



Schedule for Staff Workshop on the Draft 2025 California Building Energy Action Plan

Thursday, January 29, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only via [Zoom™](#) at

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/85396334623?pwd=qRNrgYQZqq0Ea4VXnK3eef7hyD5xR.1>

(Listed times are general guidelines only)

Welcome, Logistics, and Housekeeping (1:00 – 1:05)

Ram Narayananamurthy, Branch Manager, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

Opening Remarks (1:05 - 1:10)

J Andrew McAllister, Commissioner, California Energy Commission

Overview of California Energy Action Plan (1:10 – 1:20)

Scott Blunk, Deputy Director, Efficiency Division

Overview of Draft 2025 California Building Energy Action Plan (1:20 – 1:30)

Owen Howlett, Supervisor, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

Progress Toward Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings in Electricity and Gas by 2030 (1:30 - 1:40)

Ingrid Neumann, Ph.D., Decarbonization Principal, Advanced Electrification Analysis Branch, Energy Assessments Division

Major Issues in Building Decarbonization: Part 1 (1:40 –1:55)

Owen Howlett, Supervisor, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

- Affordable Building Decarbonization Financing
- Building Energy Efficiency Standards
- Regulatory Standards for Existing Buildings

- Code Compliance for Existing Building Retrofits

Questions and Answers (1:55 – 2:00)

Major Issues in Building Decarbonization: Part 2 (2:00 – 2:30)

Kristina Dologlo, Building Decarbonization Analyst, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

- Remediation Costs for Residential Buildings
- Decarbonizing Manufactured Housing

Elicia Yoffee, Associate Energy Specialist, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

- Tenant Protections
- Hard-To-Reach Communities

Shadi Aslebagh, Air Pollution Specialist, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

- Health Benefits of Building Decarbonization
- Data Standardization and Sharing
- Refrigerant Use, Recovery, and Recycling

Questions and Answers (2:30 – 2:35)

Major Issues in Building Decarbonization: Part 3 (2:35 – 3:05)

Owen Howlett, Supervisor, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

- California Energy Commission Building Decarbonization Incentive Programs
- Voluntary Whole-House Home Energy Labeling
- Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment
- Advancing Load Flexibility

Gabriel Taylor, Senior Engineer, Decarbonization & Load Flexibility, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

- Residential Panel Optimization and Upsizing
- Benchmarking and Building Performance Standards

Vanessa Durant, Decarbonization Incentives Specialist, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

- Bill Impact Estimation for Consumers
- Building Local Workforces

- Equity Metrics
- Embodied Carbon

Questions and Answers (3:05 – 3:10)

Overview of Recommendations (3:10 – 3:25)

Bryan Early, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Andrew McAllister, California Energy Commission

Public Comment (3:25 – 3:55)

Owen Howlett, Supervisor, Policy and Analysis Unit, Existing Buildings Branch, Efficiency Division

Comments given during the public comment period of the workshop will be posted to Docket 23-DECARB-03.

Please also submit comments in writing to the docket. Written comments can be submitted to the docket up to and including February 20, 2026.

Closing Remarks (3:55 – 4:00)