

SoCalREN Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026
10:30 am - 2:00 pm
In-person | Rancho Cucamonga Frontier Project

Attendees

Name	Organization
Lujuana Medina	County of Los Angeles
Minh Le	County of Los Angeles
Tessa Charnofsky	County of Los Angeles
Shelley Osborn	County of Los Angeles
Audrey Bragg	County of Los Angeles
Tory Coffin	County of Los Angeles
Sulma Hernandez	County of Los Angeles
Flora Naylor	County of Los Angeles
Benjamin Lucha	City of Victorville
Sumi Gant	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Natalie Hernandez	GCCOG
Eduardo Tapia	GCCOG
Aileen Qin	GCCOG
Gillian Ramirez	GCCOG
Karina Camacho	Western Riverside COG (WRCOG)
Jennifer Aguilar	San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG)
Kim Fuentes	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
Eleanor Murphy	SBCCOG

Addie Aubley	SBCCOG
Shawn Fujioka	SBCCOG
Mackenzie Bolger	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
Natalie Arreaga	SGVCOG
Jess Blackwell	High Sierra Energy Foundation (HSEF)
Pam Bold	HSEF
Courtney Blore	San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
Melanie Peck	USGBC CA
Tara Tisopulos	Orange County Waste & Recycling
Rosie Kang	Willdan
Pranesh Venugopal	Orange County Power Authority (OCPA)
Nataly Morales	OCPA
Mike Maestas	Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD)
Jacob Johnson	CVWD
Nora Gutierrez	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Heather Iwamuro	CPUC
Kodie Baig	ICF
Sarah Adams	ICF
Alfredo Gutiérrez	ICF
Savi Bassa	ICF
Renee Daigneault	ICF
Craig Perkins	The Energy Coalition (TEC)
Laurel Rothschild	TEC

Ivana Dorin	TEC
Mallory Schaefer	TEC

Notes/Key Takeaways

- Ivana Dorin (TEC) began the meeting by reviewing the following administrative items:
 - Introductions/logos of invited participants
 - Advisory Committee Members
 - Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
 - South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
 - Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)
 - San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
 - City of Culver City
 - City of Santa Barbara
 - City of Victorville
 - County of Santa Barbara
 - City of Irvine
 - Clean Power Alliance
 - Orange County Power Authority
 - County of Orange
 - Imperial Irrigation District (IID)
 - San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
 - Ventura County Regional Energy Authority
 - Invited Guests
 - California Public Utilities Commission
 - California Climate & Energy Collaborative
 - CalChoice
 - SoCalREN Staff, Implementers & Regional Partners
 - County of Los Angeles (LAC)
 - The Energy Coalition (TEC)
 - ICF
 - High Sierra Energy Foundation (HSEF)
 - San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO)
 - Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
 - San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG)
 - Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)
 - Emerald Cities Collaborative (ECC)
 - Lincus Incorporated
 - Willdan
 - USGBC - CA
 - Grounded Research and Consulting

- ILLUME
 - Purpose of Advisory Committee
 - Guide and advise
 - Collaborate and innovate
 - Be informed
 - Be an advocate
 - Meeting agenda review
- SoCalREN Welcome (Lujana Medina, LA County)
 - My name is Luana Medina. For anybody that doesn't know me, I'm the County of Los Angeles Environmental Initiatives Division Manager. We manage a portfolio of clean energy programs, including the Southern California Regional Energy Network, which is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission ratepayer funding.
 - I want to thank everybody who was able to attend in person, to come out to the Inland Empire. This is one of my very favorite areas, because a lot of my family members live out here in the Inland Empire. I'm really proud to host this meeting here today, and I want to thank CVWD for hosting.
 - To all those that are attending these meetings, it's really critical that we meet quarterly, given, one, the current environment, and then, of course, the uncertain economic changes that are going on, because what we are seeing is not only for residential customers, but commercial customers, and public agencies is that there is a key focus on energy affordability and operating costs. And really thinking about how we mitigate what we're seeing as far as climate change but also the economic drivers that are really tightening our belts and causing restrictive budget constraints. So really thinking about how we work together to continue to identify opportunities, not only in our programs or our offerings.
 - But it's really predicated on the notion that you all give us feedback on what you need, or this is what our constituents, or our community members, or our facility managers, or our residents are asking for. And if we can't make those changes, or if we don't collect that feedback, we won't be able to make those changes, so that we can act quickly. We need to become more resilient. So, with that being said, I just want to say thank you for coming to these meetings, because we really value your feedback and advice.
- Host Agency Project Spotlight (Mike Maestas, CVWD)
 - Cucamonga Valley Water District
 - Established in 1955
 - 200,000+ Customers
 - 50,000 Water Connections/38,000 Sewer Connections
 - Service Area: 47 Square-Miles
 - Rancho Cucamonga and portions of Fontana, Ontario, and Upland
 - Average Daily Demand: 40 Million Gallons
 - Imported Water, Groundwater, Local Canyon/Tunnel water
 - High-Quality, Safe, and Reliable Water and Wastewater Services
 - People • Service • Water
 - "Service Beyond Expectation"

