



California Public Utilities Commission Committee on Finance and Administration



**Report on Strategic Directive 11
Coordination with Other Governmental Entities**

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Strategic Directive 11

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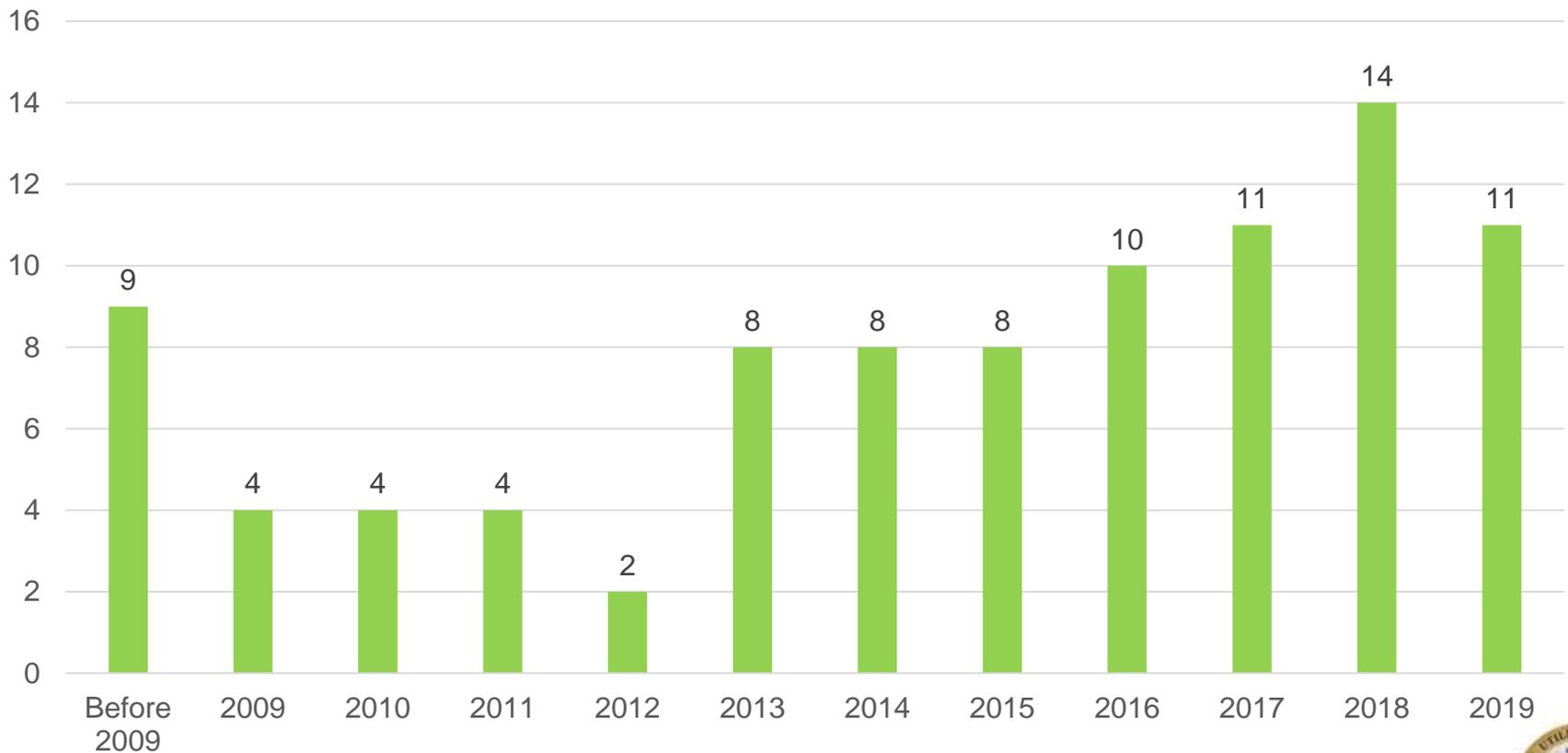
How does the CPUC coordinate with other governmental entities?

- Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) to work towards shared objectives and to facilitate implementation of legislation and other actions;
- Nondisclosure Agreements (NDAs) to collect and share information; and
- Ongoing collaboration through emergency response, agreed-upon coordination, and synchronized public outreach.



