

# CPUC Public Agenda 3575

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 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**

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- ***Para escuchar esta reunión en español, por favor llame: (800) 857-1917, código de acceso: 3799627.***
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- 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:

# 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, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, and 29.**
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **6, 11, 22, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, and 37.**
- 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 2 and 15** have been withdrawn.
- **Items 8, 26, and 27** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

**Held to 2/5/2026: 3, 30 and 35.**

**Held to 2/26/2026: 10**

# 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 #8 [23911] – California High Cost Fund-A Support for Calendar Year 2026

**Res T-17897**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Adopts \$28.375 million in California High-Cost Fund-A (CHCF-A) support for Calendar Year (CY) 2026 to be disbursed to ten Small Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (Small ILECs).

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- CHCF-A supports the Small ILECs with financial resources to provide safe, reliable, and affordable telephone service to their customers in rural, high-cost areas. Reliable telephone service is essential in rural, remote, and isolated areas that the Small ILECs serve.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- \$28.375 million for CY 2026.



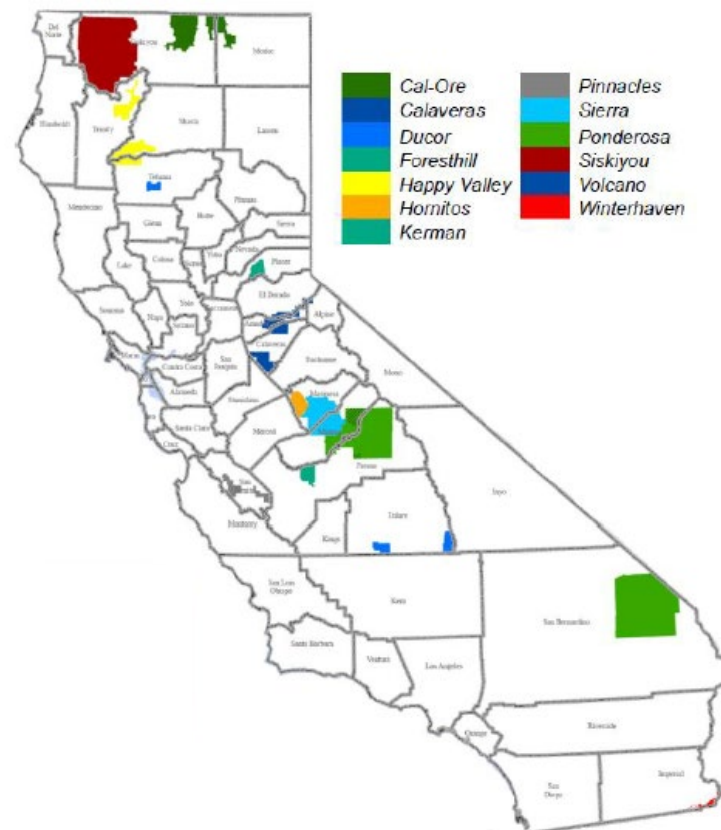
# Staff Proposed High-Cost Fund A Support for Calendar Year 2026

Adopted Calendar Year 2026 CHCF-A Support		
Small Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier	Monthly Support Calendar Year 2026	Yearly Support Calendar Year 2026
Calaveras Telephone Company	\$ 194,435.68	\$ 2,333,228.17
Cal-Ore Telephone Company	\$ 136,565.91	\$ 1,638,790.95
Ducor Telephone Company	\$ 138,706.75	\$ 1,664,481.05
Foresthill Telephone Company	\$ 122,969.23	\$ 1,475,630.77
Kerman Telephone Company	\$ 249,854.99	\$ 2,998,259.87
Pinnacles Telephone Company	\$ 26,229.63	\$ 314,755.59
The Ponderosa Telephone Company	\$ 347,609.16	\$ 4,171,309.92
Sierra Telephone Company	\$ 465,819.60	\$ 5,589,835.23
Siskiyou Telephone Company	\$ 513,876.14	\$ 6,166,513.68
Volcano Telephone Company	\$ 168,551.84	\$ 2,022,622.07
Total	\$ 2,364,618.93	\$ 28,375,427.30

# CA High-Cost Fund A Supported Companies and Line Counts

Company	Lines	Company	Lines
Calaveras	3,177	Sierra	12,474
Pinnacles	191	Foresthill	1,447
Cal-Ore	1,599	Siskiyou	3,728
Ponderosa	6,354	Kerman	2,271
Ducor	560	Volcano	9,037
<b>Total</b>			<b>43,200</b>

Happy Valley (1,287 lines), Hornitos (271 lines), and Winterhaven (804 lines) do not currently draw from the CHCF-A. These carriers account for 2,362 lines eligible for CHCF-A support.



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# Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline

## Item #27 [23932] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

**R.19-02-012**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement Senate Bill 1376 Requiring Transportation Network Companies to Provide Access for Persons with Disabilities, Including Wheelchair Users who need a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr. Baker - Judge Chiv**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Extends the Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until March 20, 2026.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

# Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

## Item #38 [23865] – San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Consolidated Test Year 2024 General Rate Case Track 2

### A.22-05-015, A.22-05-016 - Related matters.

Application of Southern California Gas Company for Authority, Among Other Things, to Update its Gas Revenue Requirement and Base Rates Effective on January 1, 2024.

