

AGENDA

Rulemaking to Improve the California Climate Credit (R.25-07-013)
Hybrid Workshop: Methods for Improving the Residential Climate Credit
August 11, 2026, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
San Francisco, CA + Webex

Workshop Overview: This workshop provides parties and stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss and provide input regarding improvements to the California Climate Credit.

Public Webinar Registration

Please register for the Methods for Improving the Residential Climate Credit Workshop at:
<https://cpuc.webex.com/weblink/register/r041c1749f827d6cd0d93e61dd95977bb>

We request you register in advance to ensure adequate in-person space and tech support for online participants. However, whether you register in advance, you will still be able to virtually access the workshop at any point through the links above and below.

In-Person Attendance

Location: 1st Floor Courtyard Room, CPUC Headquarters (505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102)

In-Person attendance is highly encouraged.

Virtual Attendance

This workshop will be broadcast via Webex webinar.

Webinar Link:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m595020f577b145c5bb2b65f31c9d1757>

Webinar Number: (access code): 2493 610 6439

Webinar Password: CLIMATE (2546283 when dialing from a phone or video system)

Join by phone:

1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free

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There will be a live transcription of the event in English. If specialized accommodations are required to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll-free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the meeting.

This workshop will not be recorded.

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Purpose of the Workshop

As described in the [June 29, 2026 Ruling](#), this workshop will discuss the Assigned Commissioner's proposal concepts, provide a forum for parties to vet potential proposal ideas, discuss proposal requirements, and gather public input. Aligned with the Rulemaking's goal to improve the Climate Credit, the workshop will provide a forum for parties to review and discuss the existing method for determining the residential Climate Credit, investigate and discuss data available to inform proposals, and hear from researchers on different options.

To guide next steps, with the goal of an operational updated Climate Credit methodology in place for the 2028 distribution, staff will discuss proposal requirements and review the timeline for the remainder of the proceeding. The workshop will conclude with an opportunity for public and stakeholder comments.

CPUC Energy Division staff will facilitate this workshop. Throughout the workshop, staff from Energy Division's Climate & Equity, Rates, and Rate Discount teams will be available to facilitate Q&A.

Agenda

I.	Welcome, Safety Information, & Webex Participation Info <i>California Public Utilities Commission Staff</i>	9:30 – 9:40
	Assigned Commissioner Opening Remarks <i>Justin Galle, Energy Advisor to President John Reynolds</i>	9:40 – 9:45
II.	Reviewing Program Status and Options	
	The Residential Climate Credit of Today <i>Adam Banasiak, California Public Utilities Commission Staff</i>	9:45 – 10:05
	Assigned Commissioner Proposal Concepts <i>Justin Galle, Energy Advisor to President John Reynolds</i>	10:05 – 10:25
	Utility Data Filings – Synthesis and Take-Aways <i>Presentations from California's IOUs</i>	10:25– 11:25
	Q&A	11:25– 12:00
Lunch		
III.	Creating the Climate Credit of the Future	
	- Insights from Outside Experts - Dr. Lane Smith, Environmental & Natural Resources Law & Policy Program - Stanford University - Dr. Kyle Meng, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management - UC Santa Barbara <i>Followed by Q&A</i>	1:00 – 1:45
	Party Proposals <i>Any Interested Parties</i> <i>Followed by Q&A</i>	1:45 – 2:45
	Next Steps in the Proceeding: Formal Proposal Requirements <i>Justin Galle, Energy Advisor to President John Reynolds</i>	2:45 – 3:25
IV.	Closing Remarks	3:25 – 3:30

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Background

Beginning in 2014, each year tens of millions of California's electric and gas residential customers benefit from California's landmark Cap-and-Invest Program (formerly known as Cap-and-Trade) through the Climate Credit. To date, residential customers have received over \$17 billion dollars of automatic, on-bill energy assistance. In 2025, the Commission opened a Rulemaking to Improve the California Climate Credit (R.25-07-013). This Rulemaking will explore potential approaches to maximize the effectiveness of Cap-and-Invest Program proceeds to support customer affordability.

In service of this goal and at the direction of AB 1207 (Irwin, 2025), in April 2026 the Commission shifted the distribution of the Climate Credit from the typically low-billed months of April and October to the typically high-billed months of August and September (for large utilities – PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E) or October and November (for small utilities – Liberty, PacifiCorp, and Bear Valley) to help customers manage bills when they are typically the highest for most customers.

Now, the Commission is considering changes to the existing calculation method used to determine the value of the Climate Credit distributed to residential customers.

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