



**California Energy Commission  
July 8, 2026 Business Meeting  
Backup Materials for Agenda Item No. 05**

**Final 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report  
(2025 IEPR) (Docket 25-IEPR-01)**

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

1. Proposed Resolution, attached below.
2. Memorandum re Proposed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance for the *2025 IEPR*, attached below.
3. *Final 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report*
  - Proposed *Final 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report* available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=271034&DocumentContentId=108609>

For the complete record, please visit:

- [Docket Number 25-IEPR-01,](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-01)  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-01>
- [Docket Number 25-IEPR-02,](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-02)  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-02>
- [Docket Number 25-IEPR-03,](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-03)  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-03>
- [Docket Number 25-IEPR-04,](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-04)  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-04>
- [Docket Number 25-IEPR-05,](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-05)  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-05>
- [Docket Number 25-IEPR-06,](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-06)  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-IEPR-06>

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## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Final 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report**

#### **RESOLUTION NO: 26-0708-XX**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren-Alquist Act requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) in odd-numbered years to "conduct assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices" and to "use these assessments and forecasts to develop and evaluate energy policies and programs that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety" (Public Resources Code § 25301, subd. (a)); and to update these assessments and forecasts in even-numbered years (Public Resources Code § 25302, subd. (c)); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2025, the Lead Commissioner issued a Scoping Order for the 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report proceeding stating that the *2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2025 IEPR)* would address the following: advancing clean energy deployment; electricity and gas forecast, and load-shift goal update; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 2025, the Lead Commissioner issued a Revised Scoping Order for the *2025 IEPR* refining the description of the load-shift goal update; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC held nine workshops and two webinars between December 2024 and December 2025 on the topics identified in the scoping order to solicit input from stakeholders on these topics; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC published a *Draft 2025 IEPR* on April 23, 2026, soliciting public comment which was considered by CEC staff in the preparation of the proposed *Final 2025 IEPR*; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed *Final 2025 IEPR* was posted on June 19, 2026 for consideration for adoption by the CEC; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the adoption of the *Final 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report*, and concluded that the adoption of this report is not a "project" under CEQA, because no commitment to any specific project is made in this *2025 IEPR*, and approving it will not cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment. However, in the event that the adoption of the *2025 IEPR* were determined to be a project, the CEC has determined that it would nonetheless be exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3)) for the same reason, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the *2025 IEPR* may have a significant effect on the environment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the CEC hereby accepts, approves, and adopts the *Final 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report*, incorporating any changes presented and

adopted today along with any non-substantive changes such as typographical corrections, and directs CEC staff to make the document accessible to state, local, and federal entities, the public, and the Legislature.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of July 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 July 8, 2026.

Kim Todd  
Secretariat

## Memorandum

**To:** Chair Hochschild  
Vice Chair Gunda  
Commissioner Gallardo  
Commissioner McAllister  
Commissioner Skinner

**Date:** June 30, 2026

**From:** Reneé Webster-Hawkins  
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Chief Counsel's Office

**Subject:** Proposed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance for the *2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2025 IEPR)*

At the July 8, 2026, California Energy Commission (CEC) business meeting, staff from the CEC plans to propose the *2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2025 IEPR)* for the CEC's consideration and adoption. For purposes of complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), I recommend the CEC find that adopting this *2025 IEPR* is not a "project" for purposes of CEQA.

Under CEQA, a "project" means "an activity which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment ...." (Pub. Resources Code § 21065.) The *2025 IEPR* is not a project because it is a report that includes findings and recommendations based on staff assessments of existing data and information. Any agency approvals or commitments of specific activities based on these findings and recommendations will be made, if at all, through future discretionary decision-making processes by the respective lead or responsible agencies. Because no commitment to any specific project is made in this *2025 IEPR*, approving it will not cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment.

However, if a challenge was made to this determination and a court should find that adopting the *2025 IEPR* is indeed a project within the meaning of CEQA, I recommend that the CEC make an alternative finding now and adopt staff's determination that if the *2025 IEPR* is a project under CEQA, it is *nevertheless* exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3)). The common sense exemption applies "where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." *Ibid.* Statute requires the biennial IEPR report to be prepared based on data collected by the CEC and include assessments of major energy trends, forecasts, and other issues facing the state's electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuel sectors. The report provides policy recommendations to conserve resources; protect the environment; ensure reliable, secure, and diverse energy supplies; enhance the state's economy; and protect public health and safety, but makes no approvals or funding commitments for activities that may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, adopting the *2025 IEPR* qualifies for the common sense exemption and is not subject to CEQA.