

CPUC Public Agenda 3574

Thursday, December 18, 2025, 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:



1-800-857-1917

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:

20, 25

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, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 30, and 31.**
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **4, 8, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 35, 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.
- **Items 35 and 36** from the Regular Agenda have been added to the Consent Agenda 2.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** has been withdrawn.
- **No Item** has been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

Held to 1/15/2026: 2, 3, 26, and 33.

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 | Energy Orders

Item #32 [23855] – Gas Corporations' Initial Priority Neighborhood Decarbonization Zones Under Senate Bill 1221

R.24-09-012

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.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Douglas - Judge Purchia

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Designates initial priority neighborhood decarbonization zones as described in Senate Bill 1221.
- Orders Gas Corporations to conduct outreach, solicit feedback, and host at least one information session by March 15, 2026.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Energy and Resolutions (continued)

Item #34 [23870] – Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company Test Year 2026 Cost of Capital

A.25-03-010, A.25-03-011, A.25-03-012, and A.25-03-013 - Related matters.

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Establish Its Authorized Cost of Capital for Utility Operations for 2026.

Ratesetting

Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Lakey

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Establishes the 2026 ratemaking cost of capital for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E).
- Retains the same capital structure as in Test Year 2023 Cost of Capital cycle but decreases the Cost of Common Equity by 30 basis points from Decision (D.) 24-10-008: PG&E's Return on Equity (ROE) is 9.98% with a corresponding Return on Return (ROR) of 7.61%, SoCalGas' ROE is 9.78% with a corresponding ROR of 7.52%, SCE's ROE is 10.03% with a corresponding ROR of 7.59%, and SDG&E's ROE is 9.93% with a corresponding ROR of 7.41%.
- Approves PG&E's Yield Spread Adjustment and request for revenue credit associated with the Department of Energy Loan but denies SCE's accrued carrying cost proposal.
- Continues the Cost of Capital Mechanism in its current form as authorized in D.24-10-008.
- Closes the proceedings.

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 #37 [23844] – California's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Final Proposal to National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Res T-17898

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves the Communications Division Staff's proposal to submit California's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Final Proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA), which must be filed with the NTIA by December 19, 2025, to secure and administer \$1.86 billion in last-mile funding that California has been allocated under the BEAD program.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no adverse safety considerations identified by the Communications Division. Should the NTIA approve California's Final Proposal, extending reliable broadband service to hundreds of thousands of locations will enhance public safety across the state by providing reliable connectivity during emergencies.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this resolution.

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Draft Final Proposal

Commission Voting Meeting
December 18, 2025



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What is BEAD?

- \$42.45 billion federal grant program
 - Goal: connect every American to reliable, affordable, and scalable high-speed internet
 - 56 states and territories
- Administered by National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- California's allocation is \$1.86 billion to serve nearly 340,000 locations

California Faced Unique Challenges Implementing BEAD

1

California is the largest state by population and 3rd by geography

2

Thousands of Eligible Locations – rural, tribal, and urban

3

California received a relatively small allocation compared to need

4

Do More with Less.

Policy Changes Impacting BEAD

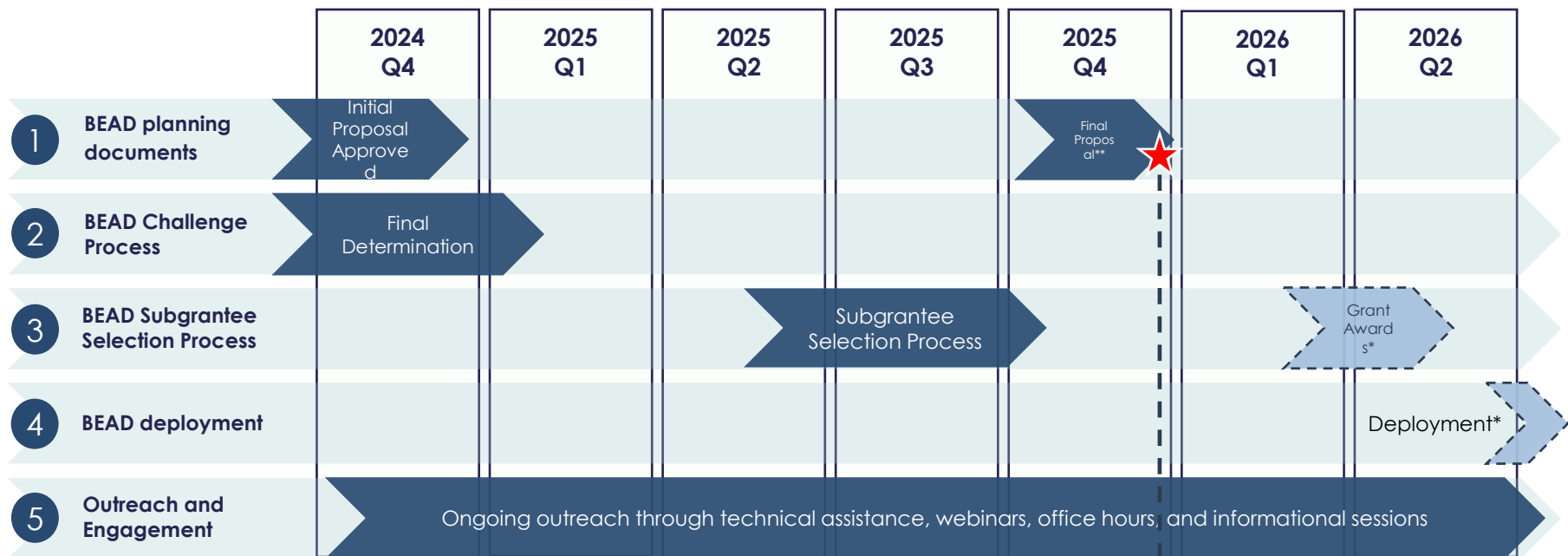
- In June 2024, NTIA made substantial program changes
 - Technology neutral, focus on low-cost solutions
 - Required states to redo selection process
 - Expedited timeline
- CPUC obtained positive outcome
 - Achieved 100% coverage for all BEAD-eligible locations
 - Reached more locations than any other state (338K)
 - Increased efficiency
 - Maximized the state's allocation for deployment
 - Priority projects maximized