- The mission of the Cucamonga Valley Water District is to provide high-quality, safe and reliable water and wastewater services while practicing good stewardship of natural and financial resources.
- Energy Portfolio
 - Annual Energy Budget \$8.7M
 - 59 SCE Accounts
 - 19 Operating Wells: 5,950 kW
 - 70 Booster Pumps: 8,785 kW
- Project Spotlight: Process Optimization and Lighting Retrofits
 - SoCalREN supported the District with identifying and implementing several efficiency improvements:
 - Various pump overhauls, replacements, well and booster sequencing
 - HQ interior and exterior light fixture retrofits
- Project Spotlight: WISE Pumps Overhaul
 - In 2024: Eight pump upgrades (1 well and seven booster pumps). SoCalREN supported CVWD through the project's complexity, in collaboration with the Water Infrastructure and System Efficiency (WISE) Statewide Program.
 - SCR provided assistance with project management, incentive applications, audits, calculations, design and scope of work, including a 6-year measurement and verification plan.
 - Upgrades generated meaningful savings, minimized energy and water usage, and increased CVWD staff capacity for operations and maintenance
- Project Spotlight: Well Pump Overhaul
 - SoCalREN supported Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) in upgrading the efficiency of their well pumps:
 - 2024: Well 30, improving the pump's efficiency by 9%,
 - 2025: Well 39 and Well 5 in 2025, improving efficiency by 4% and 11% respectively.
 - These upgrades resulted in substantial energy savings for CVWD.
 - SoCalREN provided technical assessment, financial analysis, audits, scope of work review, and project management, significantly reducing project costs.
- Project Spotlight: Hermosa Tunnel Optimized Fluid Flow System Project
 - 2025: Hermosa Tunnel Optimized Fluid Flow System project. SoCalREN supported CVWD through the project's complexity, in collaboration with the Water Infrastructure and System Efficiency (WISE) Statewide Program.
 - SCR provided assistance with project management, incentive applications, audits, calculations, design and scope of work, including a 6-year measurement and verification plan.
- Lujana Medina (LAC): Are you worried about water input due to climate this year?
 - We have a very diverse water portfolio, so we take water from the State Water Project. We also have groundwater, and we have local canyon supplies. In