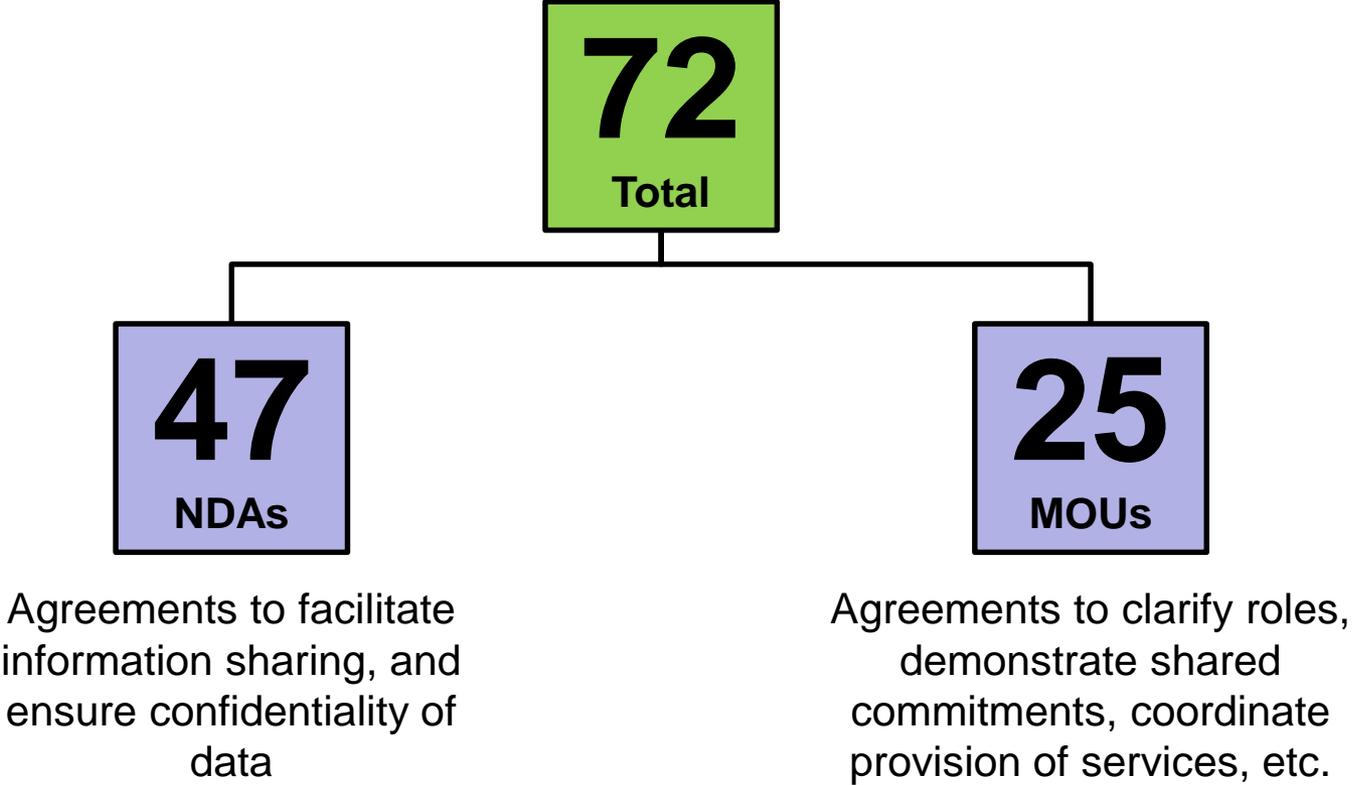


Number of Agreements Executed by CPUC per Year





Overview of Active Agreements





Agreements Executed in 2019

State Agencies

CalRecycle
California Complete
Count Census Office

California Air
Resources Board

California
Contractors State
License Board;
California
Department of
Business Oversight

California Energy
Commission

Inter- State

Oregon, Nevada, and
Colorado Public
Utility Commissions &
Washington Utilities
and Transportation
Commission

Hawai'i Public
Utilities Commission

Attorney Generals of
Nevada and
Washington

Local

San Francisco
Human Services
Agency (SFHSA)

Los Angeles
Department of Water
and Power

Federal

FCC Inspector
General





Entity

Description

**Office of Inspector
General- Federal
Communications
Commission**

CPUC and OIG coordinate to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse in the federal Universal Service Fund and California LifeLine Program

**CA Independent System
Operator (CAISO)**

CPUC implements the Resource Adequacy program to provide sufficient resources to CAISO and to incentivize the siting/ construction of new resources

**CA Underground
Facilities Safe
Excavation Board**

CPUC and the Dig Safe Board coordinate in implementation of the Dig Safe Act of 2016

**CA Department of
Conservation, Division
of Oil, Gas, and
Geothermal Resources**

CPUC and DOGGR jointly ensure the safe operation of natural gas storage fields

**State Water Resources
Control Board**

CPUC and the Water Board work together toward a shared goal of maintaining safe and reliable water supplies





To ensure effective and transparent communication, on a biannual basis staff will:

- Track and monitor the progress of agreements.

