



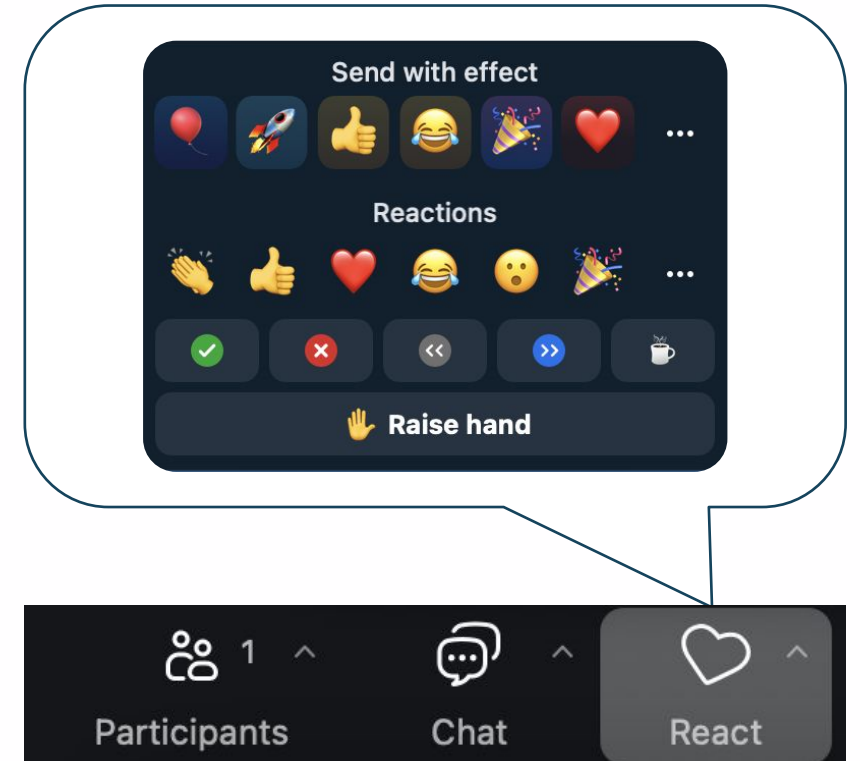
# SoCalREN Advisory Committee Meeting

March 31st, 2026  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm



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# Who is Participating Today?

## Advisory Committee Members



## Invited Guests



# SoCaIREN Advisory Committee



**Guide and Advise**



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**Be Informed**

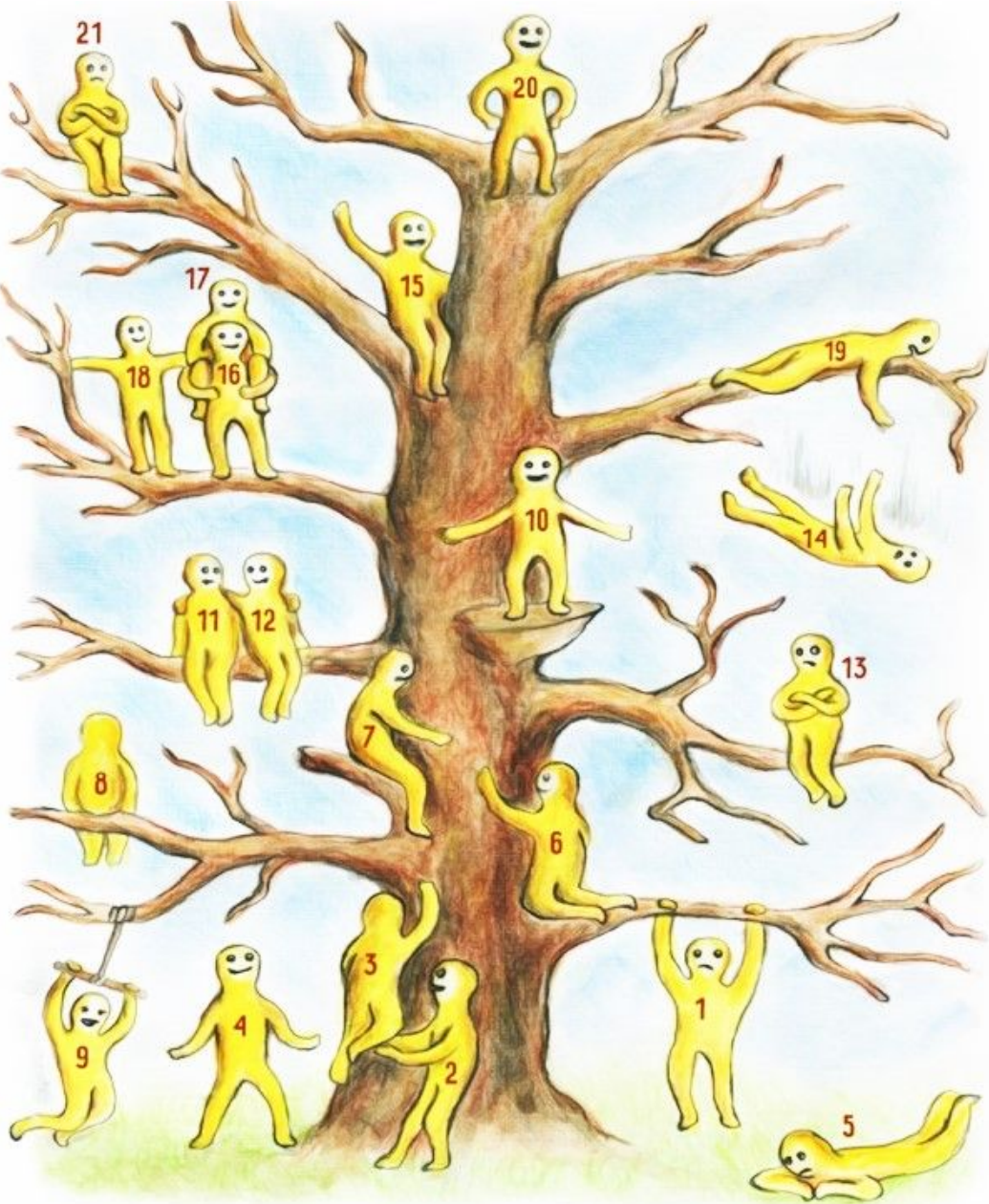


**Be an Advocate**

# Agenda

<b>Opening / Networking</b>	All	<b>10 min</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Minh Le	<b>5 min</b>
<b>Policy Updates</b>	Tessa Charnofsky	<b>15 min</b>
<b>SoCalREN Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Plan Application Summary</li><li>• REN Benefits Calculator Overview</li></ul>	Lujuana Medina	<b>40 min</b>
<b>OCPA Community Power Plan</b>	Pranesh Venugopal & Nataly Morales Sandoval, OCPA	<b>15 min</b>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Lujuana Medina	<b>5 min</b>
<b>Adjourn</b>	All	