- California, the two biggest sources are the State Water Project and the Colorado River, so typically those guys will offset each other.
 - I think all the reservoirs are at or above average but more storage we could get during wet years is kind of one of the things that we would hope for. The big thing is more the financial climate. Where's the money coming from?
 - Percent of imported water: 40-50%
- Lujana Medina (LAC): Do you see a significant savings in holding water, as opposed to importing it? Is there a cost differential in energy?
 - There's different costs for imported water. It is a balance. If you were to look at our water portfolio, we strategically plan to be producing water from different sources at different times of the year.
- Lujana Medina (LAC): What do you think and what led to the culture change at the agency to take advantage of money on the table?
 - Before that change, we essentially ran to failure. So you run to failure, you have to pull something out, you have to replace it, now you're behind on production. When working with SCR it was a mind-opening thing of wow, there's actually money on the table for these. I think the first year we did 14 pumps and once those pumps came in, that was the very beginning and the foundation of a cultural shift.
- Natalie Hernandez (GCCOG): How are you preparing for the upcoming El Nino?
 - We do not manage any of the stormwater diversions here. That gets handled by another agency. The biggest impact that that would have on us is really our intake systems from our local canyon sources.
- Lujana Medina (LAC): What can we do to encourage other agencies who have not had that culture shift to take advantage of these programs?
 - We do our best to be a voice for this type of thing. It's difficult to figure out where everybody is at and energy efficiency may not be their highest concern.
- SCR has been going to water conferences and presenting this material to the water agencies. It has been really great and that's a cultural shift thing that I think would help out.
- Policy Updates (Tessa Charnofsky, LA County)
 - Legislative Calendar, 2026:
 - Sept 30—Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
 - August 5, 2026
 - Legislative Hearing—Asm Utilities and Energy Committee entitled Savings You Don't See: California's Energy Efficiency Programs
 - See slides for list of State Legislators SCR has met with in 2026
 - Bills still in play
 - SB 905, Becker (D): Electricity
 - Requires the CPUC, for each electrical corporation, to consider assigning a reduced ROE for specified categories of capital costs in rate base (eg undergrounding). Initiates a rulemaking evaluating alternative financing methods for electrical distribution, generation, and transmission

investments to reduce ratepayer costs. Requires large electrical corporations to publicly report distribution grid utilization data—identifying where existing grid infrastructure is underutilized, potentially reducing the need for costly new grid investments

- AB 1715 Schiavo (D): Public utilities: Reporting
 - This bill requires specified quarterly and annual reporting by electrical and natural gas corporations regarding federal funding received from federal or other funds. The bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to ensure any savings are delivered to customers and requires the CPUC to impose penalties on electrical and natural gas corporations for failing to comply with the required reporting.
- AB 2313 Berman (D) The Home Energy Choice Act
 - This bill establishes the Home Energy Choice Act, which requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to solicit proposals for, and require each gas corporation to offer, a Gas Distribution Service Line Replacement Alternatives Program, on or before January 1, 2028, to provide certain residential gas customers served by a gas distribution service line that will be replaced with a monetary incentive to deploy gas distribution service line replacement alternatives (home electrification) and cease gas service to avoid the gas distribution service line replacement.
- AB 2124 Pacheco (D) Electricity and natural gas: legislation imposing mandated programs and requirements: third-party review.
 - Requires the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) to conduct a review of every legislative proposal that mandates or requires services or programs that result in increased costs for electrical or natural gas corporation customers. The CCST would prepare a written analysis with relevant data on the efficacy, cost impact and overall effect of each proposed mandate before a vote in legislative policy committees.
- AB 2383 Zbur (D), Electricity: large energy use facilities.
 - This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish a new rate class for data centers by January 1, 2028, and requires the CPUC to direct electrical corporations to file separate tariffs for transmission and distribution and generation services for data centers in the new rate class. This bill prohibits cost-shifts between the data center rate class and other electrical rate classes. This bill specifies requirements these tariffs must meet, including, but not limited to, establishing requirements for data centers to pre-pay for certain utility costs resulting from their interconnection.
- AB 1577 Bauer-Kahan (D) Data centers: Reporting
 - Bill expands access to information about data centers' energy consumption and operations, establishing the following three separate

data reporting requirements for the owners of data centers with at least 10 MW of electricity consumption

- A requirement to submit certain information about the data center's building elements and anticipated energy consumption at the time the data center is energized by its electrical utility.
- A requirement to annually report the data center's electricity consumption and certain operations of the data center at a monthly level of granularity.
- A requirement to submit information to a local permitting agency regarding the data center's anticipated energy needs and noise levels at the time that permits are requested.
- Regulatory Update (Lujana Medina, LA County)
 - SoCalREN Business Plan Update
 - CPUC issued the final Scoping Memo for the 2028–2031 portfolio applications on July 24.
 - The review process will address SoCalREN's proposed programs, budgets, savings forecasts, equity alignment, and implementation approach.
 - SoCalREN is currently addressing CPUC data requests and preparing its Opening Testimony (due October 30).
 - The Commission's decision will determine the SoCalREN programs and services available to participating agencies beginning in 2028.
 - SCHEDULE: A.26-03-015 (SoCalREN), consolidated in A.26-03-009 et al.

ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE
Specific Questions from CPUC	August/September 2026
Opening testimony served	October 30, 2026
Rebuttal testimony served	December 3, 2026
Meet and confer session among parties	December 9, 2026
Deadline to file motion to request evidentiary hearings	December 14, 2026
ALJ ruling determining status of evidentiary hearings	December 21, 2026
<i>Remaining schedule assuming no evidentiary hearings</i>	
Opening briefs	January 22, 2027
Reply briefs (matter submitted)	February 12, 2027
Proposed decision issued for comment	Q2 2027
Proposed decision on Commission agenda	Q2 2027

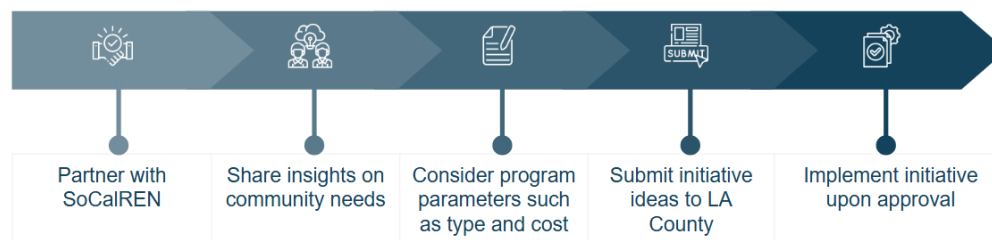
<i>Remaining schedule if evidentiary hearings are held</i>	
Evidentiary hearings	January 25-29, 2027
Opening briefs	February 26, 2027
Reply briefs (matter submitted)	March 19, 2027
Proposed decision issued for comment	Q2 2027
Proposed decision on Commission agenda	Q3 2027

- Statewide Low-Income Programs
 - The CPUC is reviewing utility proposals for delivering California's statewide low-income programs (ESA, CARE, and FERA) for 2028–2033.
 - LA County is actively engaged in the proceeding and will submit testimony on September 14.
 - Testimony will provide proposed solutions for overcoming barriers the utilities face in delivering ESA services to low-income multifamily properties via intentional coordination with programs like SoCalREN.
 - CPUC will issue its Proposed Decision by mid-2027.
 - CARE | California Alternate Rates for Energy
 - 30–35% electric and 20% gas bill discounts for income-qualified households.
 - FERA | Family Electric Rate Assistance
 - 18% electric bill discount for households slightly above CARE income limits.
 - ESA | Energy Savings Assistance
 - No-cost energy-efficiency and weatherization upgrades for income-qualified households and multifamily properties.
 - Program is outside of SCR scope so it has its own rules and requirements we'd have to adhere to
 - Pam Bold (HSEF): Does this cover just LA County or the entire SCR region?
 - The entire SCR region
 - It would be great to ensure contractors come to this region or have contractors already available in the region.
- Additional Updates
 - California Climate Credit | R.25-07-013
 - The California Climate Credit provides a bill credit to California ratepayers, funded through the California Cap-and-Invest Program.
 - SCE residential customers will receive \$36 in August and September, for \$72 total. Eligible SCE small business customers will receive \$36 in September.