Preliminary Awards by Technology Type

Technology Type	Total Preliminary Awards	Total Locations	Percentage of Total Locations	Total Funding Amount	Percentage of Total Funding Amount
Fiber	68	147,308	43.5%	\$1,357,171,197	86.2%
Hybrid	3	3,285	1%	\$3,030,809	0.2%
Licensed Fixed Wireless	11	48,204	14.2%	\$44,887,759	2.9%
Satellite	240	138,003	40.8%	\$164,102,367	10.4%
Unlicensed Fixed Wireless	3	1,767	0.5%	\$5,669,795	0.4%
Grand Total	325	338,567	100%	\$1,574,861,927	100%

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Timeline*



Timeline dependent on Final Proposal Approval by NTIA

*Timeline approximate. Exact timeline dependent on NTIA and Commission approval.

**Final Proposal must be approved by NTIA before grants can be awarded.

Great teamwork, great results!

A HUGE thank you to the BEAD team – adaptability, commitment, and collaboration have been key!

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ESTIMATED COST:

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Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports (continued)

Item #38 [23868] – Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications

Res T-17896

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves five grants for up to \$96,050,635 from the last mile Federal Funding Account to Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District in Trinity and Humboldt Counties, Comcast Cable in Calaveras County, and AVX Networks and AT&T in Orange and Los Angeles Counties.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this resolution.

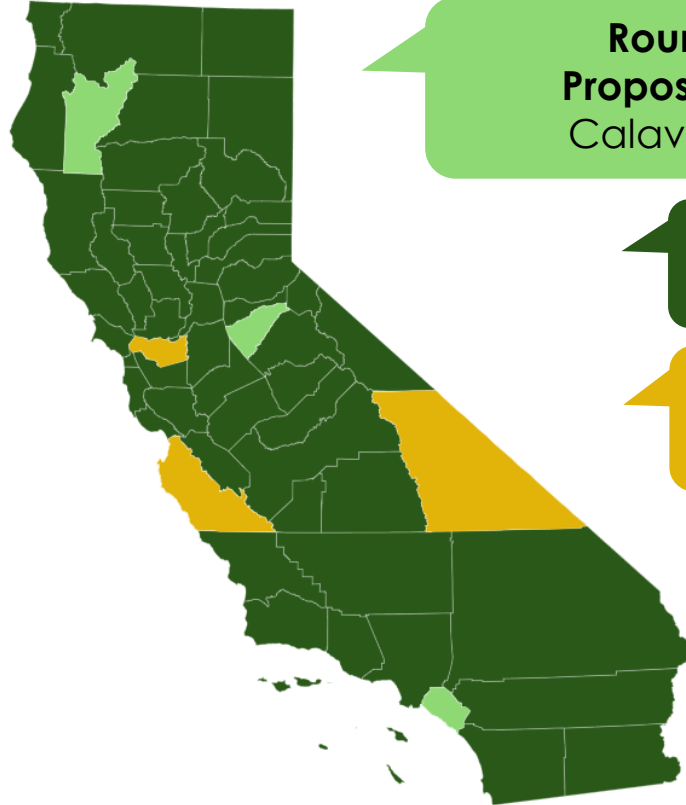
ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this resolution.

Federal Funding Account Recommendations and Awards

Resolution T-17896 **recommends \$96 million in awards** benefitting an estimated 15,000 Californians in Calaveras, Orange, and Trinity Counties.

The CPUC has already awarded over \$1 billion in 52 counties benefitting an estimated 2 million Californians.



**Round 2 Resolution T-17896
Proposes Awards in 3 Counties:**
Calaveras, Orange, and Trinity

Round 1 Previously Approved
Awards in 52 counties

**Next Voting Meeting
Resolution T-17900:**
Contra Costa, Inyo, and Monterey

As of December 17, 2025



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Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports (continued)

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- There are no safety considerations associated with this resolution.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this resolution.

Regular Agenda | Other Utility Orders

Item #39 [23858] – Affordability Framework of Utility Service

R.18-07-006

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish a Framework and Processes for Assessing the Affordability of Utility Service.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Houck - Judge Watts-Zagha

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Modifies the Affordability Framework.
- Requires energy utilities and Class A water utilities to provide additional affordability related data with affordability metrics filed in General Rate Case applications only.
- Requires Cost and Rate Trackers to be filed publicly with one exception.
- Raises broadband essential service level.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Management Reports



Item #40 [23293]

Management Report on Administrative Actions and Consumer Protection and Safety Activities

Management Reports

Commissioner's Reports



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The CPUC thanks you for
participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

January 15, 2026
11:00 a.m.
San Francisco, CA