**How are you feeling about 2026?**



## SoCalREN Welcome

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# Policy Updates

Tessa Charnofsky, County of Los Angeles





## Legislative Calendar, 2026:

**Jan 5**—Legislature reconvenes

**Jan 10**- Governor introduces budget

**Feb 20**—Last day for bills to be introduced

**May 15**—May Revision

**June 15**—Budget Bill must be passed

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**August 31**—Last day for each house to pass bills

**Sept 30**—Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills



# State Legislators we met with in 2025

- Asm Steve Bennet
- Asm Mark Gonzalez
- Asm Cottie Petrie Norris
- Asm Nick Shultz
- Asm Pilar Schiavo
- Asm Jacqui Irwin
- Sen Ben Allen
- Sen Monique Limon (staff)
- Sen Susan Rubio (staff)
- Asm John Harabedian (staff)
- Sen Maria Elena Durazo
- Asm Sade Edhawary (staff)
- Asm Rick Zbur (staff)
- Asm Robert Garcia
- Senator Caroline Menjivar

## Continued

- Asm Lisa Calderón
- Sen Catherine Blakespear (staff)
- Asm Phillip Chen (staff)
- Asm Gregg Hart (staff)
- Asm Mike Fong
- Asm Laura Richardson (staff)^
- Sen Tony Strickland (staff)

Total: 22

## Scheduled

- Sen Bob Achuleta (staff)
- Sen Sabrina Cervantes (staff)
- Sen Henry Stern
- Sen Eloise Gómes Reyes (staff)^

# Second year of a two-year session

## Bills of Concern:

**AB-2508** Public Utilities Public Purpose Programs Fund. Asm Hoover (hearing April 8)

Requires the CPUC to allocate the moneys in the newly formed **Public Purpose Programs Fund** for certain public purpose programs and programs administered by electrical regional energy networks. The bill would require the Controller to transfer funds from the **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund** to the fund.

**SB-1219** Energy efficiency programs: discontinuance of administration. Sen Strickland

Requires the CPUC to **consider and approve an electrical or gas corporation's application to discontinue administration of an energy efficiency program** or an energy efficiency portfolio because the program is not cost effective, not reliable, or, in the case of an electrical corporation, because the program is not being used to meet unmet resource needs in its integrated resources planning framework, as provided.

**AB 2408** Energy: billing. Asm DeMaio

Requires the CPUC to ensure each electrical and gas corporation **disclose all public purpose program charges to ratepayers**, including an itemized list of each PPP funded through the ratepayers' bills. Requires the commission to ensure each electrical and gas corporation provide an annual PPP statement to ratepayers and maintain an internet website displaying certain information about all PPP. **Requires the CPUC to establish a mechanism to allow ratepayers to opt out of funding PPP** that are not expressly required by statute.

# SB 905 -Electricity Cost Savings

-Sen Josh Becker

This bill would require the Energy Commission, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), to develop and implement the **Policy-Oriented and Wildfire Electric Reimbursement (POWER)** Program to reduce the costs to ratepayers by providing reimbursement to electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities for expenditures driven by public policy goals that provide a benefit to the general public.



# What about data centers/AI?

**Concerns:** higher load, higher rates, spiking bills, diesel back up power air pollution more emissions as power demand surges, water demands.

## Little Hoover Commission Report Recommendations

Large data centers should pay the full cost of the infrastructure and grid services they require.

Create a special electricity rate category for extremely large power users that would require prepayment for grid infrastructure, contributions toward wildfire safety costs and commitments to pay for a share of the power capacity they request.



“The recommendations put forward by the Little Hoover Commission are one hundred percent aligned with the Assembly’s priorities,” said [Assemblymember Cottie Petrie Norris](#), chair of her house’s energy and utilities committee. **“We are moving expeditiously to pass a package of bills that will protect Californians from any rate increases and ensure that data centers pay their fair share.”**

# Data Center Bills-

**SB 887, Padilla.** California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: data centers. centers: clean energy powerplant projects.

A data center project certified by the lead agency to meet all of the following conditions:

(i) **Pays the full cost of interconnection to prevent cost shifts to other ratepayers; does not increase fossil fuel consumption within the state;** Includes **zero-carbon energy storage** with at least four hours of capacity; uses onsite zero-carbon energy storage to provide **demand response** services; relies on **zero-carbon generation** located behind the meter to the maximum extent feasible; uses **recycled water and water-efficient technology or waterless cooling systems;** will rely on **100 percent zero-carbon electricity resources** (ix) Contains a **community benefits** program.

**AB 1577, Asm Bauer-Kahan.** Data centers: monthly reporting

This bill would require the commission to establish a process for the owner of a data center, as defined, to submit specified information to the commission on a monthly basis, including, among other information, the **data center's power usage effectiveness, water usage effectiveness, and total water consumption and the quantity of fuel consumed by onsite generators** or other fuel-based energy systems, as specified.

**SB 978, Sen Perez.** Large-scale energy facilities: labor: electricity rates.

This bill would require the PUC to establish a **special rate structure for large-scale energy users, to protect other customers of electrical corporations, prevent prohibit cost shifts to those other customers, and require large-scale energy users to pay for the electrical corporations' upfront costs of transmission or distribution infrastructure upgrades** necessary for the provision of electrical service to those users. The bill would require the construction of those facilities to comply with certain labor requirements.