- File agreements in a centralized location.

- Publish a list of agreements on the CPUC webpage.





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Ongoing Coordination with Local Governments

- CPUC directly engages with over 7,851 local government officials through our various programs
- CPUC collaborates with groups that represent local and regional governments including:
 - **California Association of Council of Governments (COGs)**, whose 47 members represent regional governments statewide
 - **California State Association of Counties**, whose members represent the 58 counties
 - **League of California Cities**, whose members represent the 482 municipalities
 - **Rural County Representatives of California**, whose members represent the 36 counties





Communication and Coordination with Tribal Governments

Tribal Database

Continuously update a contact database with 109 federally recognized tribes in California

Tribal Consultation Policy

Adopted a Tribal Consultation policy in April 2018 to designate a CPUC tribal liaison

Summits & Workshops

Held a tribal Energy Summit in collaboration with the California Energy Commission and a Tribal Microgrid Workshop in conjunction with UCSD

Ongoing Outreach

Outreach with Tribes on topics such as energy microgrids, PSPS/de-energization and broadband





Outreach and Communication for Small/DVBE

- Held biannual business expos with participation from numerous state agencies:

Department of General Services (DGS)
CalTrans
CA Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)
CA Department of Insurance
California Employment Training Panel
Department of Consumer Services
Contractors State License Board
CA Dept. of Consumer Affairs

CA Department of Consumer Affairs
California High-Speed Rail Authority
California Highway Patrol (CHP)
CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
California Prison Industry
California Department of Water Resources
CA Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Ca. Governor's Office of Business and Econ. Dev. (GO-Biz)





Outreach and Communication for Utility Supplier Diversity Programs

- Collaborate with the Department of Insurance (DOI) on supplier diversity outreach, reporting, and best practices. DOI is the only other CA state agency to adopt a supplier diversity program and they used our GO 156 as their model.
- Participate on National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Subcommittee on Supplier and Workforce Diversity and in quarterly NARUC calls.





Outreach with Disadvantaged Communities

Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group

- Created per SB 350 (Statute of 2015)
- Assists the CPUC, CEC, and CARB to understand how energy programs impact disadvantaged communities
- Meets monthly

Climate Change Initiatives Outreach Working Group

- Inter-departmental working group focused on how to outreach to disadvantaged and environmental justice communities on climate initiatives
- Consist of staff from over 18 state agencies including CPUC (CARB, CEC, HCD, SGC, DWR, CAL FIRE)
- Meets monthly





Office of Governmental Affairs

- Participate in briefings for legislative staff and consultants
- Organize legislative, stakeholder, and interagency meetings and calls
- Communicate and correspond with Senator and Assemblymembers' Offices





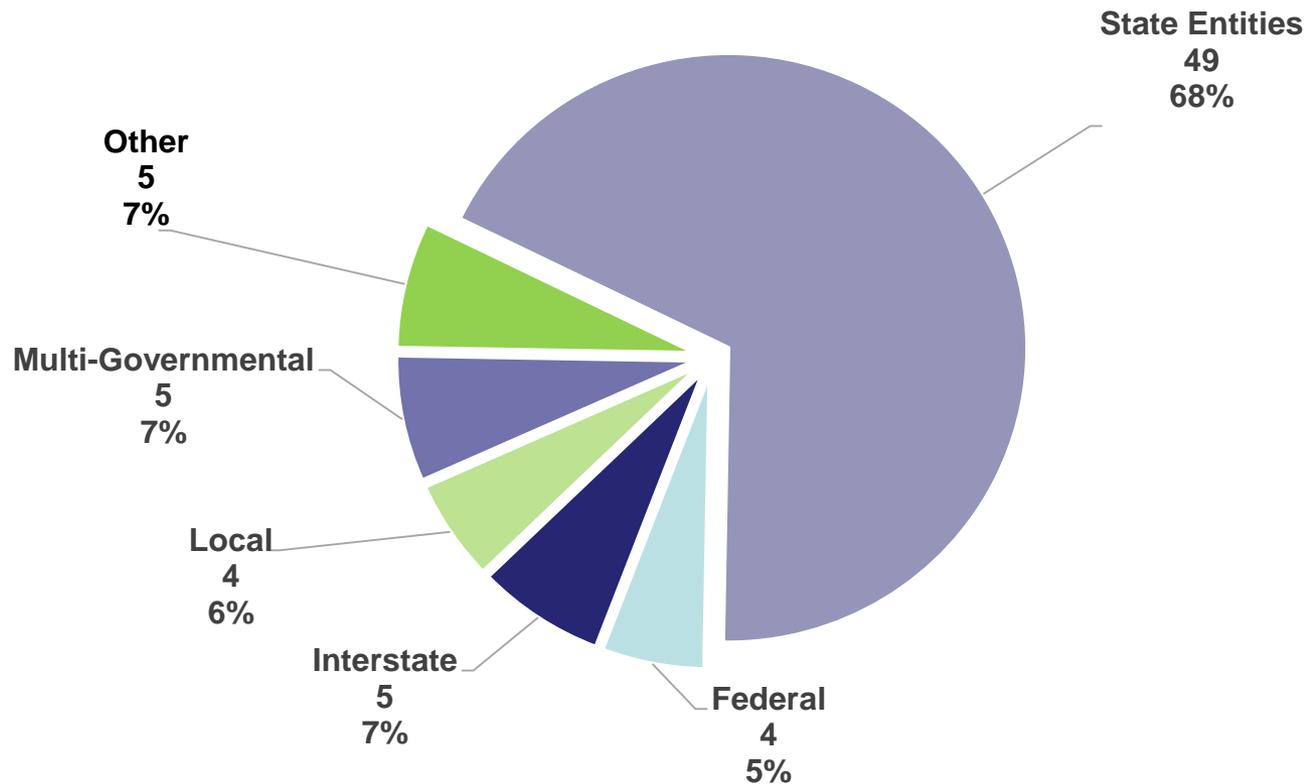
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Number of Active Agreements per Entity Type





