

# CPUC Public Agenda 3568

Thursday, August 28, 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:



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- 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](http://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](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao) for further information.**
- Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:

6, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27

# 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, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27.**
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **10, 25, 28, 31, and 32.**
- 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.
- **Item 2** has been withdrawn.
- **Items 3, 12, and 14** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:  
**Held to 9/18/2025: 5, 8, 15, 20, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, and 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](http://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 #3 [23483] – 2024-2027 Energy Efficiency Portfolio Business Plans for Northern California Rural Regional Energy Network and Central California Rural Regional Energy Network

Res E-5400

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### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves the revised 2024-27 Energy Efficiency Portfolio Business Plan for Northern California Rural Regional Energy Network.
- Approves the revised 2024-27 Energy Efficiency Portfolio Business Plan for Central California Rural Regional Energy Network.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this resolution.

### ESTIMATED COST:

- The cost is \$60,029,938 to Pacific Gas and Electric Company customers, \$7,267,800 to Southern California Edison Company customers, and \$2,180,340 to Southern California Gas customers for a four-year period. This is \$14,731,402 lower than previously approved in Decision 23-06-055.

# Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions (continued)

## Item #12 [23650] – Energy Efficiency Goals for 2026-2037

### R.25-04-010

Order Instituting Rulemaking for Oversight of Energy Efficiency Portfolios, Policies, Programs, and Evaluation.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Kao**

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#### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Adopts energy efficiency goals for 2026-2037.

#### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

#### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

# Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions (continued)

## Item #14 [23653] – Pacific Gas and Electric Company Cost Caps for Energization Projects

**R.24-01-018**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Sisto**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Partially grants Pacific Gas and Electric Company's request to increase the 2025 and 2026 cost caps for its interim memorandum account to accelerate energization projects needed to connect customers to the grid before December 31, 2026.
- Authorizes PG&E to track and seek recovery of \$2,759.1 million in costs across 2025 and 2026, for specified energization-related major work categories.
- Authorizes PG&E's request to remove the secondary revenue requirement cost caps and PG&E's request for inter-year flexibility between the 2025 and 2026 capital expenditure caps.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- Up to \$2,759.1 million in incremental capital costs, across 2025 and 2026, to be recovered from PG&E ratepayers, contingent upon the Commission's reasonableness review of the costs tracked in PG&E's Electric Capacity New Business Interim Memorandum Account.

# Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

## Item #35 [23649] – Demand Flexibility Rate Design

**R.22-07-005**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Advance Demand Flexibility Through Electric Rates.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Mutialu**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Adopts guidelines for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company to design demand flexibility rates.
- Closes the 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 [23651] – California LifeLine Program Home Broadband Pilot

**R.20-02-008**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Update the California Universal Telephone Service (California LifeLine) Program.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Purchia**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Authorizes the California LifeLine Program to subsidize a three-year, technology-neutral Home Broadband Pilot.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- The cost estimate is dependent on provider and household participation in the voluntary Home Broadband Pilot, both of which are unknown at this time. One-time development cost to accommodate the Pilot is estimated at \$150,000, and operating costs are around \$13/customer per year, depending on the type of eligibility used to qualify. The estimated cost for local assistance depends on how many subscribers participate at \$20-\$30 subsidy per month.

## Regular Agenda | Transportation/Rail Safety Orders

### Item #39 [23624] – Order Instituting Rulemaking for Autonomous Vehicles

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Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules Regarding Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Transportation Service.

### Quasi-Legislative

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#### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Opens a new rulemaking to establish policies, processes, and rules regarding autonomous vehicles.

#### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Requires Autonomous Vehicle Operators to comply with current safety requirements.

#### 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**

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#### **The California Public Utilities Commission Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan 2.0 – Update on Accomplishments**

The presentation of the Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan 2.0 will highlight the accomplishments of the Action Plan by the Commission.