# Thank you! Questions?

Tessa Charnofsky, County of Los Angeles



# SoCalREN Business Plan Application Summary

Lujuana Medina, County of Los Angeles



# **SoCalREN 2028-2035 Strategic Business Plan & 2028-2031 Portfolio Plan Application**

*Advisory Committee Briefing*



# Overview & Strategic Priorities

Combined filing covering SoCalREN's eight-year (2028–2035) Strategic Business Plan and four-year (2028–2031) Energy Efficiency Portfolio Plan

**Both the eight-year Strategic Plan and four-year Portfolio Plan:**

- Advance **energy affordability** and **reduce energy burden**
- Prioritize service DAC, hard-to-reach, and other **underserved communities**
- Optimize **community benefits** from every dollar invested
- Deliver a **cost-effective** Resource Acquisition portfolio
- Support building **decarbonization** and **electrification readiness**
- Simplify participation through consolidated programs and **streamlined delivery**
- Integrate energy efficiency with **resilience** and **load flexibility**
- Strengthen **workforce capacity** to create local jobs and support implementation

# Overview & Strategic Priorities

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

### New Programs Added

*Commercial, Public, Residential, and WE&T Sectors*

- Commercial Resiliency Program
- Public Agency Load Flexibility Program
- Residential Resiliency (Single-Family) Program
- Construction Project Management Pathway (WE&T)

## SIMPLIFIED DELIVERY

### Program Consolidations

*Public and Commercial Sectors*

- Water Infrastructure Program and NMEC consolidated into Streamlined Savings Pathway
- Underserved Schools SEM and Water/Wastewater SEM combined into Underserved Communities SEM
- CA Green Business Network closed as a standalone program; functions integrated elsewhere

## DELIVERING

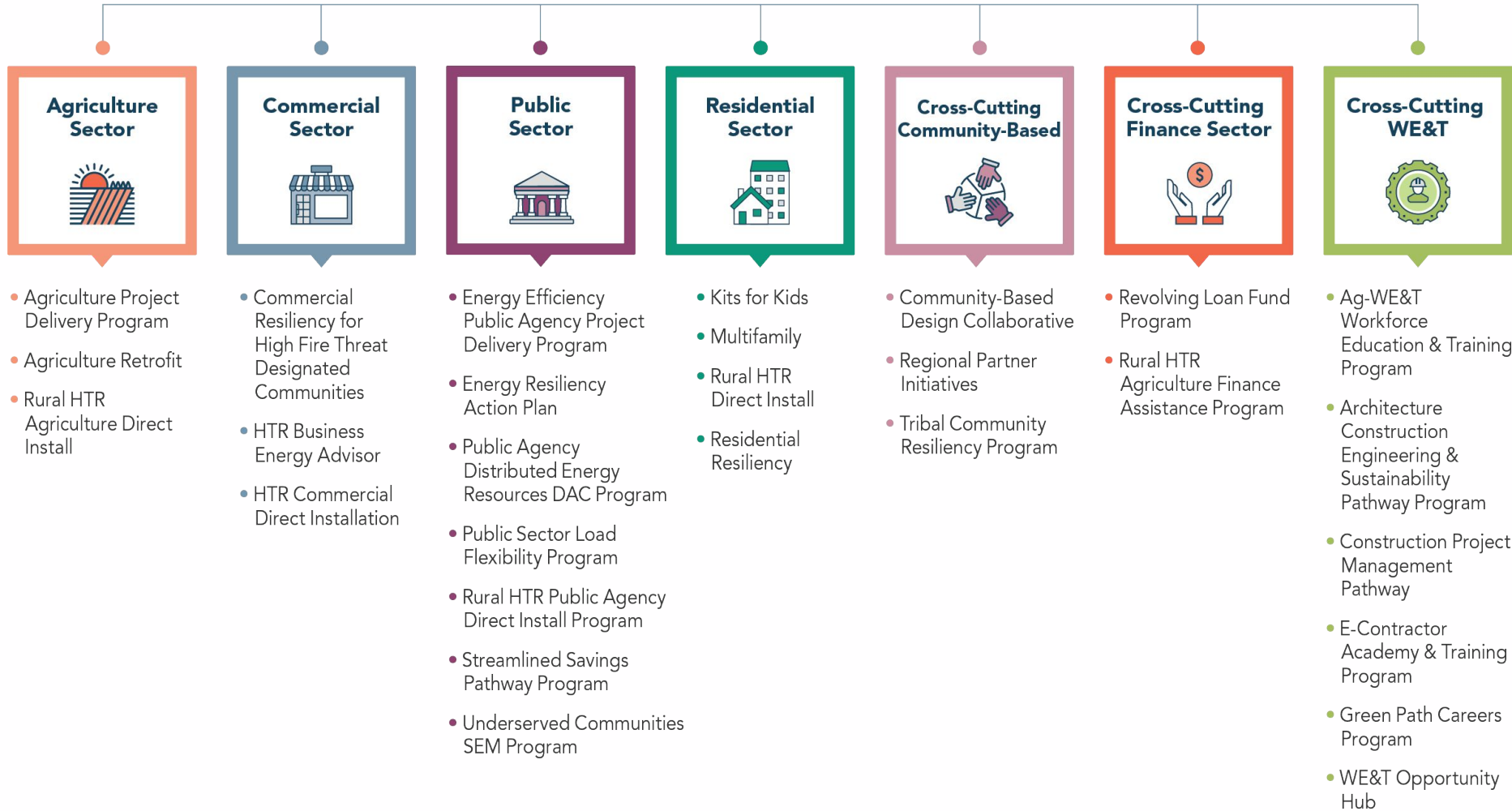
Climate and Energy Impacts

## BUILDING

Energy Capacity and Economic Resilience

## EXPANDING

Access to EE Benefits



# Budget Overview

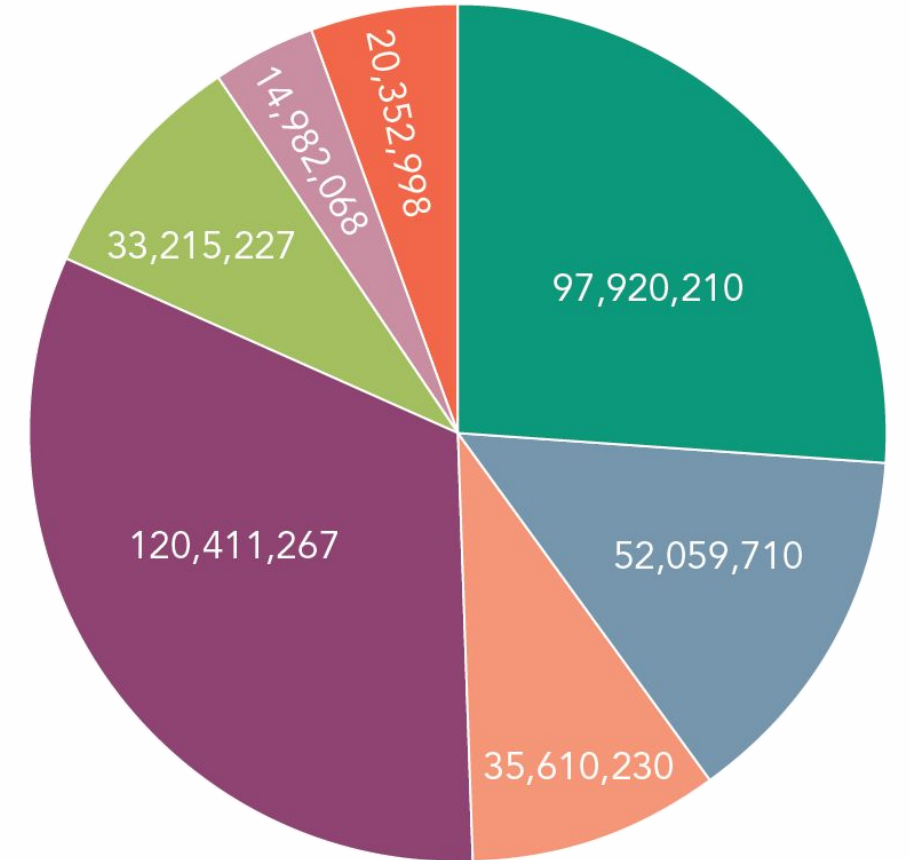
## 2028–2031 Budget Request: \$374.6 million

- Public sector receives the largest share of funding
- Residential funding increases across the planning period
- Commercial and Ag funding targets hard-to-reach and DAC markets
- Cross-cutting funding includes finance, workforce, and community-based delivery

## 2032–2035 Budget Forecast: \$463.4 million

- Scaling programs that demonstrate cost-effectiveness
- Increased use of layered funding
- Long-term workforce and market capacity development

## 2028–2031 Budget Request (by Sector)



Residential Commercial Industrial Agriculture  
Public Cross-Cutting EM&V Portfolio Support

# SoCalREN's Policy Recommendations

The following policy recommendations were included in the Application:

1. Adopt and implement a REN Total Benefit Metric.
2. Allow energy efficiency incentives for electrification replacing non-regulated fuels.
3. Establish streamlined and predictable custom project approval timelines.
4. Establish Net to Gross (NTG) value of 1.0 for custom projects meeting Preponderance of Evidence (POE) standards.
5. Allow minor remediations as eligible EE costs.
6. Allow limited battery storage support for rural and Public Safety Power Shutoff -impacted customers.

# REN Total Benefit Metric

To ensure a comprehensive evaluation of portfolio performance, SoCalREN developed a specialized calculator that produces a REN Total Benefit (RTB) metric.

- Quantifies economic value from portfolio activities, including bill savings, local wages, community spending, incentives, grants, and property improvements
- Captures social and resilience benefits, including public health improvements and wildfire recovery and emergency preparedness
- Accounts for environmental value from natural resource conservation and avoided greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Together with TSB, provides a more complete picture of overall ratepayer and community value



# Calendar and Next Steps

ACTIVITY	PROPOSED SCHEDULE
Application Filed	March 16, 2026
SoCalREN Public Webinar	April 7, 2026
CAEECC Workshop	April 8, 2026
Protests or Responses to SoCalREN's Application	May 1, 2026
SoCalREN Reply to Protests	May 18, 2026
Prehearing Conference	May 2026
Workshops (if needed)	July 20, 2026
Testimony of Interested Parties/Deadline to file motion for evidentiary hearings	September 21, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony/Replies to Comments	October 21, 2026
Evidentiary Hearings (if needed)	November 2, 2026
Opening Briefs	January 11, 2027
Reply Briefs	February 11, 2027
Proposed Decision	May 2027
Final Decisions	June 2027

# REN Benefits Calculator Overview

Lujana Medina, County of Los Angeles



# 2025 California State Auditor Report on CPUC EE Programs

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### LEGISLATURE

To better ensure that energy efficiency funds are either used prudently [...] and to ensure that the CPUC does not continue to authorize efficiency programs that do not meet energy-savings goals and cost-effectiveness measures, the **Legislature should consider amending state law to require the CPUC to eliminate funding for chronically underperforming efficiency programs.**

### COMMISSION (CPUC)

***To improve its oversight of the effectiveness of utility program portfolios and individual efficiency programs, the CPUC should begin monitoring the actual performance of utilities' program portfolios and individual efficiency programs.***

- *Annually evaluate the performance of each utilities' program portfolios to determine whether they are achieving energy-savings goals and are cost-effective.*
- *Annually review the data utilities submit about energy savings and cost-effectiveness for all efficiency programs to identify those that are underperforming.*
- *Work with utilities to determine why efficiency programs may be underperforming and propose corrective actions to address the causes of underperforming programs.*

# Measuring SoCalREN Benefits

The SoCalREN Portfolio provides tangible benefits that are not captured in TSB.

The benefits that our team is calculating would be added to TSB.



# Benefit Types

Identified benefits can be categorized into 10 benefit types.

-  **Cost Savings:**  
Bill savings, labor support, reduced maintenance costs
-  **Direct Financial Support:**  
Grants, rebates, incentives
-  **Revenue Increase:**  
Increases in sales revenue
-  **Local Economy:**  
Economic benefits including wages and increased spending
-  **Community Support:**  
Avoided damages from reducing emissions and avoided costs of actions needed to help community meet GHG reduction or resiliency goals
-  **Education and Training:**  
Formal and informal learning about energy efficiency
-  **Health:**  
Individual and community health improvements
-  **Building and Housing Conditions:**  
Increases in property values and stable, more comfortable, more resilient buildings
-  **Community Wellbeing:**  
Reduced need for social services, improved community resiliency and emergency preparedness
-  **Natural Resources Conservation:**  
Reduction in infrastructure and other costs due to reduced water and other natural resource use

