

# CPUC Public Agenda 3589

Thursday, October 29, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

## **Commissioners:**

John Reynolds, President

Darcie L. Houck

Karen Douglas

Matthew Baker

Christine Harada

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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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Passcode: 9899501

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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:

26, 32

# 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, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 45, and 51.**
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **19, 24, 29, 33, 36, 39, 40, 44, and 46.**
- 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.
- **Item 51** from the Regular Agenda has been added to the Consent Agenda 1.
- 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.
- **Items 7 and 23** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

**Held to 11/19/2026: 2, 6, 10, 47, 48, 48A, 49, and 50.**

# 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 (continued)

### Item #23 [24562] – Distributed Energy Resources Orchestration and Incorporation of Load Flexibility Scenarios into Distribution Planning and Execution Processes

**R.21-06-017**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Modernize the Electric Grid for a High Distributed Energy Resources Future.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr. Houck - Judge Chang**

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#### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Orders Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to develop a comprehensive, utility-specific proposal defining grid services and use cases for Distribution Energy Resources (DERs); establishes open, interoperable communications for DER visibility and behind-the-meter grid services; identifies distribution-level flexibility dispatch mechanisms; enables DER visibility to the California Independent System Operator (CAISO); evaluates existing pilots and new use cases; and establishes DER orchestration scaling criteria.
- Directs the Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) to retain a consultant to lead a series of working group meetings to vet proposals for a common DER orchestration framework.
- Directs the IOUs organize a workshop presenting new Load Flexibility Scenarios to be incorporated into the fourth modeling scenario in the annual Distribution Planning and Execution Process starting with the 2027-2028 cycle.
- Directs the IOUs to file a joint Tier 3 advice letter providing the technical basis for Load Flexibility Scenario inputs and proposing implementation timing.

#### **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

### Item #7 [24501] – Southern California Gas Company Transmission Integrity Management Program Rate Recovery

**A.25-04-020**

Application of Southern California Gas Company to Recover Costs Recorded in the Transmission Integrity Management Program Balancing Account from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr. Houck - Judge Nojan**

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#### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Grants reduced rate recovery to Southern California Gas Company; disallows \$20,152,686 in capital costs and \$42,603,474 in O&M costs.
- Directs SoCalGas to file a Tier 2 advice letter to calculate the approved revenue requirement after factoring in the disallowances.
- Closes the proceeding.

#### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

#### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- To be determined upon filing of the Tier 2 advice letter.

# Management Reports



### Item #52 [23293]

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

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#### **Annual Report on Community Help and Awareness of Natural Gas and Electric Services (CHANGES) Program.**

# **CHANGES Program Year 2025-2026 Report at CPUC Voting Meeting**

## **Consumer Help and Awareness of Natural Gas and Electricity Services**

**Love Asiedu-Akrofi, Senior Regulatory Analyst,  
Consumer Affairs Branch, External Affairs Division**

**October 29, 2026**



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COMMUNITY HELP AND AWARENESS OF NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRICITY SERVICES

A PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## Consumers Served

- Limited English Proficient, low-income, seniors, and disabled
- Delivered through 25 CBOs statewide
- 77+ languages available across 70 CBO locations statewide

## Service Components

- Outreach
- Education
- Case Assistance



International Institute  
of Los Angeles

# CHANGES Program Capacity

## OUTREACH

**57,247**

Consumers Reached

▼ **65%**

vs. prior year

## EDUCATION

**9,436**

Consumers Educated

▼ **59%**

vs. prior year

## CASE ASSISTANCE

**5,624**

Clients Served

▲ **23%**

vs. prior year

## Additional indicators

**28** Community Events

▼ **78%**

**18** Languages Served

▼ **38%**

**7,128** Cases Assisted

▲ **23%**

# CHANGES 2026-2027 Updates

- CPUC Featured Story on the Southeast Asian Community Center CBO
- CBO Directory searchable by language and county
- Annual CBO training
- Updated print materials
- Santa Ana Early Learning Initiative joined CHANGES



# Conclusion: Aligning Program Capacity with Consumer Demand

- 2025-26 data and independent evaluation validate the program necessity and budget constraints
- Despite a decade of rising costs, annual budget remains \$1.75 million
- CARE/FERA/ESA Bridge Funding Decision authorized temporary \$855,000 program funding increase for 2027
- CHANGES Staff Proposal seeks \$2.6 million annual funding increase to meet full operations objectives for 2028 -2033 cycle



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The CPUC thanks you for  
participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

**November 19, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Sacramento, CA**