Agreements with State Entities

CA Contractor State License Board; Department of Business Oversight

To improve and enforce consumer protections measures related to repair, maintenance, or installation of residential solar energy systems

California Energy Commission

To enable information sharing to implement SB 350, AB 3232, and other requirements

CalRecycle

To develop consistent approaches for waste generated by PV panels, EV batteries, and energy storage batteries

California Complete Count Census Office

To ensure confidentiality and facilitate information sharing

California Air Resources Board

To enable information sharing for efforts called for by SB 1014, the California Clean Miles Standard and Incentive Program





Agreements with Federal Agencies

Federal Communications Commission, Office of Inspector General

To establish a cooperative relationship to investigate waste, fraud, abuse, and other violations in the USF/ Lifeline program





Agreements with Other States (Interstate)

Colorado, Nevada, and Oregon and Washington Public Utilities Commissions

To share information/ best practices to reduce carbon pollution and promote the development of low carbon technology

Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

To support collaboration to reduce fossil fuel consumption and address climate change through shared role in providing oversight of utilities

Washington and Nevada Attorney Generals

To formalize a common interest in ensuring the safety of railroad operations especially for trains carrying hazardous materials that pose a threat to employees and the public





Agreements with Local Governments

San Francisco Human Services Agency (SFHSA)

To allow CPUC to use client-level data to verify an applicant's low-income status to determine eligibility for California LifeLine so the applicant does not need to submit additional proof of income

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

To confidentially share information related to the Aliso Natural Gas investigation





Agreements with Multiple Governmental Entities (Multi-Governmental)

**Bureau of Land Management,
Yuma Field Office**

To have cooperation between entities in respect to the Ten West Link 500 kV Transmission Project

**FERC; CalEPA; CA Natural
Resources Agency**

To coordinate the review of Hydrokinetic Energy Facility Authorizations in California Marine Waters





Agreements with Other Entities

State Water Resources Control Board; California Air Resources Board; California Coastal Commission; California Energy Commission; California State Lands Commission; California ISO

To establish and operate a statewide advisory committee on cooling water intake structures





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Open Communication

- Meet with executive level staff to discuss progress, concerns, and future needs.
- Complete surveys for services provided by other State agencies.
- Amend agreements to revise or implement new workplans.





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State Agencies

- Defer to **CalRecycle** subject matter expertise of reuse/recycling for PV panels, EV batteries, energy storage batteries, and related equipment (2019 MOU)
- Use **CalOES** standards to adopt physical and cyber security requirements for infrastructure operations (2016 MOU) and to inform emergency preparedness for PSPS events

Federal Agencies

- Ensure that federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (**PHSMA**) regulations are met when regulating safety of intrastate gas pipelines and underground natural gas storage
- Conduct joint environmental review to fulfill requirements of and reduce duplication between **CEQA/NEPA** for projects on BLM, USDA Forest Service, and other federal lands





Compliance with Strategic Directive 11

- CPUC staff believe the organization is substantially in compliance with SD 11.