# The calculator uses secondary information and program data to estimate the value of quantifiable benefits

1. Using secondary research, we defined values and approaches to calculate \$ value of benefits (wherever possible\*).

BENEFIT DESCRIPTION	CALCULATION APPROACH
<b>Input Values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric Retail Rate (\$ per kWh) = \$0.32</li> <li>Natural Gas Retail Rate (\$ per therm) = \$1.81</li> <li>Water savings (Gallons) per kit (First Year, Gross) = 3,466 gallons</li> <li>Water Retail Rate an average of (\$ per Gallon) = .0132, calculated based on the following rates:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Retail Rate within city of Los Angeles (\$ per Gallon) = .0128</li> <li>Water Retail Rate outside of city of Los Angeles (\$ per Gallon) = .0136</li> </ul> </li> <li>kWh Savings Total (First Year, Gross) = 30,824</li> <li>Therm Savings Total (First Year, Gross) = 24,854</li> </ul>
<b>Method</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric bill savings = kWh Savings Total x Electric Retail Rate (\$ per kWh)</li> <li>Natural gas bill savings = Therm Savings Total x Natural Gas Retail Rate (\$ per therm)</li> <li>Water bill savings = Water Savings (Gallons) Per Kit x Water Retail Rate (\$ per Gallon)</li> </ul>
<b>Benefit Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.66 years is calculated from CEQARs claims. Measure life = Claim Lifecycle Gross kWh / Claim First Year Gross kWh (236,103/30,824 = 7.66 years), (with filter [g]ID = "SCR-RES-A4", Year Selector = "2024")</li> </ul>
<b>Sources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>kWh Savings Total (First Year, Gross) and Therm Savings Total (First Year, Gross) from <a href="#">2024 Annual Report</a></li> <li>Electric Retail Rate (\$ per kWh) from U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) - <a href="#">Average residential retail price of electricity per kWh for California, 2024</a></li> </ul>

2. From program and SoCalREN data we pull in specific inputs for each program/year

Program: Kits for Kids		Program Year: 2024	
Input Value Description	Use Default Value?	Default Value (Do not modify)	User-Defined Value (Enter Here)
Number of Participating Classrooms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	359	
Number of Kits Distributed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8,561	
Estimated kit retail value \$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15.33	
Number of Grants Distributed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	287	
kWh Savings Total (First Year, Gross)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30,824	
Therm Savings Total (First Year, Gross)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24,854	
Water Savings (Gallons) Per Kit (First Year, Gross)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3,466	

3. Together, these create estimates of the \$ value of each benefit

Benefit Details					
			Total	\$ 896,663	\$ 4,082,963
Benefit Group	Benefit Type	Benefit Description	First Year Benefit	Benefi	Lifetime Benefit
Participant	Cost Savings	Free kit items: Families receive items for free and do	\$ 131,240	1.00	\$ 131,240
Participant	Cost Savings	Utility bill savings: Families save money on energy and	\$ 9,864	7.66	\$ 75,556
Participant	Cost Savings	Utility bill savings: Families save money on energy and	\$ 44,986	7.66	\$ 344,591
Participant	Cost Savings	Utility bill savings: Families save money on energy and	\$ 391,676	7.66	\$ 3,000,238
Partner	Direct Financial Support	Classroom grants: Classrooms that return 65% of data collection forms	\$ 287,000	1.00	\$ 287,000
Community	Health	Health benefits: EE equipment requires less generation. Reducing power plant generation and emissions (e.g., NOx, SOx)			

4. These individual benefits roll up to portfolio-level benefits

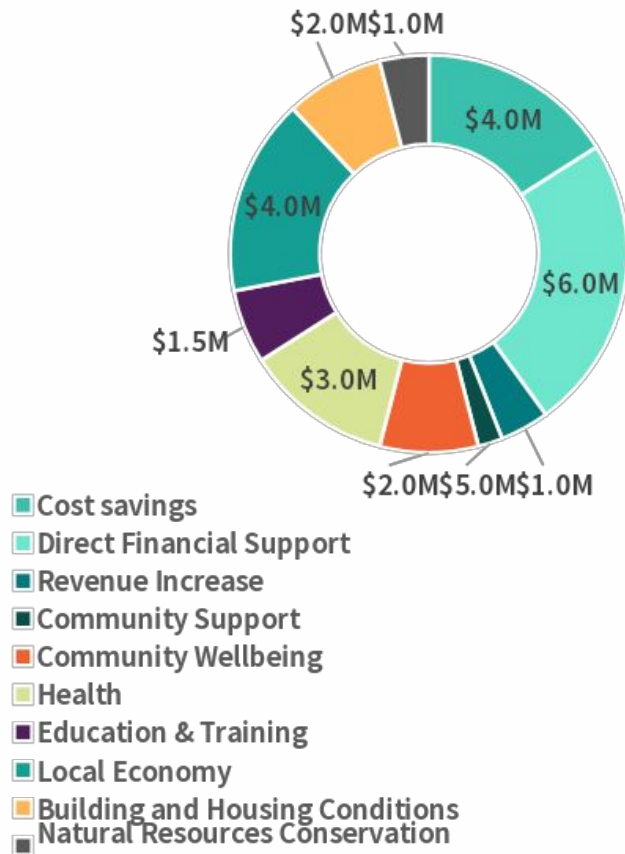
\*If it's not possible to get to a \$ value, we will list benefits and describe potential future research options.