### Ratesetting

Comr. Houck - Judge Larsen

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### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Disallows cost recovery of San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) wildfire mitigation costs recorded in its Wildfire Mitigation Plan Memorandum Account for years 2019-2022 in the amounts of \$192.561 million in Operations & Maintenance (O&M) costs and \$242.391 million in capital expenditures.
- Approves the balance requested of \$90.566 million in O&M expenses and \$945.248 million in capital expenditures.
- Authorizes a total revenue requirement of \$720.755 million for 2019-2027 less the amount that SDG&E collected for interim rate relief of \$289.9 million in 2024-2025, resulting in a total revenue requirement authorized of \$430.855 million.
- Authorizes SDG&E to amortize the balance of the undercollected revenue requirement owed through 2025 of \$191.720 million over a period of three years. This will increase the average non-CARE customer bill by \$5.09 or 2.94%.
- Authorizes SDG&E to seek recovery of the balance of the undercollected revenue requirement for 2019-2022 wildfire mitigation costs owed in 2026 and 2027 of \$239.135 million through a Tier 2 Advice Letter, including a proposed amortization period and bill impacts, to be effective in the beginning of years 2026 and 2027.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The recovered costs compensate for wildfire mitigations that help provide safe and reliable electrical services.

### ESTIMATED COST:

- Revenue requirement effective January 1, 2026, of \$430.855 million.

# Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

## Item #39 [23924] – Provider of Last Resort Procedural Pathway

**R.21-03-011**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement Senate Bill 520 and Address Other Matters Related to Provider of Last Resort.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr. Houck - Judge Dugowson**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Adopts procedural pathway for entities other than Investor-Owned Utilities to indicate interest in and eventually file an application to become a Provider of Last Resort.
- 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 | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline

## Item #26 [23931] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

**R.21-03-011**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement Senate Bill 520 and Address Other Matters Related to Provider of Last Resort.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr. Houck - Judge Dugowson**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Extends the Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until April 10, 2026.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

# Regular Agenda | Communication Orders

## Item #40 [23923] – Transfer of Control of Frontier Communications Parent, Inc. and its California Subsidiaries to Verizon Communications, Inc

**A.24-10-006**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc., Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., Frontier California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc., Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc., Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. for Approval of the Transfer of Control of Frontier California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc, Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc., and Frontier communications of America, Inc., to Verizon Communications Inc. Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr. John Reynolds - Judge Fox**

### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Authorizes a parent-level transaction in which Verizon Communications, Inc. will acquire 100 percent of Frontier Communications Parent, Inc. and its California subsidiaries, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854.
- Adopts three settlement agreements, subject to additional mitigation measures.
- Closes the proceeding.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

### ESTIMATED COST:

- Costs associated with the settlement agreements and mitigation measures are not quantifiable at this time.



# Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports

## Item #41 [23920] – Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications

### Res T-17900

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#### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Awards four grants for up to \$21,004,828 from the last mile Federal Funding Account to Stimulus Technologies in Inyo County, California Broadband Alliance in Monterey County, and Contra Costa Transportation Authority in Contra Costa County.

#### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this resolution.

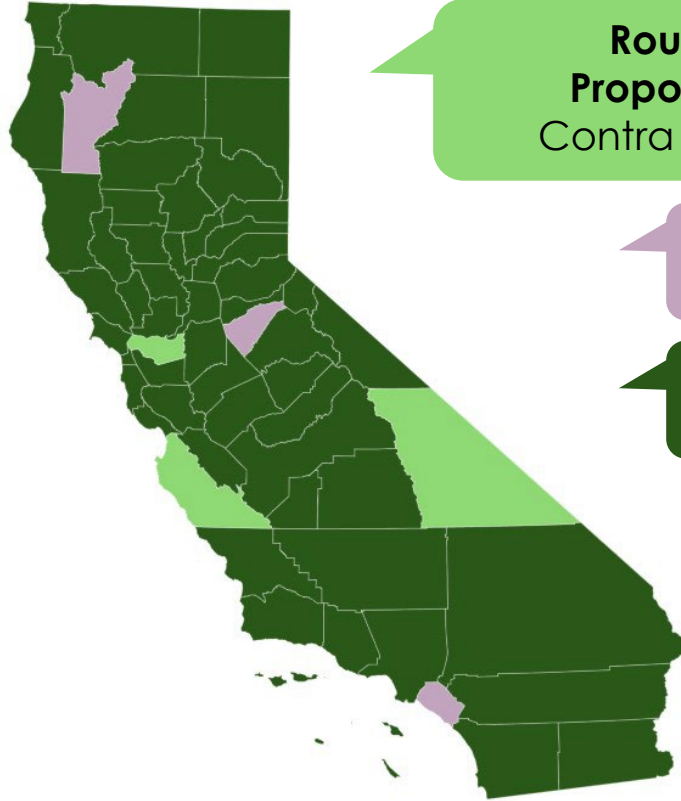
#### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this resolution.

# Federal Funding Account Recommendations and Awards

Resolution T-17900 **recommends \$21 million in awards** benefitting an estimated 64,000 Californians in Contra Costa, Inyo, and Monterey Counties.

The CPUC has already awarded over \$1 billion in 55 counties benefitting an estimated 2 million Californians.



**Round 2 Resolution T-17900  
Proposes Awards in 3 Counties:**  
Contra Costa, Inyo, and Monterey

**Round 2 Awards Issued in 3 Counties:**  
Calaveras, Orange, and Trinity

**Round 1 Awards Issued in 52 counties**

As of January 14, 2026



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- There are no safety considerations associated with this resolution.

#### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this resolution.

# Management Reports



### Item #42 [23293]

#### **Management Report on Administrative Actions and Consumer Protection and Safety Activities**

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# Management Reports





# Commissioner's Reports



President  
Alice Busching Reynolds



Commissioner  
Darcie L. Houck



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Karen Douglas



Commissioner  
Matthew Baker

The CPUC thanks you for  
participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

**February 5, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Sacramento, CA**