- CPUC is currently considering how credits should be distributed beginning in 2028, including whether to provide additional support to lower-income and higher-bill customers.
 - Shelley Osborn (LAC): Is anybody doing any outreach to residential customers to find out what would be helpful for them?
 - Not currently but maybe that's an EM&V study that we need to do.
 - Natalie Hernandez (GCCOG): Do you know if it is just SCE that is receiving the climate credit?
 - All investor-owned utilities are receiving it
 - Jennifer Aguilar (WRCOG): Is there a reason it's split between two months?
 - The initial iteration was giving it all at one time but they split it because customers can experience peaks. They determined August and September are high usage months.
 - Kim Fuentes (SBCCOG): So climate credit doesn't have to be energy efficiency?
 - No it can apply to anything including solar
- Cost-Effectiveness and Data Access | R.22-11-013
 - SoCalREN filed comments in July supporting more timely, reliable utility data access for program delivery.
 - The CPUC issued a proposed decision on the Data Working Group recommendations July 31. SoCalREN is reviewing the proposed decision and related ACC activity for potential program impacts.
- Water-Heating Measure Updates
 - Updated savings values take effect for affected commercial and multifamily water-heating projects permitted after October 5.
 - Agencies with projects underway should coordinate with their SoCalREN representative regarding timing and potential savings impacts.
- Lujana Medina (LAC): The ALJ recently filed a proposed decision in the SDG&E withdrawal application. Hopefully, in the coming months SCR will take a position on an IUO withdrawal.
 - Laurel Rothschild (TEC): Essentially, SDG&E is not being given authority to exit regional EE programs. The reason they're not given the option to exit is because they were not able to clearly demonstrate that they're not able to deliver cost-effective programs in the region and that there is also no reference of the loss of the equity and market support services that they also offer.
- SoCalREN Program Updates
 - Public Sector Updates (Lujana Medina, LA County)
 - New Third-Party Implementers
 - Franklin Energy
 - Implementing in all 13 Counties:

- Underserved Schools Energization Optimization Program (EOP)
- ICF
 - Implementing in all 13 Counties:
 - Water and Wastewater Energization Optimization Program (EOP)
 - Revolving Savings Fund (RSF)
 - Water Infrastructure Program (WIP)
 - Only Implementing in Counties: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and Imperial
 - Project Delivery Program (PDP)
 - Distributed Energy Resources for Disadvantaged Communities (DERDAC)
 - Energy Resilience Action Plan (ERAP)
 - Rural Hard-to-Reach Direct Install (HTR-DI)
 - Streamlined Savings Pathway (SSP)
- Willdan
 - Implementing in Counties: Mono, Inyo, Kings, Tulare, Kern, San Bernardino and Riverside
 - Project Delivery Program (PDP)
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 - Rural Hard-to-Reach Direct Install (HTR-DI)
 - Streamlined Savings Pathway (SSP)
- Pranesh Venogupal (: May we get the contact info of these implementers?
 - Yes once the implementers are officially in place in January.
- TEC is a subconsultant for ICF
- Karina Caracho (WRCOG): I would love to make sure public sector is coordinating with IREN.
 - Sulma Hernandez can reach out to you.
- Water Infrastructure Program
 - Overview
 - WIP launched in 2025
 - Resource Acquisition program
 - Intended to supports energy efficiency projects for agencies with water & wastewater treatment facilities and systems
 - To streamline program offerings, SoCalREN is closing WIP as a standalone program
 - Any potential projects of this subsegment will now be served through SSP
 - Closure & Transition Steps

- 8/5/26 – SoCalREN’s Regulatory Team notified Parties of Service List R.25-04-010 of WIP’s Closure Webinar
 - 8/12/26 – Program Closure Materials posted to CAEECC’s Program Information site
 - 8/19/26 at 11am – SoCalREN hosted WIP Closure Webinar
 - SoCalREN will update the SSP Implementation Plan to incorporate WIP services and incentives
 - File Mid-Cycle True Up Advice Letter to formalize closure
- Kim Fuentes (SBCCOG): The water and wastewater now can just be picked up by the state?
 - They will fall under normal direct install. The statewide WISE program is also closing.
- Kim Fuentes (SBCCOG):: So PMs will talk to water districts and let them know about the closures?
 - Yes
 - We will also still have the same subs so there shouldn’t be any disruptions
- Pam BOLD (HSEF): Will pump testing still be available?
 - Yes but offered through market support
- SEM Programs Transition
 - Overview
 - SoCalREN is transitioning its Water & Wastewater SEM and Underserved Schools SEM programs to Energy Optimization Programs:
 - Underserved Schools Energy Optimization Program (US EOP)
 - Water Wastewater Energy Optimization Program (W/WW EOP)
 - Objectives of EOP
 - Strengthen SoCalREN’s ability to deliver measurable energy savings and cost-effectiveness
 - Preserve the customer-facing SEM experience
 - Maintain customer engagement
 - Support long-term portfolio performance
 - See slides for Water/Wastewater Framework and Underserved Schools Framework
- Community-Based Design Collaborative Initiatives (Audrey Bragg, LA County)
 - Collaborative process
 - SoCalREN works collaboratively with CBO partners to help develop pilot programs (initiatives) funded by SoCalREN to better meet the needs of the communities they serve.