# The calculator displays the overall benefits, by category and/or sector

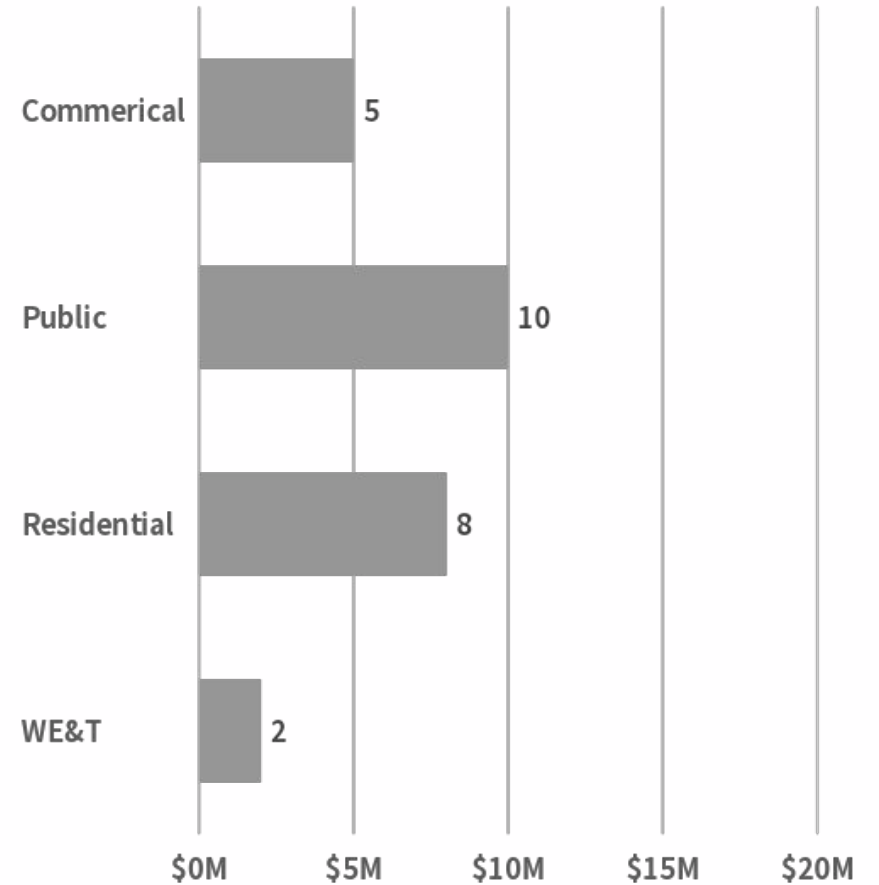


Benefit values are for illustration purposes only

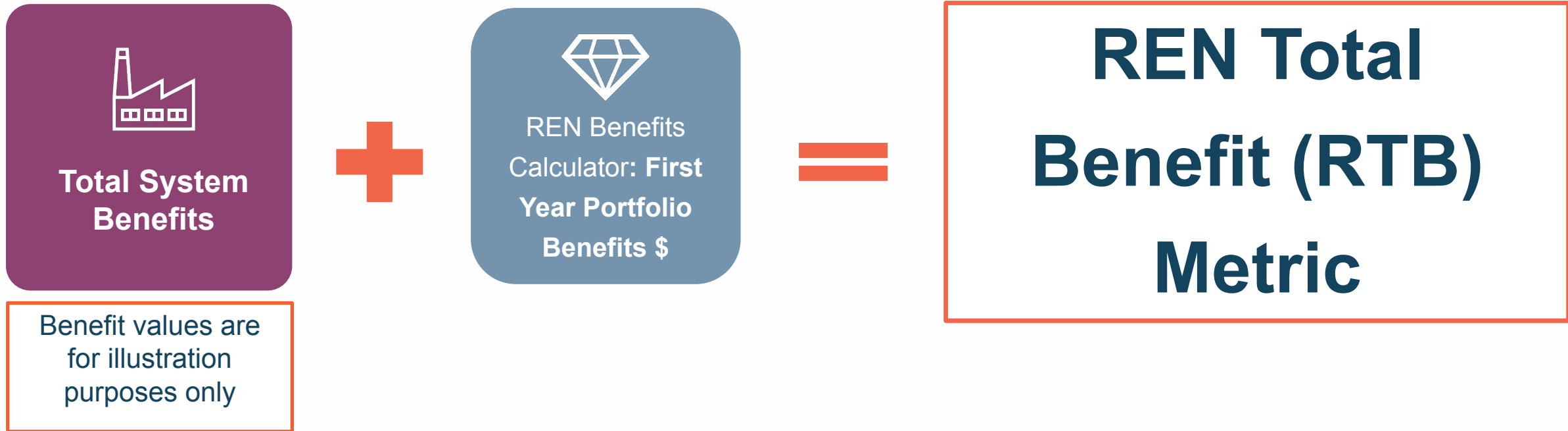
### First Year Portfolio Benefits



### First Year Benefits by Sector



# The calculator will be utilized to output the “REN Total Benefit” Metric



# OCPA Community Power Plan

Pranesh Venugopal & Nataly Morales Sandoval, OCPA





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OCPA Community Power Plan Overview for SoCalREN Advisory Committee



# Orange County Power Authority Background





# Orange County Power Authority

- Not-for-profit energy provider
- Alternative to for-profit utility (SCE)
- Energy procured from renewable sources with the goal of helping cities, residents, and businesses reduce their carbon footprint
- Supporting over 181,000 customers in Fullerton, Buena Park, and Irvine; Fountain Valley coming online in 2027!
- Three renewable energy plans to meet customer environmental and financial goals







# Community Power Plan Purpose & Background



# Community Power Plan Purpose

Provide a **strategic framework** to create and run programs to deliver local, clean, and equitable energy.

- Early short-term programs successful, but not driven by direct community input
- Desire for strategic, long-term program roadmap that aligns with customer needs, gaps, and implementation feasibility
- Reinforce OCPA's role as a community-driven, not-for-profit agency reinvesting in local priorities

## Best Practice Examples





# Timeline

	2024		2025											
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	
Development Plan	■													
Assessments			■											
Cost-Benefit Analysis					■									
Program Recommendations					■									



# Development Process



# Community Power Plan Defined

- The OCPA Community Power Plan provides a **strategic framework** to develop and implement programs that meet the specific needs of OCPA member communities.
- The results are **broad program categories** prioritized based on the results from five (5) in-depth analysis including community desire, ability to fill existing gaps and receive outside funding support, and cost-benefit.
- The high priority programs meet community needs with a tighter development and implementation timeline, while requiring manageable internal resources and external expertise.





# Community Needs Assessment



**1,244**

Survey Responses

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**25**

Tabling Events

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**7**

Listening Sessions

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**54,740**

Residents Reached via Newsletters and Outreach



# Strategies to overcome outreach barriers

Barriers	Strategies
Trust/lack of awareness	Contracted with a Community Based Organization for outreach and collaborated with established outreach partners to gain trust and efficiently reach a wide audience representative of OCPA's diverse communities, such as at Food distribution centers and local schools.
Language barriers	Developed the survey in multiple languages and worked with outreach partners to promote and offer survey completion support in multiple languages. Revisited translations to ensure language and flier images was culturally accurate to the community
Technology literacy	Multiple methods of engagement and surveys (posted fliers in convening spaces, in-person and paper survey options at Tabeing events)
Limited time	Compensated participants for survey participation (1 per participant for workshops and roundtables, opportunity to win gift cards)
Broad Outreach	Collected demographic data to track survey participants within and outside OCPA member cities and additionally track communities of concern. A mid-point assessment was incorporated to identify gaps and refine outreach efforts accordingly.



# Operational Alignment Assessment



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OCPA Staff  
Respondents

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OCPA staff and  
City Staff  
Respondents

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Survey Types delivered



# Existing Programs Assessment

Program Administrator	Program Name	Status	Sector	Area Served (red = does not overlap with OCPA Territory)	Program Type
PCE	Electrification Technical Assistance Program	Active	Commercial	San Mateo & Santa Clara Co	Education
SCAQMD	Go Zero	Active	Commercial	SCAQMD Territory	Building E
SCAQMD	Voucher Incentive Program (VIP)	Active	Commercial	South Coast AQMD Territory	Transport
SCE	Building Electrification Program	Active	Residential	SCE territory	Energy E
SCE	Commercial Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) (SCE_3P_2020RCI)	Active	Commercial	SCE Territory	Energy E
SCE	Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Resource Program (CEER) (SCE-13-ESA)	Active	Residential	SCE service territory	Energy E
SCE	Charge Ready Program	Active	Commercial	SCE Territory	Transport
SCE	Emergency Load Reduction Program (ELRP)	Active	Commercial	SCE territory	Demand
SCE	Energy Savings Assistance (SCE-13-ESA)	Active	Residential	SCE Territory	Energy E
SCE	Multifamily Residential Direct Install Program (SCE_3P_2024R_MF)	Active	Residential	SCE Territory	Energy E
SCE	Residential Direct Install (SCE-13-SW-001G)	Active	Residential	SCE Territory	Energy E
SCE	Residential Energy Advisor aka Home Performance (SCE-Res-E)	Active	Residential	SCE territory	Energy E

44

Existing energy programs assessed

16

Different program administrators

7

Characteristics evaluated for each program



# Funding Opportunities Assessment

Category	Description	Agency
<b>California State Agencies</b>		
	CEC Open and Upcoming Solicitations	California Energy Commission (CEC)
	CEC Funding Information	California Energy Commission (CEC)
	CEC Empower Innovation Funding Opportunities	California Energy Commission (CEC)
	SGC Grant Programs	Strategic Growth Council (SGC)
	CSD Funding Programs	CA Dept of Community Services and Development (CSD)
	LCI Funding Opportunities	CA State Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI)
	CA Climate Investments Resource Portal	California Air Resources Board (CARB)
	CARB Funding Opportunities	California Air Resources Board (CARB)
	Federal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
	CA Grants Portal	All CA State Agencies
<b>Regional Agencies</b>		
	SCAG Grant Opportunities	Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
	SCAQMD Grants	South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)
	SCAQMD Incentives	South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

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Phases of analysis and research:

- Identify potential funding
- Align with Community Needs

23

Funding sources researched for opportunities

5

Distinct funding opportunities identified as highly suitable for OCPA's consideration



# Cost-Benefit Analysis Assessment

## 1. Develop CBA scoring tool

- a. Scoring categories
- b. Identify programs
- c. Community Needs Weightings

## 2. Scoring committee evaluation

- d. Comprised of energy program experts with a collective 87 years of experience

Scoring Categories	Community Needs Weighting (565 member agency respondents)	Direct-to-Renter Electrification and DR Program for residents and small businesses
Program Type	-	<i>Demand Response Programs</i>
Customer Energy Rate Reduction	14.2%	2.17
Energy Use Reduction	9.3%	2.33
Load Shifting	8.1%	3.50
Impact on Communities of Concern	10.4%	4.17
Economic Impact	13.5%	2.67
Air Pollutant Impact	14.6%	3.50
Incremental GHG Impact	6.5%	3.50
Extreme Heat Mitigation	8.7%	3.33
Electric Reliability	14.8%	2.67
<b>IMPACT TOTAL</b>		<b>3.02</b>
<b>IMPACT SCORE</b>	-	<b>High Impact</b>
OCPA Customer Eligibility	-	3.00
<b>Uptake of Existing Programs</b>	-	<b>4</b> ▼
Program Redundancy	-	4.17
OCPA Revenue Impact	-	3.17
Overall Investment Impact	-	2.83
Implementation Timeline	-	3.50
<b>FEASIBILITY TOTAL</b>		<b>20.67</b>
<b>FEASIBILITY SCORE</b>	-	<b>Moderately Viable</b>
<b>FINAL PRIORITY</b>	-	<b>High Priority</b> ▼



# Community Power Plan Results

## Prioritized Program Categories

Program Name	Impact Total	Feasibility Total	Priority Level
Comprehensive Energy Efficiency and Electrification Program	3.10 (1)	23.67 (1)	High
Direct-to-Renter Electrification and DR Program for residents and small businesses	3.02 (2)	20.67 (4)	High
Refrigeration Efficiency and Electrification Program	2.78 (6)	20.50 (5)	Medium
Credit-Boosting Equity Direct Install Program	2.64 (8)	21.50 (2)	Low
Sector-Specific Demand Response (DR) Programs	2.92 (3)	20.00 (8)	Low
Strategic Energy Management (SEM) for Industrial Facilities	2.65 (7)	20.83 (3)	Low
Financing and Incentive Stacking Support	2.87 (5)	20.33 (6)	Low
Increase E-Mobility Access and Advanced EV and Charging Infrastructure Programs	2.89 (4)	19.33 (9)	Low
Codes and Standards / Reach Codes Support	2.64 (9)	20.17 (7)	Not recommended
Workforce Education and Training (WE&T)	2.51 (10)	19.33 (10)	Not recommended
Resilience, Decarbonization Showcase and Pilot Projects	2.47 (11)	17.83 (11)	Not recommended



# Finalization Process



# Finalization Process

The plan was brought to stakeholder groups in draft formats, ensuring all voices were captured and that the final Community Power Plan is transparent, community-informed, well-vetted, and aligned with organizational goals.

**Community Advisory Committee** Presented plan for feedback December 18, 2025

**Public Review and Feedback** Open to the public for two weeks in December.

**Board of Directors** Presented and adopted February 9, 2026

**Publication** Published February 13, 2026

**Program Development** First program launched March 12, 2026



# Community Power Plan Landing Page

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### Summary of the Process & Key Findings

The CPP was developed through a collaborative, multi-phased, and data-informed process that integrated community feedback, organizational insight, and market analysis.

The process began with a Community Needs Assessment conducted between January and September 2025, which gathered extensive community input through 1,244 survey responses, 25 tabling events, and seven listening sessions and reached over 54,000 residents through newsletters and outreach. The assessment identified key community priorities, barriers to program participation, and equity considerations. Feedback revealed that affordability, convenience, and landlord-related challenges were major factors limiting participation in past clean energy programs, underscoring the importance of renter-focused and flexible offerings.

### Summary of Identified Programs Recommendations

Through the assessment process, eleven potential program initiatives were identified and evaluated according to their anticipated impact and feasibility. Two initiatives emerged as high-priority candidates: a direct-to-renter electrification and demand response (DR) program initiative and a comprehensive energy efficiency and electrification program initiative. These offerings could begin operations within five months of adoption of the CPP. These program concepts demonstrated the strongest alignment with OCPA's strategic goals and were identified as the most feasible to get up-and-running quickly. Refrigeration efficiency and electrification was identified as a medium-priority initiative, suitable for deployment within 18 months while program infrastructure and partnerships are developed. The remaining initiatives were categorized as low priority or not recommended due to either limited feasibility or overlap with existing offerings.

Program Initiative	Intervention Summary	Priority Level
Direct-to-renter electrification and demand response (DR) program	Provides renters and small businesses with portable electrification and DR solutions to overcome landlord barriers and reduce energy costs.	High
Comprehensive energy efficiency and electrification program	Integrates efficiency and electrification upgrades with audits, incentives, and financing to lower emissions and bills across sectors.	High
Refrigeration efficiency and electrification program	Supports commercial customers with refrigeration upgrades and low-GWP equipment to cut energy use and emissions.	Medium
Sector-specific demand response (DR) programs	Designs tailored DR offerings for specific business sectors to boost participation and enhance grid reliability.	Low
Strategic energy management (SEM) for industrial facilities	Helps industrial customers improve efficiency through training, technical assistance, and ongoing performance tracking.	Low
Financing and incentive stacking support	Helps customers combine multiple incentives and financing options to overcome upfront cost barriers.	Low
Increase e-Mobility access and advanced electric vehicle/charging infrastructure	Expands EV charging and e-bike access in workplaces, multi-family housing, and public spaces to promote equitable transportation electrification.	Low
Credit-boosting equity direct install (DI) program	Offers direct-install efficiency and electrification measures with credit-building tools for low-income customers.	Low
Codes and standards / reach codes support	Duplicates existing statewide code efforts but could support future coordination if gaps emerge.	Not Recommended



# Community Power Plan Dashboard

## Survey Data Dashboard

Explore what matters most to the people and businesses we serve.

Use the arrow at the bottom – or the 1 and 2 on the side – to switch between Residential and Commercial. Check the boxes next to filters to remove a dataset from the results, or click ONLY next to a specific dataset to choose just that data to view.

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### Residential

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OCPA Member Jurisdiction

- Buena Park
- Fountain Valley
- Fullerton
- Irvine
- Other

Age

- <18
- 18-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to answer

Annual Household Income

- \$0-\$24,999
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000-\$199,999
- \$200,000+
- Prefer not to answer

Race/Ethnicity

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Asian Indian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Housing Type

- Single-family home
- Multi-family home
- Manufactured home
- Other

Housing Type

- Rent
- Own
- Prefer not to answer

Respondents: 1,390

Clear All Filters

Have you made any of the following energy improvements to your home?  
Respondents could select multiple options

Installed energy-efficient technologies or appliances	881
I have not made any energy improvements	485
Installed charging for and/or started driving an electric vehicle	392
Installed solar panels and/or battery storage	292
Completed an energy audit	117
Other	61

Are you aware of any of the following types of local programs that may be available to you?  
Respondents could select multiple options

Energy-efficiency incentives	456
Electric vehicle and/or charging incentives	426
I am not aware of any local programs	418
Solar panels and/or battery storage incentives	380
Rewards for reducing energy use during energy "peak hours"	348
Electricity plans that deliver more renewable energy to customers	244
Behavioral energy programs	142

Storage | Lock/Unlock | Clear



## Next Steps



# Rollout Strategy

## High -Priority Programs

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- Direct-to-renter electrification and demand response (DR) program
- Comprehensive energy efficiency and electrification program

## Medium -Priority Programs

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- Refrigeration efficiency and electrification program

## Low-Priority Programs

- Sector-specific demand response (DR)
- Strategic energy management (SEM) for industrial facilities
- Financing and incentive stacking



# Upcoming Programs

## High Priority Program

### Renter Energy Efficiency Program

- Provides renters with no-cost portable HVAC systems and batteries for home comfort without landlord approval, wiring changes, or added costs.



## Combat Low Program Awareness

### Energy Education Webinar

- Online webinar hosted by staff to empower customers with education about their energy bills and help them manage electricity costs effectively.



## Provide Hands-On Experience

### Energy Efficiency Trailer

- A mobile BuildSMART trailer through U.S. Green Business Council going to community events in OCPA member cities to demonstrate real-world solutions.





# Questions

# Online Resource for Advisory Committee Members

## Advisory Committee



### Working Group Updates

As needed documents such as operating structure, meeting minutes and opportunity trackers.

[More Info](#)



### Regulatory Reports

Monthly regulatory reports and proceeding updates.

[More Info](#)



### Advisory Committee Meeting Materials

Quarterly meeting materials such as agendas, minutes, presentations and other supporting documents.

[More Info](#)

# Closing Remarks

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# 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule



Date	Time
Q1 - Wed March 31st, 2026	<b>Virtual</b> 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Q2 - Wed June 30th, 2026	<b>Virtual</b> 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Q3 - September 2nd, 2026 <b>(NEW DATE)</b>	<b>In-person - Frontier Project</b> 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Q4 - December 9th, 2026	<b>Virtual</b> 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Please take 2 minutes to fill out our meeting survey!**

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## Upcoming SoCalREN Events:



**AWWA Water Conference  
of the West 2026**  
April 6th - 9th 2026



**Urban Renewable Energy Summit**  
April 18, 2026



**CCEC Forum**  
June 24-25, 2026

# Adjourn