# Building Tomorrow Today: Advancing Our Future Through Environmental and Social Justice



**Commissioner Meeting**  
**Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) Action Plan Report**  
August 28, 2025

**Rachel Peterson**  
Executive Director  
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

**Nancy Diaz**  
Executive Division – Center of Excellence  
Environmental & Social Justice Executive

# Bridging Gaps, Building Futures:

## Environmental & Social Justice Impact Report

### A Three-Year Journey Toward Equity and Sustainability

- Developed and launched an **operating framework** to embed Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) principles across all agency functions.
- Adopted a comprehensive ESJ Plan featuring **9 overarching goals** and **94 actionable items**.
- Established the **ESJ Liaison Team** to drive engagement, monitor implementation, and report progress via a dashboard, which was recognized as a best practice for accountability.
- Integrated ESJ principles into multiple agency efforts, including:
  - New Employee Orientation (NEO) Intro Series
  - Enforcement Policy
  - Program and policy design across proceedings, public workshops, and beyond



Environmental & Social Justice Action Plan  
Version 2.0

April 7, 2022

# Nine ESJ Goals

**Goal 1:** Consistently integrate **equity and access** considerations throughout CPUC regulatory activities.

**Goal 2:** Increase investment in **clean energy resources** to benefit ESJ communities, especially to improve local air quality and public health.

**Goal 3:** Strive to improve access to **high-quality water, communications, and transportation services** for ESJ communities.

**Goal 4:** Increase **climate resiliency** in ESJ communities.

**Goal 5:** enhance outreach and public participation opportunities for ESJ communities to **meaningfully participate** in the CPUC's decision-making process and benefit from CPUC programs.

**Goal 6:** **Enhance enforcement** to ensure safety and consumer protection for all, especially for ESJ communities

**Goal 7 - Updated:** Promote **high road** career paths and economic opportunities for residents of ESJ communities.

**Goal 8:** Improve training and **staff development** related to environmental and social justice issues within the CPUC's jurisdiction.

**Goal 9:** **Monitor** the CPUC's environmental and social justice efforts to evaluate how they are achieving their objectives.

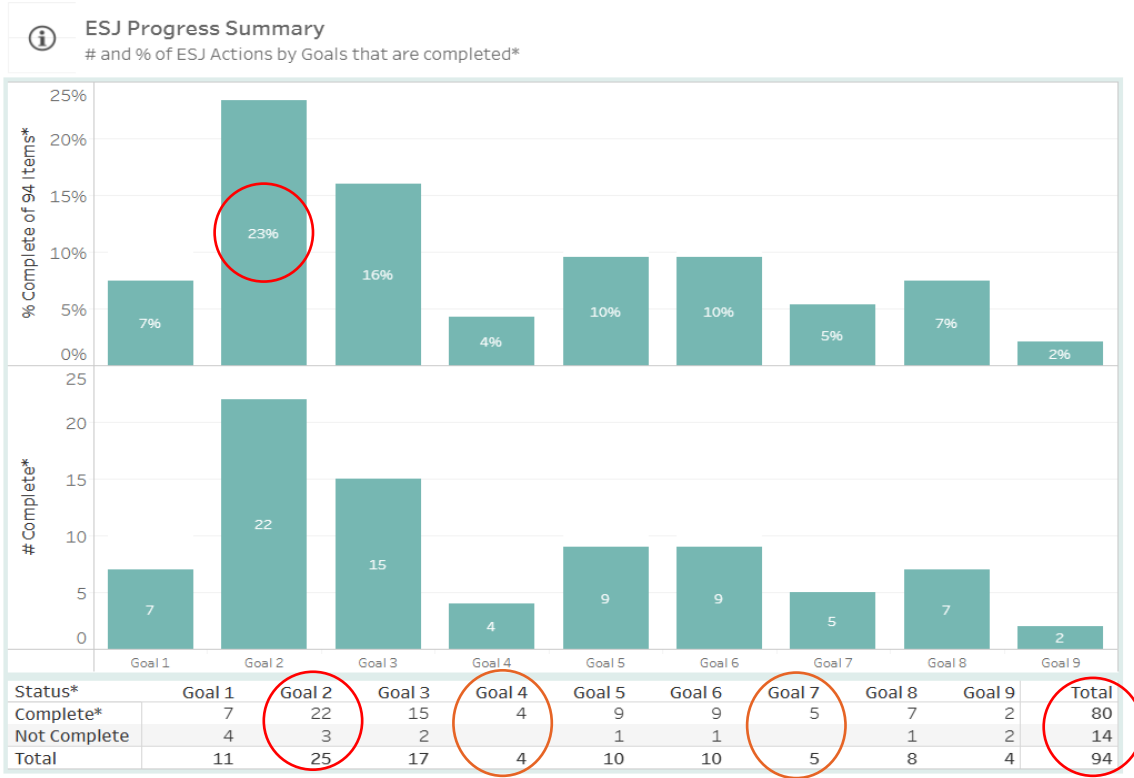
# Bridging Gaps, Building Futures: Environmental & Social Justice Impact Report

## Accountability in Action - What Gets Measured Gets Done

- **85%** of action items were completed (**80** out of **94**)
- **7** of **9** ESJ goals fully achieved, surpassing **75%** goal completion
- **4** divisions fully completed their assigned ESJ action items
  - Consumer Protection and Enforcement
  - External Affairs
  - Human Resources
  - Safety Policy
- **14** action items remain in progress or are under reassessment, with several expected to continue as part of the agency's broader, long-term equity efforts

# Results That Matter: Centering Humanity, Community, Climate, and Equity

## From Vision to Impact



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## From Vision to Impact

1. **Customer assistance program participation for water utilities increased by 35%**, providing more families with essential relief.
2. **Lifeline enrollment grew by 13%**, expanding affordable telecommunications access for low-income Californians.
3. **Cal Connect+ distributed 10% more devices** than in previous years, helping bridge the digital divide.
4. **400,000 medically vulnerable electric utility customers** received improved, timely notifications during Public Safety Power Shutoffs.
5. **More than 400,000 electric utility customers** benefited from Arrearage Management Plans, helping reduce utility debt burdens.
6. **Over \$1 billion in broadband grants** were awarded across **52 counties**, including **\$50 million in technical assistance** which also reached over **50 Tribal communities**.
7. **Nearly \$13 billion** was invested through the **Supplier Diversity Program**, supporting equitable economic opportunity.
8. **CPUC employees were equipped with geospatial and equity tools**, such as CalEnviroScreen, to identify service gaps and embed equity across programs.
9. In partnership with the California Workforce Development Board, the CPUC **co-hosted the ESJ High Road Workforce En Banc**, convening **200+ stakeholders** from labor, Tribal nations, community organizations, academia, and utilities.
10. A **Universal Application System** for income-qualified energy programs is **in development**, paving the way for streamlined access to essential resources.



**Our Collective Power  
Has Advanced Access,  
Equity, and  
Sustainability Through  
Lasting Impact Across  
California**

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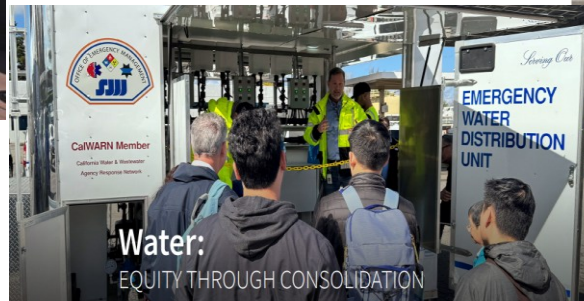
### Advancing California's Workforce for a Clean Energy Future

EN BANC WHITE PAPER

October 2023



California Water Association Receives \$4 million grant for Workforce Development with CPUC Support



Water:  
EQUITY THROUGH CONSOLIDATION



### CalEnviroScreen 4.0

Presentation to the California Public Utilities Commission  
August 9, 2022  
Walker Wieland, Research Scientist, OEHHA



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### CPUC Environmental & Social Justice Action (ESJ) Plan

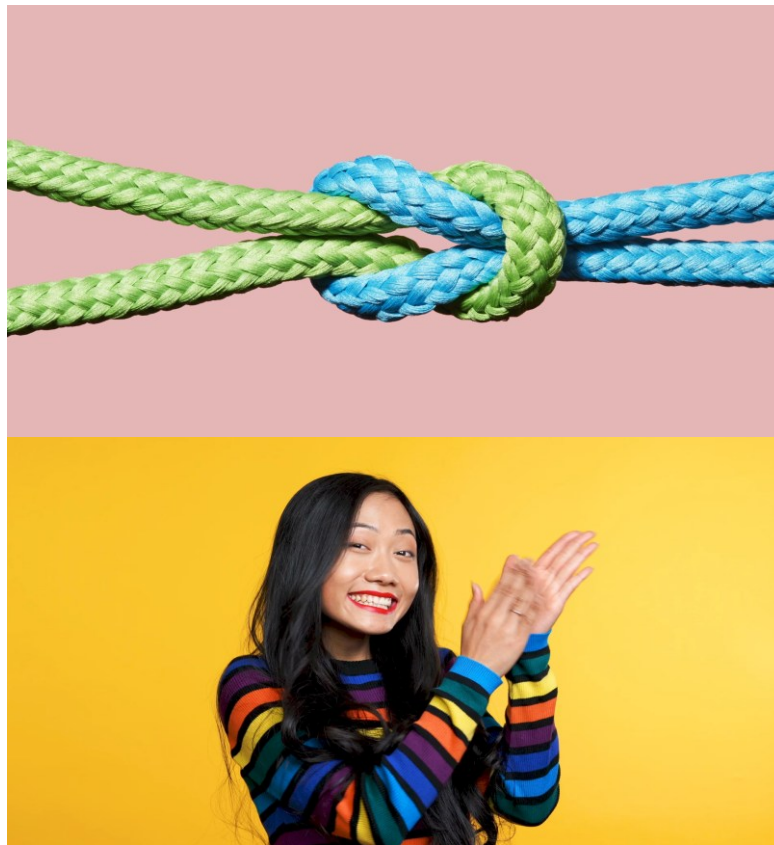
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**Excellence in Action:**  
**Celebrating Teamwork and Achievements**

# ESJ Team



# What's Next?

## Environmental & Social Justice Impact Report



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### Case Study #1: Tribal Engagement for Broadband Services Community Outreach, Engagement, and Public Participation Strategies

#### Background:

CPUC and federal agencies have many broadband programs with experts that service communities.

#### Area of Opportunity (Problem/Issue):

Rural CA needs better access to broadband services.



Photo: Trinity River on the Hoopa Valley Reservation

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#### Solution:

- The [Broadband caseworker team](#) engages with tribes, public entities and small ISPs to understand the grant and operational landscape from the entity's perspective

#### Key Findings:

- Each entity has unique needs, competencies, and requires additional resources when applying for grant opportunities or other programs related to permits, safety and other operating matters. (e.g., [BEAD](#), [federal funding account](#), other Communications Division programs)
- Tribal entities have much experience starting enterprises to solve problems, and broadband fits within the important services rubric. New public entities want to serve their people and need help to find resources.
- Leveraged Technical assistance programs, [tribal technical assistance](#) and [Local Agency technical assistance \(with a tribal set-aside\)](#) for planning and consulting engagements. The Local Agency Tech assistance was closed, and it was highly successful.

#### Outcomes (Results):

- [87](#) applications from tribes, public entities and non-profits in the Federal Funding Account.
- [Eight](#) tribal ISPs were awarded in the federal Funding account. ([Federal funding account awards dashboard](#))
- Tribal technical assistance has been used by over 50 California tribes to assist with solving communication issues.



Photo: Mark Monroe, Karen Eckertley, Eric Cuthbert at the Kanuk Tribe People's Center Museum

# What's Next?

## ESJ at the Core of CPUC

- Recognition & Appreciation
- CPUC's Enduring Commitment to Action
- Collect Case Studies
- Accountability

CPUC is the model – it has created a framework for other agencies to follow. For example, they provide funds for technical assistance, educates Tribal and low-income communities on grant opportunities and various programs. I hope that agencies will adopt similar approaches.

Cliff Rechtschaffen, Member,  
California Air Resources Board  
(CARB)

"To the CPUC, your action plan also inspired our work...we saw that you all did it, and so then, we thought we can do it, too! Thank you for having inspired us to take action."

Commissioner  
Noemi Gallardo, CEC

"I wanted just to uplift something Nancy said, how much greater this would be, if we had more agencies" referring to CPUC doing this work.

Román Partida-López,  
Sr Legal Counsel,  
The Greenlining Institute

# QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?



**GRACIAS!**

# 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:

**September 18, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

**San Francisco, CA**





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