Associate Member for the topics of California Geothermal Resources and Energy Equity and Environmental Justice.

On March 10, 2026, a draft scoping order was posted recommending the topics to be examined in the *2026 IEPR Update*. Following public comment, on March 25, 2026, the

¹ Public Resources Code, sections 25301, 25302.

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Lead Commissioner issued a final scoping order for the *2026 IEPR Update*. In addition to analyses specifically required by statute, the *2026 IEPR Update* will address three major topics as described in further detail in the attached *2026 IEPR Update Scoping Order*:

- California Electricity Demand Forecast.
- California Geothermal Resources.
- Energy Equity and Environmental Justice.

The scoping order is attached and available at [2026 IEPR Update](#) or <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report>. The *2026 IEPR Update* may also address other topics as the Lead Commissioner deems necessary.

III. Hearings and Workshops

The first workshop for this proceeding will be held on May 20, 2026. Additional hearings will be held and separately noticed. The Commissioners responsible for overseeing the *2026 IEPR Update* will issue notices at least 10 days in advance of their respective hearings and workshops and will identify at that time when written comments and testimony will be due, as well as the manner of the filing. Any person may make oral comments on the subject of this proceeding at these hearings and workshops. The written public comment periods for this proceeding, and the manner in which they will be required to be filed, will be established by separate notice.

IV. Authority

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25210 and California Code of Regulations, Title 20, section 1220(b), informational proceedings allow the CEC to hold hearings and gather and assess information needed to assist it in formulating policies. Instituting an informational proceeding with the adoption of this Order ensures that the assigned Commissioners responsible for overseeing the preparation of the *2026 IEPR Update* can collect the information needed to complete the required analyses and assessments.

V. Participation

Those interested in receiving notices of workshops and hearings for the [2026 IEPR Update](#) can subscribe at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report>. (Scroll down the right side of the page to find “subscribe.”). Alternatively, parties may go to [CEC Subscriptions](#), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions> to sign up for the energy policy subscription topic. There will be opportunities for providing written comments before and during these workshops and hearings, the details of which will be specified in the notice issued for each event. In general, the following instructions will apply but may be modified in the workshop or hearing notice:

For the *2026 IEPR Update*, the CEC is using an electronic commenting system.

Visit the [website](#) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report>. Please select and expand the appropriate docket (there are five dockets for the *2026 IEPR Update* and more may be added as needed) and click on the “**Submit e-Comment**” link for the docket(s) of

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interest or most relevant to your comments. This will take you to the page for adding comments to that docket. Please enter your contact information and comment title. You may include comments in the box titled "Comment Text" or attach a file with your comments. Attached comments must be in a Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) formatted file. The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system, but written comments may be submitted by emailing them to the Dockets Office, or by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 26-IEPR-01
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the appropriate docket number on any emailed or written comments. Comments may alternatively be emailed to docket@energy.ca.gov, with the appropriate docket number provided in the subject line. Please note that your electronic, emailed, written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (for example, address, phone number, and email address) become part of the viewable public record. Furthermore, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

Any person may make oral comments on the subject of the proceeding at workshops and hearings for the *2026 IEPR Update*; the notice for each event will include instructions for participation and comments. The Lead and Associate Commissioners overseeing the *2026 IEPR Update* may also require the presence and participation of certain persons, consistent with the nature and purpose of the proceeding.

The CEC's Office of the Public Advisor, Energy Equity, and Tribal Affairs assists the public with participation in CEC proceedings. To request assistance, interpreting services, or reasonable modifications and accommodations, email publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 269-9595 or as soon as possible, but at least five days in advance. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

If you have questions about the subject matter of this order, please contact the IEPR team at iepr@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 796-5987.

Please direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

VI. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The CEC therefore appoints the Lead and Associate Commissioners named above and orders the institution of an informational proceeding for the *2026 IEPR Update*, directing the Executive Director and staff to gather and assess the information needed to prepare the *2026 IEPR Update* consistent with the scope identified in section II above, under guidance of the Lead and Associate Commissioners.

VII. IT IS SO ORDERED.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13 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 an order duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on May 13, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat

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IN THE MATTER OF:

*2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update
(2026 IEPR Update)*

RE: Scoping Order

DOCKET NO. 26-IEPR-01

Scoping Order for the *2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update*

The California Energy Commission (CEC) biennially develops the *Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)* that broadly assesses California’s energy system and puts forward recommendations to advance California’s clean energy future for all, with an update in the intervening years. Chair David Hochschild will serve as lead commissioner for the *2026 IEPR Update*. Vice Chair Siva Gunda and Commissioner Noemí Gallardo will each serve as associate member for specific topics as noted below.

Scope

As described below, the *2026 IEPR Update* will provide updates on the California Electricity Demand Forecast, California geothermal resources, and energy equity.

- 1. California Electricity Demand Forecast:** The *2026 IEPR Update* will include an updated 15-year electricity demand forecast. The updated forecast will include scenarios that estimate the potential impacts of the state’s decarbonization strategies and other sources of load growth, such as increases in the number of data centers in the state. The updated forecast will refine the assessment of impacts from utility energization applications (known load) data and continue discussions around how to include these data in the forecast. Vice Chair Gunda will be the associate member for this topic.
- 2. California Geothermal Resources:** The *2026 IEPR Update* will assess the challenges and opportunities for geothermal development in California. The *2026 IEPR Update* will also identify potential actions the state can take to support expansion of in-state geothermal development. Commissioner Gallardo will be the associate member for this topic.
- 3. Energy Equity and Environmental Justice:** The *2026 IEPR Update* will include CEC progress toward its commitment to embed equity and environmental justice in its policies, programs, and activities, as described in recommendations included in the *2022 IEPR Update* and *Draft Justice, Access, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JAEDI) Framework*. Commissioner Gallardo will be the associate member for this topic.

Legislative Authority

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 25301(a) requires the CEC to “conduct assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices.” These assessments and forecasts are used to develop recommendations for energy policies that conserve state resources, protect the environment, provide reliable energy, enhance the state’s economy, and protect public health and safety. The CEC includes these energy policy recommendations in its biennial *Integrated Energy Policy Report* that is issued in odd-numbered years, such as in the *2025 IEPR*.

Further, PRC Section 25302(c) requires the CEC to prepare an update in alternate years to report on issues raised in the biennial IEPR or to identify new energy issues that have arisen during the intervening year. The *2026 IEPR Update* will fulfill that requirement.

Key Statutory and Executive Order Initiatives

The *2026 IEPR Update* will reflect the many key policy initiatives that shape California’s energy policies, including:

- Assembly Bill 1279 (Muratsuchi, Chapter 337, Statutes of 2022), which requires steps to ensure California reaches net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2045.
- Senate Bill 1020 (Laird, Chapter 361, Statutes of 2022), which mandates steps to ensure renewable and zero-carbon sources make up 90 percent of the state’s electricity by 2035.
- Senate Bill 100 (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018), which accelerated the state’s renewables goal to 60 percent by 2030 and put into law the state’s commitment to a 100 percent renewable and zero-carbon electricity system by 2045.
- Senate Bill 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016), which amended the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. It called for a statewide reduction of GHG emissions of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.
- Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which directed the CEC to identify barriers to accessing the benefits of clean energy, including barriers low-income customers face in accessing energy efficiency, weatherization, and photovoltaics; increased renewable procurement targets; and required the updating of targets to achieve a doubling of energy efficiency savings by 2030.

2026 IEPR Update Schedule

The lead commissioner will direct the CEC staff to use the following general schedule. As workshop topics and dates are finalized, the CEC will post notices on its website and notify stakeholders at least 10 days in advance of each workshop date. The [schedule](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report) will be posted and regularly updated at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report>.

Task/Event	Date
Final <i>2026 IEPR Update</i> Scoping Order released	April 2026
Adopt order instituting informational proceeding for <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	May 2026
Public workshops on specific topics	May 2026–December 2026
Release draft <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	October 2026
Release proposed <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	January 2027
Adopt 2026 IEPR Forecast	January 2027
Adopt <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	February 2027

Participation in the Proceeding

Policy recommendations contained in the *2026 IEPR Update* will be based on the record developed during the proceeding, including data and technical analyses by staff and stakeholders. Analysis and information developed in other proceedings at the CEC and by other agencies will be incorporated as appropriate. Participants should use Docket Number 26-IEPR-01 and associated dockets when submitting information for the lead commissioner’s consideration, which will be as follows:

- 26-IEPR-01 - General/Scope
- 26-IEPR-02 - Electricity Resource Plans
- 26-IEPR-03 - Electricity Demand Forecast
- 26-IEPR-04 - Geothermal
- 26-IEPR-05 - Energy Equity and Environmental Justice

The lead commissioner encourages the participation of all interested and affected participants because public input is essential to ensuring a complete and thorough record. As in previous proceedings, the lead commissioner recognizes that close coordination with federal, state, local, and other agencies is critical to identifying and addressing energy infrastructure and related environmental challenges. The lead commissioner directs staff to continue working with these agencies to ensure their participation in this proceeding.

Contacts

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Questions on the technical subject matter should be directed to the Integrated Energy Policy Report team at (916) 796-5987 or by email at iepr@energy.ca.gov.

Availability of Documents

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the integrated energy policy report subscription. Those interested in receiving these notices can [subscribe](#) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report> or manage existing [subscriptions](#) or sign up for others at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: April 17, 2026, in Sacramento, California

Subscriptions: Diversity Outreach Program; Integrated Energy Policy Report; Climate Change Issues; Decarbonization Topics; Efficiency Topics; Electricity Issues; General Natural Gas and LNG Issues; Geothermal Energy; Lithium Valley; Joint-Agency Report - SB 100; Energy Research and Development; General Transportation and Petroleum Issues; Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group