

Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Webinar on 2026 RPS Procurement Plan Filing Requirements & Templates

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Webinar Info & Purpose

- All participants will be muted on entry to the webinar
- Participants will have an open forum to ask specific questions during the second part of the webinar
- **Disclaimer: This webinar will be recorded and uploaded to the [RPS Procurement Plans](#) webpage**
- Review RPS Plan refinements and answer questions related to the [2026 RPS Procurement Plan Ruling \(2026 RPS Plans ACR\)](#)
- Explain changes and answer questions about the 2026 RPS Procurement Plan templates (available for download from [RPS Database](#))
- Review and answer questions about new requirements for SB 1174 Data reporting

Agenda

| Agenda Item | Timing |
|--|----------------|
| Welcome and Introduction | 2:00 – 2:05 pm |
| Refinements to RPS Plans & Templates | 2:05 – 2:10 pm |
| Refinements to the SB 1174 Data Reporting Template | 2:10 – 2:25 pm |
| Submission Instructions and Procedural Schedule | 2:25 – 2:30 pm |
| Retail Seller Q&A | 2:30 – 2:50 pm |
| Wrap Up | 2:50 pm |

Refinements from the 2026 RPS Plans ACR

1. Revised various Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) reporting requirements to further streamline the preparation & review of RPS Procurement Plans and reflect the latest developments in the IRP proceeding
2. Refinements to SB 1174 Data reporting
3. Other minor modifications & clarifications to RPS Plan requirements to eliminate redundancies and improve the quality of the RPS Plans



Revised Section IV.C.1 - Conformance with IRP

- Revised reporting requirements for RPS–IRP planning alignment to streamline section and reflect current IRP filing requirements:
 - Revised ACR’s Table 2 “Alignment of IRP and RPS Planning”
 - Reduced Table 2 from 4 rows to 3 rows by eliminating redundant reporting requirements
 - Updated Table 2 language to reflect the current IRP Narrative Template format for IRP Filings
 - Updated IRP milestones that retail sellers must align their RPS planning with
 - “retail sellers shall explain... how the information in their 2026 RPS Plans, will align with information that is to be filed in their next round of individual IRPs, **due on August 10, 2026**
 - Added **Decision (D.) 26-02-057** to list of IRP procurement orders in Table 2
- Retail sellers reminded to use the new Table 2 format in their 2026 RPS Plans

Revised Section IV.C.1 - Conformance with IRP: Example ACR Table 2 “Alignment of IRP & RPS Planning”

Previous required format

| | |
|--|--|
| IV. Action Plan A. Proposed | Retail sellers should describe how they propose to use RPS resources to implement both Conforming Portfolios. |
| Row removed to eliminate redundancies | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission decision or mandated procurement. 2. Procurement plans, potential barriers, and resource |
| IV. Action Plan B. Procurement Activities | <p>The retail seller should describe the solicitation strategies for the RPS resources identified in both Conforming Portfolios. This description should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The type of solicitation. 2. The timeline for each solicitation. 3. Desired online dates. 4. Other relevant procurement planning information, such as solicitation goals and objectives. |

New required format

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| IV. Action Plan A. Proposed Procurement Activities and Potential Barriers | <p>The retail seller should describe the solicitation strategies for RPS resources identified in their Conforming Portfolios. This description should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed RPS procurement activities as required by Commission decision or mandated procurement. 2. Procurement plans and resource viability for each <u>new</u> RPS resource identified. 3. The type of solicitation. 4. The timeline for each solicitation. 5. Desired online dates. 6. Other relevant procurement planning information, such as solicitation goals and objectives. |
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Consolidated reporting requirements into single row

Revised Curtailment Reporting Requirements

- In Section IV.A – Assessment of RPS Portfolio Supplies & Demand...
 - Removed previous requirement to report on curtailment info, specifically:
“Experience, to date, with managing exposure to negative market prices (or lessons learned from other retail sellers in California if a new retail seller)”
 - This specific reporting requirement for curtailment info also appears in a later section, which is redundant
- “Experience with managing exposure to negative pricing” info is now only collected in Section IV.B.2 – Curtailment Frequency, Cost, and Forecasting

Changes to the RPS Plan Templates

- **General Rule:** Templates will cover all years of current or past Compliance Periods (CP) where procurement has not been verified by the California Energy Commission and RPS compliance determinations have not been made by the CPUC
 - CPs may be eliminated from templates after compliance determinations are made
- 1. Renewable Net Short Template: Added columns for the 2036 Forecast year and CP 8 totals. Updated the Annual vs. Forecast years.
- 2. Cost Quantification Template: Updated reporting years (actual and forecast)
- 3. Project Development Status Update Template: No updates required
- 4. Transmission/Interconnection Delay Data Reporting Template: *(described further in next slides)*

Changes to the RPS Plan Templates

| Template | Change Description | Excel File Tab: | Excel File Cells: |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Renewable Net Short | Updated forecast years to begin in 2026 | “RNS Calculations” | Row 4, Column L |
| Renewable Net Short | Added columns for 2036 and CP 8 totals | “RNS Calculations” | Column Y Column Z |
| Cost Quantification | Updated reporting years to 2023 – 2025 (actual) and 2026 – 2036 (forecast) | 1. “Tables 1 & 2 (Cost)” 2. “Tables 3 & 4 (Generation)” | 1. C7:E7, C37:M37, C64:M64 2. C7:E7, C34:M34 |
| Project Development Status Update | None required | N/A | N/A |
| SB 1174 Data Reporting | Updated instructions & tabs, new & modified fields, general formatting & editing for clarity | SB 1174 Data Reporting Template | SB 1174 Data Reporting Template |

SB 1174

SB 1174 requires that transmission facility owners provide information on how delays to transmission facilities and network system upgrades have impacted renewable energy and energy storage resources with executed interconnection agreements.

SB 1174 Data Narrative

- A narrative component regarding SB 1174 data is required within RPS Procurement Plans and should correspond with the data in the template.
- See “6.14. RPS Plan Section XIV: Impact of Transmission and Interconnection Delays” of the ACR for complete narrative instructions.

SB 1174 Data Narrative

- The ACR's narrative instructions detail 8 specific narrative components to be included. Please review each of the 8 components and make sure to include them in your plans.
- Please note that all sections have been modified, so please read over each narrative section requirement closely.
- Use the “Narrative Data” tab within the SB 1174 Data Reporting Template as a guide.



SB 1174 Data Narrative

- For #3, please include ACR table 4, filled in with data, within your RPS Plan narrative.

Table 4: In-Service Date Change Reasons for Delayed Transmission Projects

| Reason for Delay (in-service date change reason) | (a) Delayed Transmission Projects | (b) Median Delay Times for Delayed Transmission Projects (months) | (c) Capacity of dependent renewable energy and energy resources (MW) |
|---|--|--|--|
| Example Delay Reason #1 (Financing, Land Rights, Weather, etc.) | 40 (total number of projects reported) | 8.5 (median calculated based on actual project delay times reported) | 1000 (total resource capacity if dependent on delayed transmission projects) |
| Example Delay Reason #2 (Financing, Land Rights, Weather, etc.) | 40 (total number of projects reported) | 8.5 (median calculated based on actual project delay times reported) | 1000 (total resource capacity if dependent on delayed transmission projects) |

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

TEMPLATE TABS

- SB 1174
- 2026 Change List
- Narrative Data
- 1a. Instructions for 1b
- **1b. Transmission Projects**
- 2a. Instructions for 2b
- **2b. Energy & Storage Resources**
- Definitions
- Choices

**Respondents must complete tabs
“1b. Transmission Projects” and
“2b. Energy & Storage Resources”.**

1b. Transmission Projects

2b. Energy & Storage Resources

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

Prior to filling out the template, review information on all tabs.

- **“SB 1174” tab:** Summary of the template and statute. **NEW**

- **“2026 Change List” Tab:** Lists all the changes in the 2026 version of the template from the 2025 version.

2026 SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

Before entering any data, carefully review the "2026 Change List", "Definitions", and "Choices" tabs, along with instructions tabs "1a" and "2a". In some cases, the latest utility Transmission Project Review (TPR) process data submission can be used to populate Unique ID fields, permitting status fields, and more. Use the "Narrative Data" tab to assist with completing the narrative requirements within Annual RPS Plans.

Please reach out to CPUC Energy Division staff if you have any questions about how to interpret the definition of a field, and what data should be entered into it.

Pursuant to SB 1174 (Hertzberg, Stat. 2022, Ch. 229) and Pub. Util. Code § 399.13(a)(2)(B), electrical corporations that own transmission facilities are required to provide information within their RPS Procurement Plans detailing the impact that delays to transmission facilities and network system upgrades have had on renewable energy and energy storage resources with executed interconnection agreements. Electrical corporations shall use this template to report the related data.

As such, electrical corporations shall 1) fulfill this 2026 SB 1174 Data Reporting Template data request and 2) provide corresponding narrative summaries within RPS Plans.

Changes for the 2026 SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

| Tab | Change |
|----------------------------|---|
| All | General formatting changes. |
| All | General editing for clarity. |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Renamed from "Generation Reporting" to "Energy & Storage Resources". |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Added new "Storage" field to indicate if project has storage or not. |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Added new choices for "Technology Type" field. |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Added linked note for RPS Eligibility, "RPS Eligibility is determined within the CEC RPS Gui |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Removed "Other" choice from "Interconnection Request Type" field. |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Updated instructions at the top of this tab to align with narrative template instructions, an |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Added field for "PTO Service Territory Notes". |
| Energy & Storage Resources | Added field for "Technology Type Notes". |

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

NEW

- **“Narrative Data” tab:** Auto calculates data to be used within the SB 1174 narrative component of Draft RPS Procurement Plans.

| 1. Transmission Projects Online in 2025 and In Development | | |
|--|---|----------|
| # | Data Request | Response |
| 1.a | Total number of projects that have come online from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. | 0 |
| 1.b | Total number of projects in development. | 0 |
| 1.c | Total number of projects identified in (a) and (b) with actual or planned in-service dates later than original service dates. | 0 |

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

- **“Definitions” tab:** A list of acronyms and definitions for in-service date change reasons used in field 29 of the “1b. Transmission Projects” tab.

Date Change Reasons Defined

| Reason | Definition |
|-----------------------|--|
| Bundling Dependencies | Another delayed transmission project must be completed before this project (i.e. planning, engineering, construction, etc.). |
| Clearances | Non-permit related clearance delays from any governmental entity with delays in obtaining CAISO and WECC clearances approval required to start construction. |
| Easements | Delays related to required easements, exercise of eminent domain, or other transmission project infrastructure. |
| Financing | Delays in the process to secure project financing and business allocation grants, or other sources. |

- **“Choices” Tab:** Source and reference for template’s dropdowns.

| 1b. Transmission Projects | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 8 | 12 | 15 |
| Status | GIDAP Related | Action Taken |
| Abandoned | Yes | New |
| Canceled | No | Relocate |
| Construction (10%-25%) | | Removal |
| Construction (25%-50%) | | Replace |
| Construction (50%-75%) | | Upgrade/Retrofit |

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

- **“1a. Instructions for 1b” tab:**
Details instructions for each field on the “1b. Transmission Projects” tab.

Instructions for Transmission Projects Reporting

Complete ALL fields in “1b. Transmission Projects” tab: List all transmission projects currently in

- “Transmission projects” include transmission projects, interconnection projects, and network upg
- A Transmission project is “in development” if it is in any stage of development (e.g., planning, pe
- Include transmission projects that meet the above criteria regardless of if they are delayed or not

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Section 1: TR | | | |
| Field # | Project Data Field | Input Format | Input Example |
| 1 | Transmission Project Name | Text string. | Lugo Substation Transformer Bank Conversion |
| 2 | Transmission Project Unique ID #1 | Text string. | 800308934 |

- **“2a. Instructions for 2b” Tab:**
Details instructions for each field on the “2b. Energy & Storage Resources” tab.

Instructions for Energy & Storage Resources Reporting

Complete ALL fields in “2b. Energy & Storage Resources” tab: List all in-development renewable energy and interconnect within the electrical corporation's service territory. This includes resources within the CAISO, WDA
 - An energy or storage resource is defined as "in-development" if it has been accepted into an interconnection c
 - Include resources regardless of if the utility has procured these resources, and regardless of if these resource

| "2b. Energy & Storage Res | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---|
| Section 1: RESOURCE I | | | | |
| Field # | Project Data Field | Input Format | Input Example | Input De |
| 1 | Generation or Storage Facility Name | Text string. | Sierra Solar Farm Project | Name of Any reso Generati consider |
| 2 | In-Queue Number (CAISO or WDAT) | Text string. | 0002CONV | Enter in c storage r project. f generatic "WDT", " projects i position - ## ## i |

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

- **“1b. Transmission Projects” tab:** List all transmission projects currently in development and all that came online 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025.
- “Transmission projects” include transmission and interconnection projects, and network upgrades, that are CAISO or utility self-approved.
- A transmission project is “in development” if it is in any stage of development (e.g., planning, permitting, engineering, construction) but not yet online.
- Include transmission projects regardless of if they are delayed or not, and regardless of if needed for generator interconnection or not.

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

- “1b. Transmission Projects” tab: List all delayed project information.

| Fields below are automatically populated. No input needed. | | Fields below will highlight in red if the project has been delayed. Please provide responses to all fields and details in both Delay Notes and Secondary/Other Reasons for Delay. | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| In-service Date Total Delay (Days) | Project is Delayed | Delay Resolver <i>(Required for Any Delayed Projects)</i> | In-service Date Change Reason <i>(Required for Any Delayed Projects)</i> | Delay Notes <i>(Required for Any Delayed Projects)</i> | Secondary/Other Reasons for Delay <i>(Required for Any Delayed Projects)</i> |
| 2557 | Yes | | | | |
| 0 | No | | | | |
| 0 | No | | | | |
| 0 | No | | | | |

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

- **“1b. Transmission Projects” tab:** List all dependent resources and add fields as needed.

Add new columns as needed.

| Section 5: GENERATION & STORAGE RESOURCE DEPENDENCIES | | |
|--|---|--|
| 47 | 48 | 49 |
| Dependent Resource In-Queue Generation Number (CAISO and WDAT) <input type="text"/> | Dependent Resource In-Queue Generation Number (CAISO and WDAT)2 <input type="text"/> | Dependent Resource In-Queue Generation Number (CAISO and WDAT) <input type="text"/> |
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SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

- **“2b. Energy & Storage Resources” tab:** List all in-development renewable energy and energy storage resources with executed interconnection agreements, that will interconnect within the electrical corporation's service territory.
- A resource is "in-development" if it has been accepted into an interconnection queue (CAISO, WDAT, and others) and is proceeding towards coming online but is not yet in-service.
- Include resources regardless of if the utility has procured these resources, and regardless of if these resources are needed for RPS compliance.

SB 1174 Data Reporting Template

- **“2b. Energy & Storage Resources” tab:** List all in-development renewable energy and energy storage resources .

Energy & Storage Resources

Electrical corporations shall complete ALL fields in "2b. Energy & Storage Resources" tab: List all in-development renewable energy and energy storage resources, with execute interconnect within the electrical corporation's service territory. This includes resources within the CAISO, WDAT, or other interconnection queues.

- An energy or storage resource is defined as "in-development" if it has been accepted into an interconnection queue and is proceeding towards coming online but is not yet in-service.
- Include resources regardless of if the utility has procured these resources, and regardless of if these resources are needed for RPS compliance.

Section 1: RESOURCE DETAILS

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Generation Facility Name | In-Queue Number (CAISO or WDAT) | Generator Resource ID | Primary Developers | Nameplate Capacity | Planned Construction Start Date | Planned In-service Date |
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Submission of Info with Confidential Claims

- Underlying principle: information is to be publicly accessible to the greatest extent possible while allowing for protection of certain market-sensitive information
- [D. 21-11-029](#) modified the number of years that certain data may be kept confidential for RPS compliance and procurement reporting for all retail sellers
 - Energy and capacity forecast data - **Front two years** of forecast data and the **current year/year of filing** data may be kept confidential
- Draft and Final RPS plans will be interpreted as being **filed in the same year** to preserve confidentiality of data for the current year and the first and second forecast years

Filing and Submission Instructions

For instructions or questions related to filing and serving RPS Procurement Plans and templates:

- Refer to the **2026 RPS Plans ACR** at <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile> for **filing instructions and requirements**
- RPS Plans and templates (excel files) must be submitted through the **RPS database** at <https://rpsd.cpuc.ca.gov>
 - Retail sellers must register to login to the system and can download the templates there

If a retail seller requests confidential treatment for any portion of its RPS Plan:

- Confidential versions of the RPS Plan PDF document and excel templates must be submitted through the RPS Database
- *Retail sellers should **not** submit RPS Plans and templates through the CPUC's Kiteworks secure FTP*

Procedural Schedule For 2026 RPS Procurement Plans

| Process Details | Date |
|---|--|
| Assigned Commissioner's Ruling (ACR) setting scope and schedule for annual RPS Plans | 3/27/2026 |
| IOUs, Small Utilities, ESPs & CCAs file draft annual RPS Plans | 6/12/2026 |
| PacifiCorp files 2026 Off-Year Supplement | 7/15/2026 |
| Comments on RPS Plans | 7/13/2026 |
| Motions requesting evidentiary hearing | 7/13/2026 |
| Motions to update RPS Plans | 7/27/2026 |
| Reply Comments on RPS Plans | 7/27/2026 |
| Commission votes on Proposed Decision | Fourth Quarter 2026 |
| IOUs, Small Utilities, ESPs & CCAs file final annual RPS Plans | 30 days from the effective date of the Final Decision |
| IOUs issue Request for Offers for Solicitations or otherwise pursue approved RPS Plan | 10 days after Final RPS Plan filings, unless extended by Energy Division |

Retail Seller Q&A

- **Q&A Session Instructions**

- All participants are muted on entry into the webinar
- Use the Raise Hand function to alert the Hosts of your question or send your question through the chat panel to the Host / All Participants

- **To use the Raise Hand Function**



- Click on the Raise Hand button on the menu bar at the bottom of the screen
- Click on the Raise Hand button again to withdraw the request

- **To Send a Question through Chat**



- Click on the Chat button on the right side of the bottom menu bar. The chat panel will appear on the right side of the screen
- By default, messages will go to all participants ("Everyone" tab). You can send messages directly to hosts, panelists, or participants by selecting the "Direct" tab and selecting the recipient from the drop-down list

Additional Questions?



The **RPS website** can be accessed at [Renewables Portfolio Standard \(RPS\) Program \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/renewables-portfolio-standard-rps-program)

Answers to **frequently asked questions** on RPS Procurement Plans are available on the [RPS Procurement Plans](#) webpage

For any **remaining questions or comments** please contact rpscompliance@cpuc.ca.gov