- Initiative application process
 - Application requirements
 - Activities, goals, and barriers addressed
 - Geographic area and target customers
 - Organization experience implementing programs
 - Proposed methodology for tracking impacts
 - Budget breakdown
 - Facilitators offered feedback to strengthen applications and worked to reduce administrative barriers in the process.
- Approved initiatives at a glance
 - High Desert Energy Exchange
 - Connects community members with energy efficiency programs through trusted, grassroots outreach. Activities include direct outreach and educational opportunities.
 - Energy Efficiency Community Education
 - Prepares residents across the SoCalREN territory to actively participate in decarbonization, energy efficiency, and emissions reduction initiatives through education.
 - Climate Solution Navigator
 - Prepares residents across the SoCalREN territory to actively participate in decarbonization, energy efficiency, and emissions reduction initiatives.
 - EmpowerRent
 - Expands access to energy-saving technology and devices for renters and increases awareness of energy efficiency measures among low-income and hard-to-reach populations.
- Budgets of initiatives
 - High Desert Energy Exchange
 - \$100,000
 - Education and Outreach
 - Climate Solutions Navigator
 - \$807,500
 - Education and Outreach
 - Energy Efficiency Community Education
 - \$180,000
 - Education and Outreach

- EmpowerRent
 - \$250,000
 - Direct Support and Upgrades
- Total budget: \$1,337,500
- See slides for Cohort 1 regional reach map
- A closer look
 - Day One
 - DayOne's mission is to build vibrant and healthy cities through community advocacy and programs that engage youth in sustainability, environmental justice, and active transportation.
 - Active SGV
 - Active SGV improves the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley through initiatives that promote sustainable, equitable, and livable communities.
 - EmpowerRent
 - Program Goals & Reach
 - Expand access to energy-saving technology and devices for renters
 - Increase awareness of energy efficiency measures among low-income and hard-to-reach populations
 - Core Activities
 - Distribute energy-efficient incentives such as portable air conditioning units and air purifiers
 - Conduct community-focused outreach and education
 - Target Population
 - Renters across the San Gabriel Valley
 - Performance metrics
 - Number of participants reached through outreach
 - Number and type of energy-efficient appliances distributed per household
 - Pre- and post-surveys, photos, and sign-in sheets
 - Event summaries
 - Community engagement report
 - Shelley Osborn (LAC): Did Day One and Active SGV know each other ahead of time?
 - Yes
 - Natalie Hernandez (GCCOG): Can the materials be funded by SoCalREN if they're included in an initiative like this?
 - It depends. When we don't have savings that are attached to a program we are given greater leverage on what can be offered but there still has to be a justification on what energy savings items will cause and community need. We have some leniency

- when it comes to market support and equity but at a very small scale.
 - Natalie Hernandez (GCCOG): There is interest in our area for some of these things that you're mentioning, so I would like to talk more about how we could maybe include that in the initiative later.
- Organizing cohort 2
 - SoCalREN is seeking 6 community-based organizations in San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside Counties to join the second cohort of the Collaborative and help us build a more energy efficient future.
 - We're looking for organizations with the following focus areas:
 - Environmental justice
 - Public health
 - Clean transportation
 - Climate action
 - Other closely related sectors
- Opportunities for CBOs
 - Stipends will be provided
 - \$10k total for attending 5 meetings
 - Additional \$2k for conducting community outreach
 - Recognition and promotion
 - Expand your network with access to public agency stakeholders and collaborative partners
- Collaborative Member Expectations
 - Each organization should designate one representative to attend monthly Collaborative meetings
 - Attendance of approximately 5 meetings, including pre- and post-meeting preparation as applicable
 - Support in gathering community feedback through surveys or in-person sessions
 - Provide insights and expertise to guide design of new initiative programs
 - Uphold cultural competence and inclusivity
- Facilitated Conversation on Local Energy Needs and Priorities (Laurel Rothschild, TEC)
 - What are the most prominent energy issues being discussed within your agency right now?
 - What are your community's most pressing energy needs?
 - Where would you like to see more collaboration between SoCalREN sectors/programs?
 - What questions do you have for us related to SoCalREN opportunities and what's coming up?
 - Natalie Hernandez (GCCOG): One of the reasons I was interested in the portable battery backup generator conversation in the community-based collaborative design is because in Southeast LA, we've had, with the extreme heat, some power outages, some planned and some not, in Long Beach and Huntington Park. It's just a lot to ask of the

