

CPUC Public Agenda 3552

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners:

Alice Reynolds, President

Darcie L. Houck

John Reynolds

Karen Douglas

Matthew Baker

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California Public
Utilities Commission

CPUC Mission

We Empower California through:

- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers

CPUC Core Values



Accountability



Excellence



Integrity



**Open
Communication**



Stewardship

Commissioner Code of Conduct

- I. Commissioners should conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the public, for fellow Commissioners, and for Commission staff.
- II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.
- III. Serving on the Commission is an honor and Commissioners should treat their colleagues at the Commission with respect for the varied backgrounds, skills and interests that each one brings.
- IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.

Public Comment

- Per Resolution ALJ-252, any member of the public (excluding parties and their representatives) who wishes to address the CPUC about matters before the Commission may comment in person at the Commission Meeting or may call in to the toll-free number:



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Passcode: 9899501

- ***Para escuchar esta reunión en español, por favor llame: (800) 857-1917, código de acceso: 3799627.***
- Once called, each speaker has 1 minute at the discretion of the Commission President. If there are a large number of callers wishing to speak, the time limit may be changed to accommodate all callers.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.
- **Written comments on a specific proceeding can be submitted via the CPUC's docket card. Please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/docket, input the proceeding number, then click on the public comment tab. You can also visit the Public Advisor's Office webpage at www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao for further information.**
- Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:
 - 22, 25, 26

Public Agenda Changes

Items shown on the Consent Agenda will be taken up and voted on as a group in one of the first items of business of each CPUC meeting.

- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 1 are:
1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26.
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **2, 15, 16, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, and 36.**
- Any Commissioner, with consent of the other Commissioners, may request an item from the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** from the Regular Agenda has been added to the Consent Agenda.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **Items 37A and 41** have been withdrawn.
- **Items 13 and 20** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

Held to 10/17/2024: 3, 8, 9, 30, 33, and 35.

Held to 11/7/2024: 37

Regular Agenda

- Each item on the Regular Agenda (and its alternate if any) will be introduced by the assigned Commissioner or CPUC staff and discussed before it is moved for a vote.
- For each agenda item, a summary of the proposed action is included on the agenda; the CPUC's final decision may, however, differ from that proposed.
- The complete text of every Proposed Decision or Draft Resolution is available for download on the CPUC's website: www.cpuc.ca.gov
- Late changes to agenda items are available on the Virtual Escutia Table; or in paper format or via QR Code at the Commission Meeting site.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions

Item #13 [22850] – Modification to the Rural Regional Energy Network in Decision 23-06-055

A.22-02-005 , A.22-03-003, A.22-03-004, A.22-03-005, A.22-03-007, A.22-03-008, A.22-03-011, and A.22-03-012

Related matters. Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of 2024 - 2031 Energy Efficiency Business Plan and 2024 - 2027 Portfolio Plan.

Ratesetting

Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Fitch - Judge Kao

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Modifies the Rural Regional Energy Network (RREN) originally approved in Decision (D.) 23-06-055 to provide energy efficiency programs to historically underserved rural customers and split RREN into two separate regional RRENS.
- Requires Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to serve as the fiscal agent and contractual partner to NCRREN and CCRREN, respectively.
- Clarifies requirements in the event that a RREN seeks to change its lead portfolio administrator in the future.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The energy efficiency programs approved to be delivered by the RRENS may improve safety and reliability of energy deliveries to rural customers.

ESTIMATED COST:

- \$69.5 million between 2024 and 2027, which is a reduction of \$14.5 million compared to the original \$84 million authorized for the same period in D.23-06-055. Funds come from the rates of PG&E, SCE, and Southern California Gas Company.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions (continued)

Item #20 [22887] – Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe Reliable Gas System and Long-Term Planning in California

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Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and Perform Long-Term Gas System Planning.

Ratesetting

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Opens a new proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Communication Orders

Item #38 [22857] – Selection Criteria and Grantee Requirements for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program

R.23-02-016

Order Instituting Rulemaking Proceeding to Consider Rules to Implement the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr Houck - Judge Glegola

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts Volume Two of the Initial Proposal for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.
- Adopts scoring selection criteria for BEAD applications.
- Adopts requirements places on BEAD grantees.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports

Item #39 [22860] – Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications

Res T-17846

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves 7 Last Mile Federal Funding Account broadband infrastructure grants for up to \$69,279,104 in Del Norte, Humboldt, and Siskiyou Counties.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no adverse safety considerations identified by staff. The recommended projects would provide the public safety benefits of reliable broadband to unserved areas, including High Fire Threat District 2 and 3 areas.

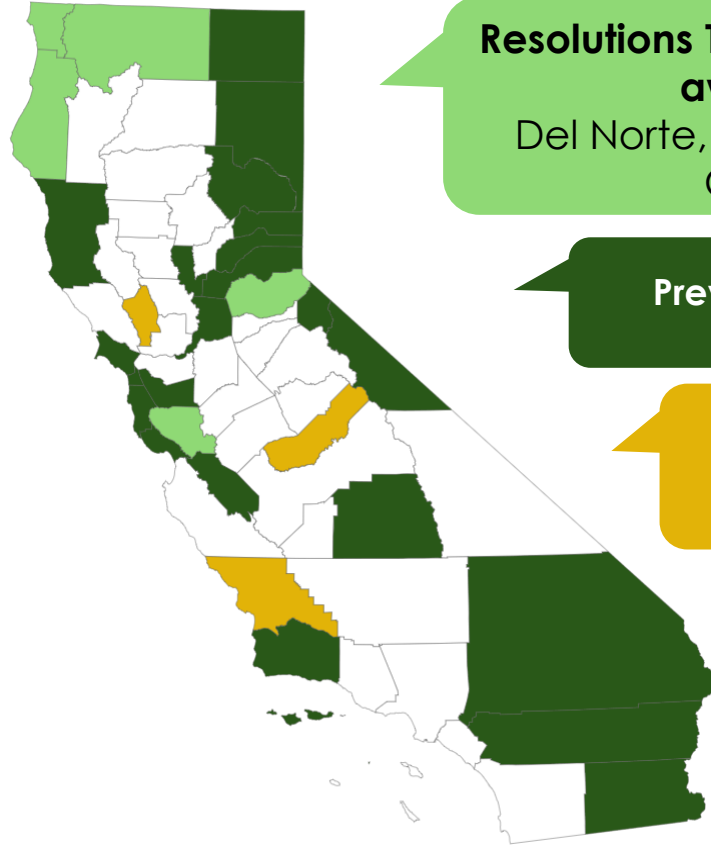
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Federal Funding Account Recommendations and Awards

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The CPUC has already awarded \$434 million in 22 counties benefitting an estimated population of 489,000 Californians.



Resolutions T-17845 and T-17846 proposed awards in 5 Counties:

Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Santa Clara, and Siskiyou

Previously Approved Awards in 22 counties

Next Voting Meeting Awards Resolutions T-17850 and T-17852:
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ESTIMATED COST:

- \$69,279,104.

Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports (continued)

Item #40 [22861] – Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications

Res T-17845

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves seven last mile Federal Funding Account broadband infrastructure grants for up to \$102,939,784 in El Dorado and Santa Clara Counties.

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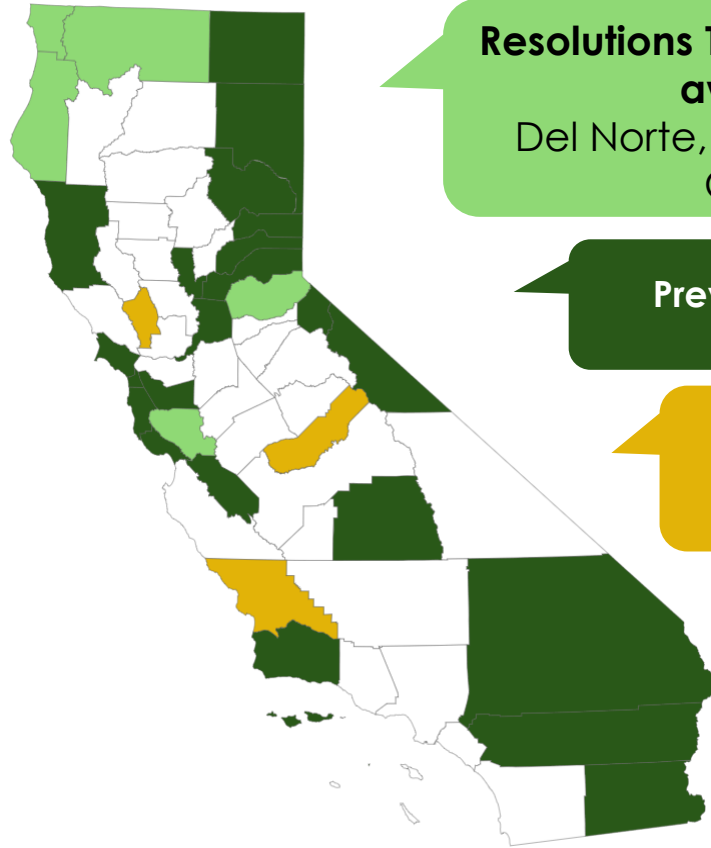
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Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports (continued)

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Item #43 [22914] –

**Appointments to the Low-Income Oversight Board: Ms. Medina and
Ms. Murphy-Roach**

Management Reports



Commissioner's Reports



President
Alice Busching Reynolds



Commissioner
Darcie L. Houck



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Matthew Baker

The CPUC thanks you for participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

October 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Sacramento, CA





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