low-income communities to forgo refrigerated food. So I could see that becoming a more prominent issue with extreme weather events like El Nino and power outages that are either planned or not planned. And, maybe other communities that are used to the wildfires are already prepared for this, but at least in our more urban communities, we're not yet.

- Mackenzie Bolger (SGVCOG): We're not applying, but the Extreme Heat Grant from the Governor's Office does fund mechanical cooling in households, multifamily, and different things like that. You could apply for that grant for direct install of air conditioning units and different things like that, just as an idea.
 - Lujana Medina (LAC): We're actually going after that extreme heat grant, and we're going to amplify that direct-to-renter model that CPA funded. We proposed a multifamily direct-to-rent or model. Same thing, heat pump, portable heat pumps at \$5 million, we can do thousands of them. This one will be for LA County specifically. It's Tessa's team who is leading the grant.
 - GCCOG & SGVCOG would like to learn more- Tessa Charnofsky can reach out.
- Kim Fuentes (SBCCOG): A lot of the work that the county has done for sustainability programs through your different departments, and they've done a lot of outreach, community outreach. How are your programs helping to support some of the things that they already have identified as needs?
 - Lujana Medina (LAC): Within reason SCR can support the county's efforts. We support them by building partnerships. Like, we built a partnership with the Clean Power Alliance. So Clean Power Alliance is going to do a direct-to-renter program, a small pilot that SoCalREN is using its infrastructure to support. I think one of the biggest challenges the county is facing is the budget constraints, so they can't put a lot of money to sustainability at this time, so they're looking for different pathways. But anything that we do, we have to do for everyone. The way we can support the County is through programs we're already offering.
- Tara Tisopulos (OCWR): We have been trying at the County to make progress with our manufactured home energy audits but we can't get anyone to open the door. Do you have messaging, or ideas, or suggestions, or someone you could connect me with?
 - Lujana Medina (LAC): We have the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program. We have a target goal in your county to retrofit manufactured homes, and we're also working with a couple of CBOs there that may be able to support being that trusted partner. I'll connect you with Mark Blakely on my team, who leads that program. ACTION ITEM
 - Ivana Dorin (TEC): I used to promote mobile home energy programs, and I have a couple ideas. Working with their HOA and setting up events for them worked really well.
 - Mackenzie Bolger (SGVCOG): We run our eSGV program, which is a free home energy assessment program. We're using eSGV to then have conversations

about EBD as another opportunity. We'd be happy to talk about lessons learned.

- Closing Remarks (Audrey Bragg, LA County)
 - I just want to thank everyone online and in person for coming, and I love Tessa's comment, don't forget about the trees. I feel like that's always a good note to end on. I want to thank the Cucamongra Valley Water District for having us. I really thought their comments about living in that world of operations and public safety and not necessarily speaking the language of regulatory and energy, is exactly why all of us are here, to bridge those gaps and break down those barriers for our agencies.
 - Please complete the [Q3 Meeting Survey](#) (ACTION ITEM)
 - 2026 Proposed meeting schedule
 - Q1- March 31st, 2026 (virtual) - COMPLETE
 - Q2- June 30th, 2026 (virtual) - COMPLETE
 - Q3- September 2nd, 2026 - COMPLETE
 - Q4- December 9th, 2026 (virtual)
 - SoCalREN Podcast and Social Media
 - Don't forget to follow us on social media and to check out the updated SoCalREN podcast Hi, Energy!
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [LinkedIn](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [Online Resource for Advisory Committee Members](#)
 - Upcoming SCR events:
 - Green California Summit: September 15–16, 2026, Pasadena, CA
 - League of California Cities Annual Conference: September 23–25, 2026, Anaheim, CA
- The Q3 SoCalREN Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned